FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

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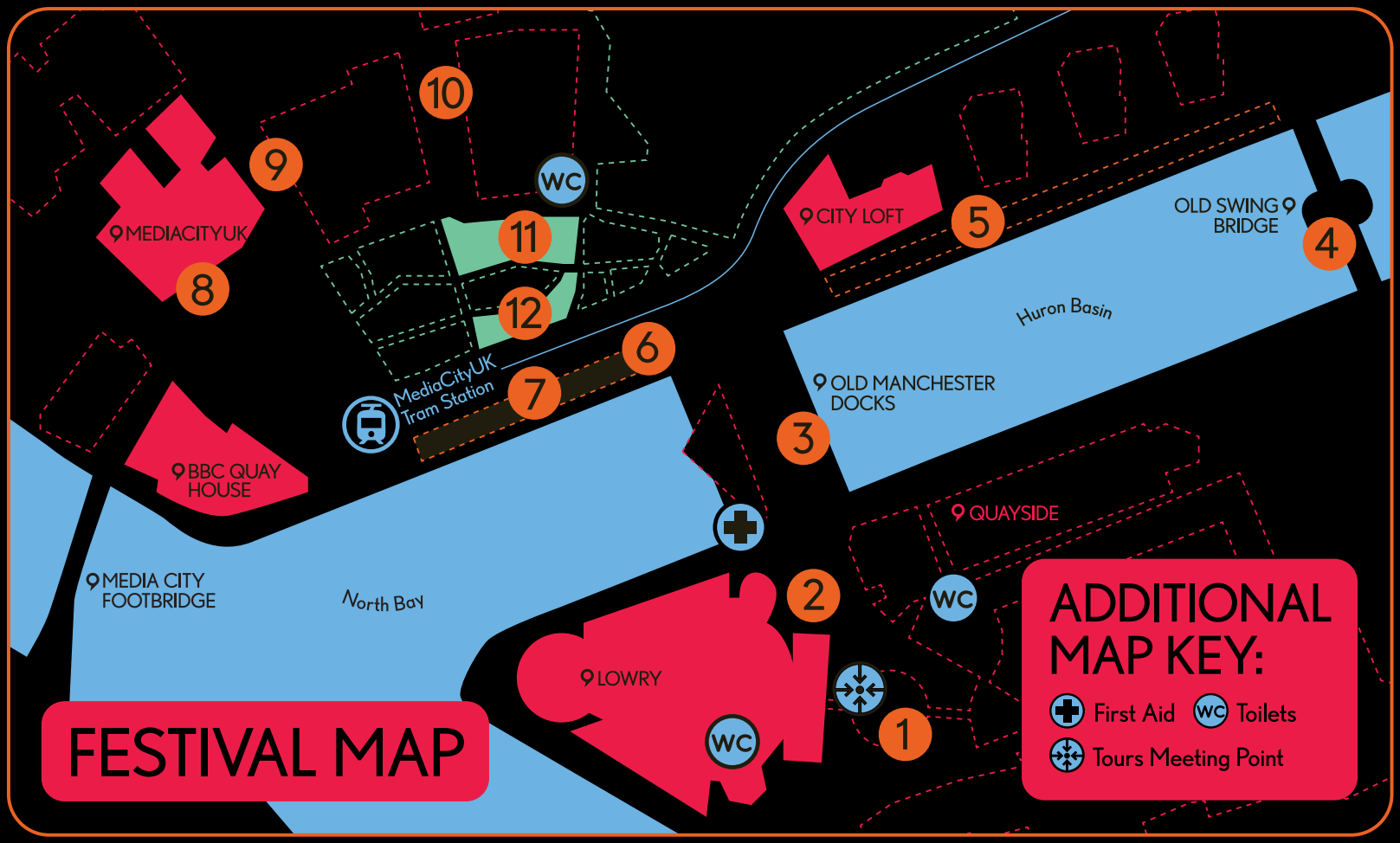
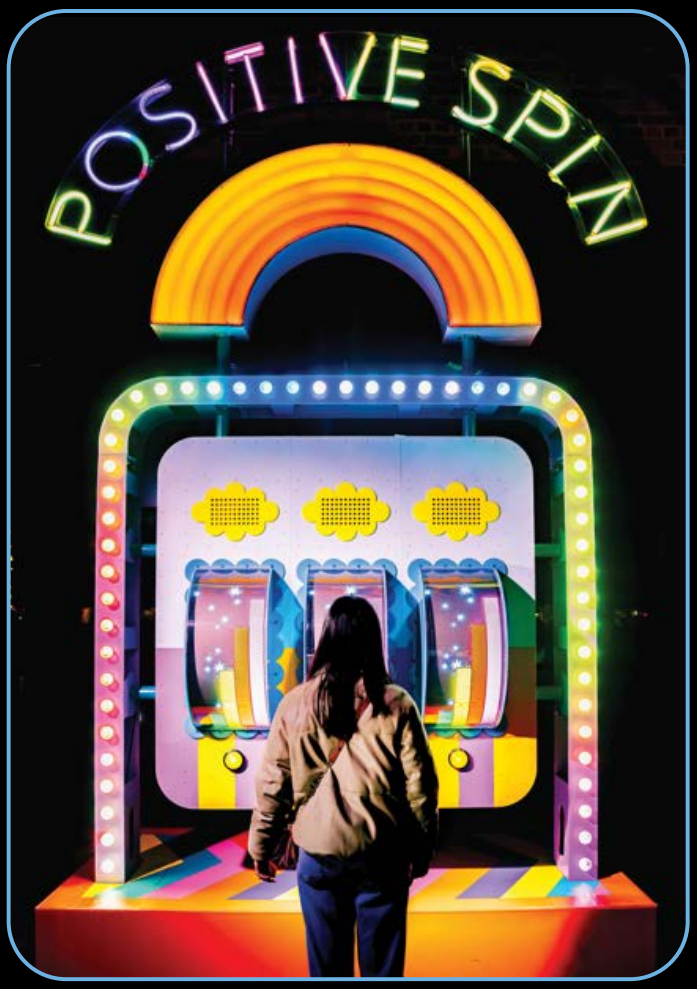
LIGHTWAVES
SALFORD 2025

