

What to Expect Guide

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AVIVA STUDIOS

FOOTBALL CITY ART UNITED



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WHAT TO EXPECT GUIDE

This guide has important information about **Football City, Art United** including **when and where** the event will happen and information about **access provisions**.

The guide has some information about **what will happen** at the event. The event is still being made, so some things **may change**.

What is 'Football City, Art United'?

Football City, Art United is an exhibition, with 11 different art works including participatory, visual, video and audio art.

Manchester International Festival

The event is part of Manchester International Festival (MIF).

MIF is a festival that happens every 2 years in Manchester bringing the most exciting artists on the planet to Manchester to create new work.

WHERE WILL IT HAPPEN?



This event is in the **North Warehouse at Aviva Studios.**

The address is Aviva Studios, Water Street, Manchester M3 4JQ.

The what3words is: **chop.feeds.chase.**

Getting to the venue



For transport information please **visit:**
[https://factoryinternational.org/aviva-studios/#getting-here.](https://factoryinternational.org/aviva-studios/#getting-here)

Aviva Studios Entrance

You can approach Aviva Studios from **Liverpool Road** or **Quay Street**. Once you're inside, you will enter 2 large double doors and head to the first floor by stairs or lift.

The building will be **busy and noisy** during the festival

If you need **help** you can ask a member of our team. **FOH wear orange t-shirts**, and **volunteers wear red t-shirts.**

VENUE ACCESSIBILITY



There are **accessible toilets** on the **ground floor** and the **first floor**.

You do not need a radar key to access the toilets. There are gendered and gender-neutral facilities.



There is a **Changing Places toilet** on the **ground floor**.



Assistance dogs are welcome in our building.

If you are bringing an assistance dog to a ticketed event, **please let us know in advance** via email or phone (see back page).



There is a **chill out space** at Aviva Studios. It is on the **ground floor**, in the Lab.



Portable sensory kits are available.

ABOUT THE EVENT



This event is an **exhibition** with **11 different art works** including participatory, visual, video or audio art.

Tickets



You **need a ticket** for this event. You can book this online, by phone, email, or in person at our venue.

If you require **access** or **essential companion tickets**, please call 0161 817 4531 (Monday-Saturday, 10am-6pm) or book online.

Entry



Entry is timed. Once you have entered, you can stay for as long as you like.



The entry is through a corridor **with low lighting and loud sounds** of a football stadium.

There is an **alternative entrance** if you do not want to go through the corridor. Please ask a staff member if you need this entrance.



If you need to **take a break**, leave the space and **come back in**, that's fine. Just talk to one of our team.

ABOUT THE EXHIBITION



There will be **11 different artworks** in the space including **participatory, visual, video and audio art**.

You can choose which artworks to experience, and in what order.



The exhibition may be **busy** and there may be **queues** to interact with some of the artworks.



One of the artworks includes a **spotlight** that follows audience.



There is an artwork where you can **kick a football**. You may hear kicking noises inside the space.

EXHIBITION ACCESS



There is **step-free access** to all areas of the venue, with lift access to the North Warehouse. The exhibition is step-free and there is access for wheelchair users throughout.



Film content in the exhibition is **captioned**.



A **transcript** is available for all audio content.

ACCESS PERFORMANCES

Reduced Capacity Showings:



The overall capacity of the Warehouse will be reduced for these showings. You are free to make noise, leave/enter and move around as you like. No changes will be made to the show itself. We have reduced capacity showings on the following dates:

- Tuesday 8 July, 4:30pm
- Friday 18 July, 11am
- Thursday 24 July, 2pm
- Sunday 3 August, 3pm
- Thursday 7 August, 7:30pm
- Saturday 16 August, 3:30pm
- Sunday 24 August, 11am

Relaxed Showings:



These showings are intended for those who might benefit from the exhibition being quieter and less bright. The overall capacity of the Warehouse will be reduced. We have relaxed showings on the following dates:

- Sunday 13 July, 11am
- Tuesday 15 July, 6pm
- Friday 25 July, 3pm
- Thursday 31 July, 7:30pm
- Wednesday 6 August, 12:30pm

- Tuesday 12 August, 5pm
- Thursday 21 August, 3:30pm

For more information about the event and venue, please visit:
factoryinternational.org/whats-on/football-city-art-united/

To speak to our team, you can email us at
access@factoryinternational.org or call us on **0161 817 4531**. Our phonenumber is open Monday-Saturday, 10am–6pm.

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