

# BIF

Buxton  
International  
Festival

**10-27 JULY 2025**

A SUMMER CELEBRATION OF OPERA,  
MUSIC, BOOKS & JAZZ

**GROUP BOOKING  
INFORMATION**



# Welcome

Welcome to Buxton International Festival, a summer celebration of opera, music, jazz and books, taking place annually in the Peak District spa town of Buxton.

Join us with your group and take advantage of 10% discount on ticket prices and advanced reserved seating. Whether you are part of a tour group, planning a corporate outing with colleagues, or gathering friends for an unforgettable time, our group bookings offer 10% discount for all parties of 10+, across our full programme of events.

Our seamless booking process offers dedicated support prior to and during your time here at the festival. With a reputation for presenting seldom performed operas and hosting globally acclaimed singers, musicians, and literary luminaries, join us for a memorable visit to a festival like no other.

## BIF 2024: REVIEWED



### Ernani ★★★★★

*"Manton's production gives its singers space to shine, and every one of them takes up the invitation."*  
*The Guardian*



### La Canterina

★★★★★

*"Good fun. Clever four-hander."*  
*The Stage*



### Il trionfo del Tempo e del Disinganno ★★★★★

*"Director Jacopo Spirei has achieved something astonishing."*  
*The Telegraph*



### La tragédie de Carmen ★★★★★

*"Raw but revealing. Niamh O'Sullivan delivers a mocking, chameleon-like and enticingly sung Carmen."* *The Times*



### The Boatswain's Mate ★★★★★

*"Genuinely funny. An exceptional piece."* *The Stage*



# BIF Opera Programme 2025

Buxton International  
Festival presents

Ambroise  
Thomas'

# HAMLET

📅 12, 16, 20, 22 July 2025

🕒 All at 7pm except for  
3pm matinee 20 July

📍 Buxton Opera House

BIF continues its collaboration with Opera North Orchestra with a new production of Thomas' *Hamlet*, a wonderful example of 19th Century French Grand Opera. Directed by Jack Furness, designed by Hannah Wolfe, lighting by Jake Wiltshire and conducted by Adrian Kelly.

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# BIF Opera Programme 2025

*Vache Baroque presents*

## Marc-Antoine Charpentier's *La descente d'Orphée aux enfers*

📅 14, 20, 24 July 2025

🕒 All at 7.15pm

📍 Venue: Pavilion Arts Centre

This production is presented by Vache Baroque, a Buckinghamshire-based period ensemble, with a passion for championing rarely heard music, will bring Charpentier's opera to life. Jonathan Darbourne will be conducting.

*Opera Zuid in partnership with Buxton International Festival*

## Wolfgang Mozart's *The Impresario*

📅 17, 21, 24 July 2025

🕒 All at 7.15pm except for 3pm matinee 24 July

📍 Buxton Opera House

BIF has formed a partnership with Opera Zuid in the Netherlands and will be mounting four performances of an English version of Christopher Gillet's production of *The Impresario* featuring the Buxton Festival Orchestra.



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*Buxton International Festival and  
Norwich Theatre present*

## Double Bill: Leonard Bernstein's *Trouble in Tahiti* (1952) & Francis Poulenc's *La voix humaine* (1958)

📅 15, 19, 23 July 2025

🕒 All at 7.15pm

📍 Buxton Opera House

BIF and Norwich Theatre present a new production of Bernstein and Poulenc's iconic 1950 operas in a double bill featuring the Buxton Festival Orchestra. Directed by Daisy Evans and conducted by Iwan Davies.



*Buxton International Festival presents*

## Shorts

Composers: Francesca Amewudah-Rivers, Carmel Smickersgill, Martin Green and Jasper Dommett

📅 13, 15, 18, 21, 25 July 2025

🕒 All at 7.15pm

📍 Pavilion Arts Centre

Experience four brand new operas in one evening. Created from scratch, BIF has commissioned seven award-winning writers and composers to make four 20-minute operas. Blending the traditional with modern. Composed by: Francesca Amewudah-Rivers, Jasper Dommett, Martin Green, Carmel Smickersgill. Librettos by: Zodwa Nyoni, Josh Overton, Jessica Walker.



# Contact and booking information

For all bookings and enquires, please contact [jen.francis@buxtonfestival.co.uk](mailto:jen.francis@buxtonfestival.co.uk) with your specific request and we will do our very best to accommodate your group.

