

For Salisbury International Arts Festival 2024, the City Encounters weekend will start with Patch's Parade, where a giant puppet called Patch will parade down Milford Street in Salisbury with a troupe of dancers and musicians all the way into the Market Square, where they will be greeted by a community choir. We will bring our new giant together with Christopher, the traditional Salisbury Giant. Patch and Christopher will meet in the Market Square to celebrate happiness and friendship.

We would love you to join us, Patch and Christopher, on this adventure.

We're looking for energetic, dynamic and funky movers to join us as part of our volunteer community movement group.

Open to movers aged 12 and over, including adults.

Movers must be capable of learning a short, simple dance routine that will travel through the streets of Salisbury. And a second short, simple dance that will be performed at the end of the parade.

No previous dance experience is required, however, please be aware that mobility and a level of stamina are required. You must be prepared to rehearse and perform in any weather, although precautions will be taken from the rain if required.

Please note if you sign up to our movement group you are not able to sign up to other groups (musicians, singers, puppeteers). However, the movement group will have the opportunity to learn and join in with the singing.

If you are interested and would like more information, then please attend our Patch's Parade Discovery Day at Salisbury Playhouse on Saturday 2nd March doors open 10am. Here you will be given the dates of all rehearsals, for all of which you must be available (7 evening rehearsal sessions (dates TBC), plus two full performance days).

The event takes place on Sunday 26th and Monday 27th May 2024.