Free
Outdoor
Light
Art
Festival

THU 4 – SUN 7 DECEMBER

4-10PM ACROSS SALFORD QUAYS & MEDIACITY





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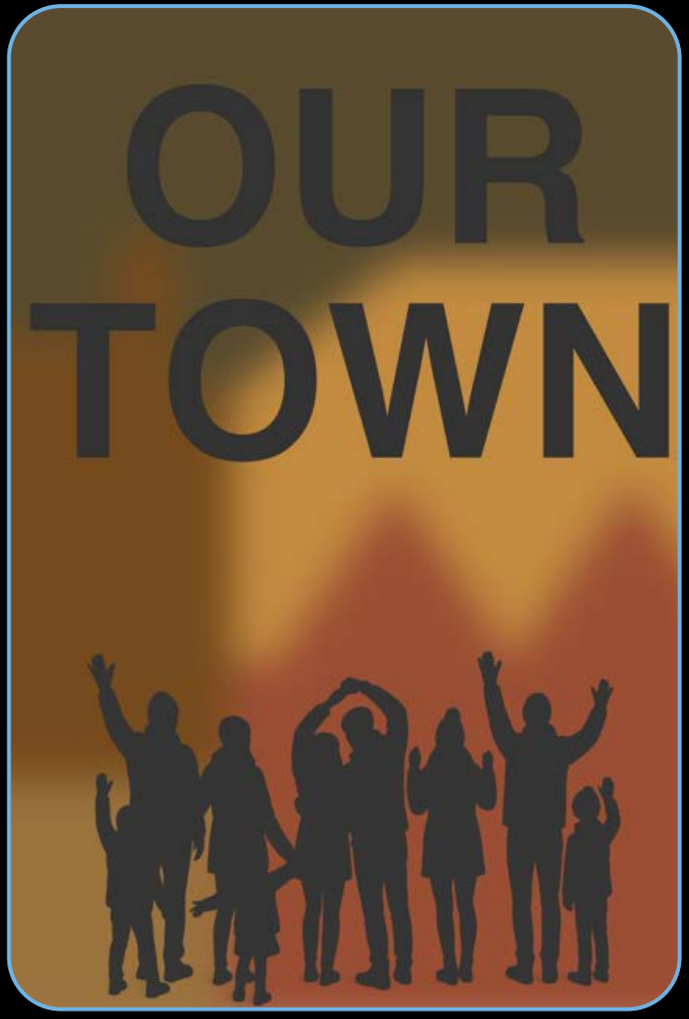
Liz Harry with Kazimier Productions