We will endeavour to fulfil specific seating requests; however, if capacity is full we will offer the best alternative.

## REQUEST A BROCHURE (A5)

Our printed A5 brochure is available at the end of February 2025. If your group would like copies of our brochure, please email Jen at [jen.francis@buxtonfestival.co.uk](mailto:jen.francis@buxtonfestival.co.uk) and we can send copies out to you or arrange collection locally.

## Ticket prices for 2025 Opera series

### Ambroise Thomas' Hamlet

Stalls.....	A - C .....	£59
Stalls.....	D - N .....	£71
Stalls.....	O - Q .....	£45
Dress Circle .....	side .....	£85
Dress Circle .....	centre .....	£91
Dress Circle .....	boxes .....	£85
Upper Dress Circle.....	side .....	£26
Upper Dress Circle.....	centre .....	£56
Upper Dress Circle.....	boxes .....	£26
Gallery .....		£26

### Wolfgang Mozart's The Impresario

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### Marc-Antoine Charpentier's La descente d'Orphée aux enfers

General admission ..... all tickets ..... £50

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## Book now, Pay Later

Once we receive your provisional booking, we will hold seats until the end of February 2025 when a 30% deposit will be required in order to confirm the reservation. The full payment will then be requested by 31 May 2025. If an event is cancelled, the box office will issue a full refund.

## KEEP IN TOUCH

Sign up to our mailing list on our website and receive the latest updates from Buxton International Festival, including ticket sale dates, cast announcements and special offers.

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## Jazz

The bar's set high for Jazz in Buxton and we're excited for another amazing Festival in 2025. Get ready to tap your feet, feel the energy, and let the music uplift your soul!

## Music

The Music series offers a rich and diverse program of world-class performances, featuring renowned artists and ensembles in stunning historic settings.

## Books

Our Book series brings together acclaimed authors and experts for engaging discussions, offering fresh perspectives on current affairs, history, and contemporary issues.

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## VENUES AND CAR PARKS

- 1 Buxton Opera House
- 2 Pavilion Arts Centre
- 3 St John's Church
- 4 The Octagon at Pavilion Gardens
- 5 Assembly Room at Buxton Crescent Hotel
- 6 The Palace Hotel
- 7 Devonshire Dome
- 8 Pavilion Gardens Car Park
- 9 Market Place Car Park
- 10 South St Car Park
- 11 The Slopes Car Park
- 12 Spring Gardens & Wye St Car Park
- 13 Sylvan Car Park
- 14 BOH Car Park
- 15 Railway Station Car Park
- 16 Market Place Car Park



### BY CAR

Buxton is 1.5 hour's drive from the M1, M6, Manchester, Sheffield, Nottingham and Derby. If you are using Sat Nav, please use the postcode SK17 6XN for Buxton Opera House and SK17 6BE for the Pavilion Arts Centre.

There is pay and display parking outside Buxton Opera House with two disabled parking spaces on The Square (Water Street) and it is possible to offload adjacent to the forecourt.

Pay and Display parking is also available at Pavilion Gardens car park, off Burlington Road, with 8 disabled car parking bays. The car park is approximately 320 metres from the Opera House and 160 metres from the Pavilion Arts Centre.

A little further away from our venues are the car parks behind the Spring Gardens Shopping Centre, with 26 disabled parking spaces, and Sylvan Car Park with 4 disabled car parking bays.

There is an electric car charging point at Morrisons, Bakewell Road, SK17 9TB and Sylvan Car Park at the end of Spring Gardens, SK17 6BY.

Please allow extra time for travel on Carnival Day, Saturday 12 July 2025.



### BY RAIL

Avanti West Coast runs direct trains from Euston to Macclesfield in less than 2 hours, plus a 20 minute taxi ride, or change at Stockport for trains to Buxton.

Direct services from Manchester Piccadilly and Stockport by Northern Rail.



### BY BUS

Direct services from Manchester Airport, Stockport, Macclesfield, Derby, Glossop, Sheffield, Stoke-on-Trent, Ashbourne and Leek. [traveline.info](https://www.traveline.info)



### BY AIR

Regular national and international flights to Manchester and Nottingham East Midlands airports.

Manchester Airport is approximately 40 minutes away by Taxi/Car.

Please check [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) for travel advice.

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