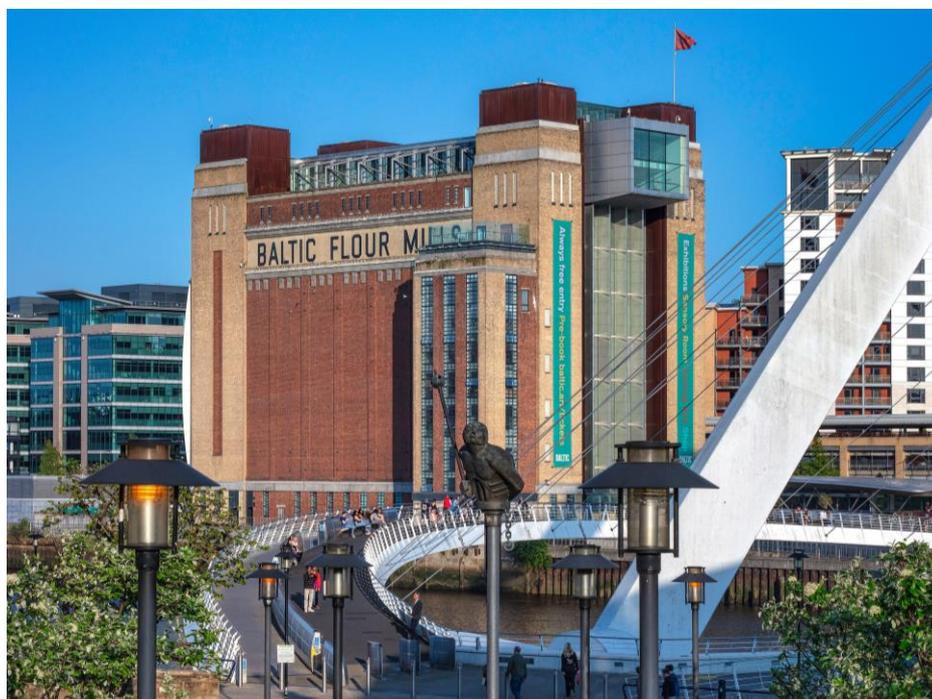


## BALTIC invites visitors to celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> birthday with a weekend of special events on 16/17 July



**BALTIC invites visitors to celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a weekend of special events on Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 July 2022.**

Since opening at midnight on 13 July 2002, BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art in Gateshead has welcomed 8.8 million visitors from across the UK and world and presented 247 exhibitions, and the work of 711 artists of 72 different nationalities.



The iconic landmark building, beloved across the region and beyond, will be open from 10am-6pm with celebrations and activities taking place across its five main floors and spilling outside of the gallery.

Outside of the building, BALTIC's Car Park becomes a special **Art Car Boot Fair** (11am-5pm on both days) with stalls by over 50 artists to buy from including painters, sculptors, ceramicists, printmakers and more.

Food and drink stalls will be open to buy refreshments from **Acropolis, Little Bao Bar, Palominos Ice Cream** and **North Shore Coffee**. Live DJ sets from **Slack's Radio** will complete the alfresco experience.

BALTIC's twice yearly **Family Days** joins in the celebration with activities to delight and keep families busy and creative. These activities take inspiration from the building's history as a working flour mill.

Inside the building visitors can make memories in **artist workshops**, and in the **Learning Lounge** and **Sensory Room**. Families and big kids alike can also enjoy the **interactive play exhibition *equal play*** and **family friendly story sessions**.



There's a chance for visitors to explore the mobile exhibition ***What's for Tea*** aboard the special Travelling Gallery **art bus** that has been journeying across the North East bringing art, talks and activities to communities since February. Artist Julia Helsop will invite visitors to take part in pancake making on Sunday afternoon.



Weekend visitors are invited to add a contribution into BALTIC's archive during the **Zine Making Workshop** and discover what artist collective **Undutiful Spirit** have discovered during their time exploring the 20 year archive in their artist residency.

Alongside **stunning views, exhibitions, tours and artist workshops**, there are new celebratory products in BALTIC Shop.

A Limited Edition **Gold version** of the classic **BALTIC Tote bag** and a limited edition **Tatty Devine** Angel of the North gold necklace will both be available exclusively at BALTIC Shop on the Ground Floor.



As the sun sets on the first day of the 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday Weekend, On Saturday 16 July a special livestream DJ set will broadcast live online at 9pm from BALTIC's level 4 viewing terrace.

Partnering with OCOL TV, the broadcast will combine a live DJ performance from RCML with cinematic camera and drone shots of BALTIC and the stunning Newcastle Gateshead quayside. Online visitors can tune in from BALTIC's website or [facebook.com/balticgateshead](https://facebook.com/balticgateshead) from wherever they are on the evening to toast a Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday to BALTIC.

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