

An exhilarating kaleidoscope of the very best contemporary international street arts. Every corner of Kendal bursts into life for the August Bank Holiday weekend with a mind-boggling array of performances from across the globe.

* All free except those marked with an asterisk.
See schedule page for booking info

*Circus Ronaldo - Circenses

Fri 28 & Sat 29, 8pm – 10.15pm.

Tickets £12 (£8 conc).

Half price preview, Thu 27,
8pm – 10.15pm

Gooseholme Park, UK Premiere

Circus Ronaldo is one of the most exciting contemporary circus companies in the world with sell-out shows wherever they go. Circenses brings together three generations of the Ronaldo family in a show which blends razor-sharp wit, visual poetry and breath-taking physical skill where things may not always be quite as they first appear... If you see one thing this year, make sure this is it. Recommended for 14+. A bar serving European beers and other beverages is available.



The Big Friday Night Opening

Fri 28 Aug

Avanti Display: The Spurting Man

8pm, The Birdcage, Stricklandgate.

The incredible spurting man's performance culminates with fountains of water cascading from every orifice.

Salamandre: The Passage

8.30pm, from the Town Hall

See the town alight as a beautiful wandering fire parade from Salamandre weaves its way through the streets of Kendal.



La Sonàmbula

10pm, Brewery Arts Centre Gardens
(also on Saturday evening at 10pm)

La Sonàmbula is an exquisite and moving piece that takes place behind a screen with illuminated shadows tracing the life and loves of a flamenco dancer.

Mintfest on the Streets

Sat 29 Aug, 12 noon – 4.30pm

In and around Stricklandgate

A startling, surprising and colourful array of street performers from across the world take over the town centre ensuring top quality entertainment wherever you turn.

Mintfest Garden of Delights

Sat 29 Aug 5pm – 10pm & Sun 30 Aug, 1pm – 8pm

Abbot Hall Park

Relax by the river in Abbot Hall Park which will be animated by a range of fantastic free shows and entertainment from the very best outdoor companies. Featuring Lakes Alive's two new commissions, **The Troll's Kitchen** from Plunge Boom and **The Cabaret of Dr Caligari** from Artizani.

Rhythms of the World

Sat 29 Aug, 7pm – 10.30pm, Sun 30 Aug from 1pm – 9pm

Brewery Arts Centre Gardens

A continuous succession of live world music fills the gardens. Headliners on Saturday are Hank Wangford and the Lost Cowboys and on Sunday include Baked A La Ska and Tango Siempre.

*Carabosse - Fire Garden

Fri 28, Sat 29, Sun 30th 8pm-10.30pm

£1 Fri/£2 Sat & Sun, pay on the door.

Noble's Rest, Maude Street

A magical, sensory experience awaits you as Noble's Rest is transformed into a glowing fairytale environment. Fire sculptures dance in trees, mysterious fiery engines hide behind bushes and cascades of candles line the pathways, accompanied by seductive live music. Spend 30 minutes or the whole evening enjoying this gloriously atmospheric feast for the senses from French alchemists, Carabosse.



Welcoming the World

Throughout weekend

Kendal Castle

An installation of 100 giant flags, made by local communities from across Cumbria with professional artists led by Wendy Meadley.

*Mint Room - Late night cool-mint hangout

At the Brewery Arts Centre Maltroom

FRI 28 Aug, Three Bonzos and a Piano

Doors open 10pm, show starts at 10.30pm

£6 (£4 conc) £10 (£8 conc)

This new show will delight everyone especially fans of the Bonzo Dog Doo Dah Band. All the recorded favourites are brought to life by three of the original members, recreating the atmosphere of the Bonzo's formative years way back in the sixties as they take you on a guided tour of their insane past and give you a glimpse of their future.

SAT 29, Comedy Night

Doors open 10pm, Dancing and bar until 1.30am

£6 (£4 conc)

Compered by Mike Hancock, with challenging and hilarious stand-up from award-winning British Asian comic Shazia Mirza, awesome acrobatics from Marcelo De Ramos and fantastic comedy animation from the Wright Stuff Puppet Company, plus live music and DJ beats to take you into the night.

SUN 30, Jazz Night

Doors open 10pm, dancing and bar until 1.30am

£6 (£4 conc)

Wind down your Mintfest weekend amongst friends at this chill-out cabaret evening with live jazz from Aeola, bar and dancing until late.

All details correct at time of going to print, but subject to change. Please keep checking the website at www.lakesalive.org for updates.