POSITIVE SPIN

Inspired by a love of summers spent at beach front arcades, *Positive Spin* is a 5.5m high machine from the collective minds of artistic experience creators, Invisible Wind Factory and illustrator, Liz Harry that invites you to step up and receive a random fortune.



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StudioElisa Artesero

OUR TOWN

Step into light, movement, and story. This interactive digital artwork transforms passersby into both audience and performer, turning the pavement outside Lowry into a living stage. *Our Town* celebrates 25 years of Lowry and the people who give Salford its rhythm, heart, and soul.

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ONYVA! Studio

ETERNAL ENSEMBLE

Eternal Ensemble is a work of spatial audio and immersive light projection that suspends the viewer in a repeated moment in time. Creating a powerful connection between cellist and listener that evokes a sense of joy; feeling utterly personal, yet wholly shared.

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Stellar Creates

HAPPY AS THE DAY IS LONG

Put your dancing shoes on and get ready to move under the glow of our giant colourful mirrorball! Constructed from a kaleidoscope of brightly coloured mirrored pieces and creating geometric rainbow patterns that will make your head spin. Includes silent disco with special Lightwaves Salford playlist – curated by you!

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The Academy of Live Technology

TRISKELION

Triskelion is an immersive art installation built around three towering monoliths, each representing one of the primal forces: Earth, Water, and Fire. The installation will react to your presence in different ways. Touch, move, make noise and watch the structures come alive.

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Emergency Exit Arts

STITCHING LIGHT

Stitching Light আলো দিয়ে গাঁথা is a textile and light installation exploring Bangladeshi women's migration to the UK. Their stories have been transcribed onto sixteen, 3m high colourful painted textile panels, hand painted by a traditional folk artist based in Dhaka.

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Liz West

THROUGH NO.4

Originally commissioned by Quays Culture in 2021 – this well loved (and often Instagrammed) landmark on MediaCity shines like a jewel on the waterfront. See your surroundings in a different light.

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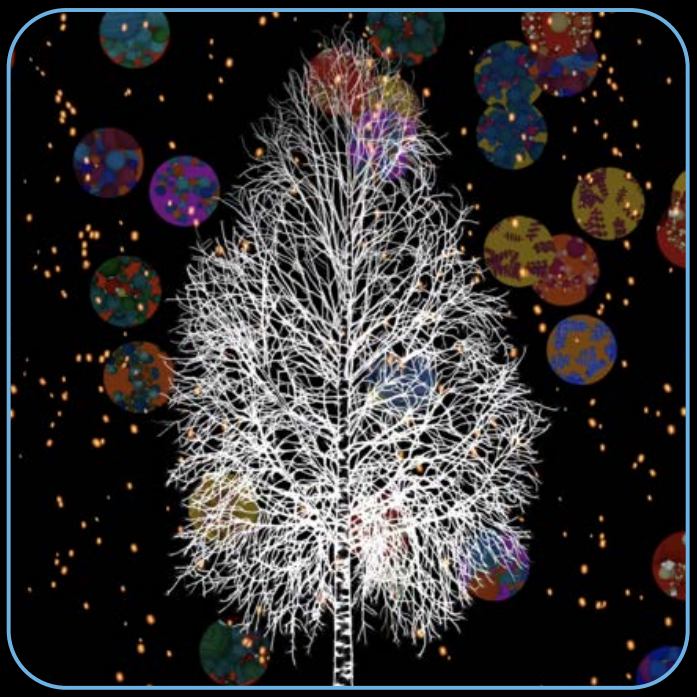
Illuminos

HOPE IS THE THING WITH FEATHERS

Swans take flight across the vast canvasses of MediaCity's iconic buildings, ***Hope is the thing with feathers*** is a soaring, contemplative take on Salford Quays through the prism of the swans that make the waters of the quay their home. Commissioned by MediaCity and produced by Quays Culture.



