

PRESS RELEASE

Shiver me timbers: pirates, plate spinners and dancers to light up town centre

4th March 2016 – Northampton will come alive with dancing, plate spinning and even a pirate or two this March, with the line-up announced for the first of Northampton Town Centre BID's 'Discover Northampton Live' days.

This Saturday, 12th March visitors to the town centre can take part in an impromptu tap dancing workshop, try their hand at Brazilian Capoeira or practice their very best pirate voice. Delightfully eclectic street entertainment will be lighting up both Abington Street and the Market Walk Shopping Centre, with family-friendly performances from 11am to 3pm.

'Discover Northampton Live' has been planned by Northampton Town Centre BID to encourage more visitors into the town centre and celebrate the diverse areas that make it special. This is just the first in a whole series of street entertainment days; they will take place on the second Saturday of every month from March to October. Further line-ups are yet to be announced but are sure to make the most of local creative talent.

Jessica D'Aulerio, Chair of Northampton Town Centre BID, said: "The different parts of Northampton town centre have real individual character. We've organised the 'Discover Northampton Live' days to celebrate this individuality, to help visitors explore new areas and new businesses throughout the town centre, and of course, to celebrate our great cultural and creative offering.

"We're very excited to be bringing such a diverse selection of performers to the town centre and hope all visitors, young and old, will enjoy watching and even taking part."

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Discover Northampton Live, Saturday 12th March: line-up

Rebecca Rhythm – Tap dancing workshop.

Rebecca Rhythm's sassy and stylish tap routines will leave you always wanting more. She is part of the England Tap Team, and has taken part in the World Tap Championships as well as many Tap Jams.

Capoeira Northampton – Capoeira Workshop.

Capoeira is a Brazilian Martial art that combines elements of dance, acrobatics and music, known for its mixture of quick and complex moves, spins kicks and highly mobile techniques. Capoeira Northampton will be presenting two 15 minute demonstrations and inviting members of the audience to join them.

Captain Pigheart – Pirate Workshop.

Shiver me timbers! Captain Pigheart will be teaching the landlubbers of Northampton how to walk, talk and act like a pirate. Warning, parents may be forced to walk the plank.

Jacque Plato – Plate Spinning Workshop. Jacque Plato is a fabulous plate spinning French fancy. Not only are the plates cracked – so is he.

Anyone interested in performing at a Discover Northampton Live event, or local businesses, community and educational organisations looking to get involved should email chris.barker@pfbbuk.co.uk