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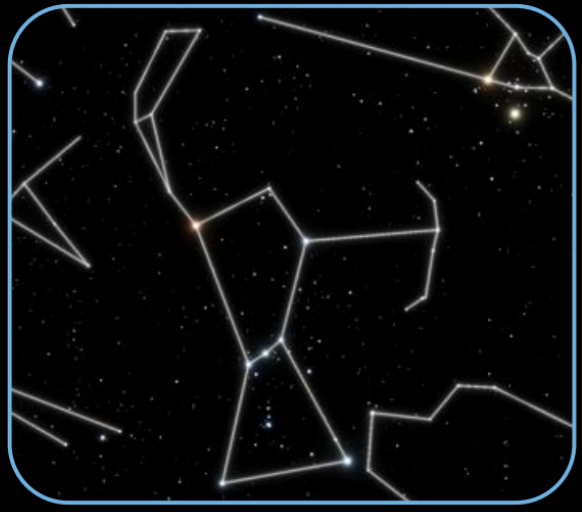
Daksha Patel

MOLECULAR CLOUDS

Molecular Clouds explores our relationship with the planet. It represents the science of climate change through colourful, dynamic and engaging imagery. The large-scale projection is accompanied by a beautiful instrumental soundtrack that features the sounds of nightingales.



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Emma Nuttall / University of Salford

CONSTELLATIONS OF US

An immersive, interactive installation that weaves projection mapping, sound, poetic language, and spatial design into a contemplative sensory experience. The presence of each viewer activates a digital starscape transforming it into living constellation poetry.

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Tine Bech Studio

ENCHANTED EXCHANGES

Enchanted Exchanges is a dual-site interactive light installation, spanning RHS Glow at RHS Bridgewater and Lightwaves Salford. The project explores how light can connect people across physical space – reimagining public space as something alive and shared.

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Laura Spark

THE RELIC OF MERCHWOOD FOREST

Here reside the last living ferns of Mirchwood, a mythical ecosystem brought to life with stop motion animation and projection mapping, eternally suspended in an therworldly terrarium.

BONUS DISPLAY: MEDIACITY GARDENS

As an extra treat for visitors, the MediaCity Gardens will come to life through new-this-year colourful projections, in collaboration with local Salford artists Vanessa Scott and Callum Simmons

TOURS AND TALKS

SAT 6 DEC
3.45-5.15 PM

Photo walk with Simon Buckley NQL

Join artist Simon Buckley, aka Not Quite Light for a unique photography walk around Salford Quays and MediaCity.

The photo walk is FREE, but booking is essential.

SAT 6 DEC &
SUN 7 DEC, 6PM

Public Tours

Join us on a guided tour around 12 dazzling artworks led by the Quays Culture team (approx. 1hr 30 min).

SUN 7 DEC
5PM

British Sign Language Talk

Delivered in British Sign Language (BSL) only with no English voiceOver (approx. 1hr 30 min).

SUN 7 DEC
5PM

Audio Described Tour of Lightwaves Salford

This tour will be led and Audio Described by Michael Hurst from Mind's Eye (approx. 1hr 30 min).

THE TOURS AND TALKS ARE ALL FREE

but booking is essential as places are limited. Visit thelowry.com/lightwaves-salford-2025 Meeting point for all the tours is at the front doors to Lowry.

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE:

Please don't step on or touch any of the artworks, unless you are invited to do so by our Lightwaves Salford event team.

SURVEY

Thank you for joining us for Lightwaves Salford – we'd love to get your feedback.

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