



Southampton BSL Fest Events Programme
Tuesday 22nd – Sunday 27th April 2025



Date	Event	Location	Time	Notes and Ticket details
Preparatory Events and Events Held / Starting before the BSL Fest Week starts				
17 Feb	Deaf Awareness for John Hansard Gallery (JHG) staff	JHG	10.30am – 1.00pm	Delivered by BSL Celebration free of charge as part of partnership working with the JHG.
TBC	Deaf Awareness training for MAST Mayflower Studios staff	MAST	2.00pm – 4.30pm TBC	Delivered by BSL Celebration free of charge as part of partnership working with MAST
TBC	Art workshop with children from Newlands and Redbridge schools	JHG Active space	TBC	Workshop led by Vicky Barber-Crimes
22 Mar	Volunteers' Training	TBC	10am – 4pm	All volunteers for the BSL Party in the Square must attend. Lunch provided and travel expenses paid.
April-May 2025	BSL Art exhibition by professional artists and works from children generated through school workshops.	JHG Mezzanine	Normal Gallery opening hours	Free entry – open to all Workshops with Newlands and Redbridge Schools.
	BSL Digital exhibition by a deaf professional Artist / Film maker	JHG Foyer Digital Array	Normal Gallery opening hours	Free entry – open to all

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Tue 22 April	Opening Event – film for Social Media	tbc	10am	Free, open to all
	School BSL Art workshop – creating work in response to the Mezzanine exhibition	JHG Active space	TBC	Free, private arrangement with partner schools
	BSL Drama Night: screening of <i>The Promise</i> , followed by Q and A with Paula Garfield, Artistic Director, Deafinitely Theatre	MAST Studio 2	7.00pm – 10.00pm	Tickets via MAST ticketing – £5 per ticket Suitable for 16 years +
Wed 23 April	BSL Inclusive Practices Reception for Business and Community Leaders – see different effective ways to include BSL signers	MAST Studio 3	10.00am – 12noon	Free, by invitation / request. Maximum: 50 Includes a special performance
	BSL Art and Culture Night – tour the special Art Exhibition see BSL performances and a special talk on BSL History	JHG	6.00pm – 9.00pm TBC	Tickets via MAST ticketing – free Hosted by Gavin Lilley, Deaf Comedian
Thurs 24 April	BSL Nursery Rhyme Time	Central Library	10.30 – 11.15am	Free, open to all little people, deaf and hearing, and their accompanying adults
	BSL Film Night – <i>Power in Our Hands</i> , followed by a discussion led by	MAST Studio 2	7.00pm- 10.00pm	Tickets via MAST ticketing - £5 per ticket Suitable for all ages
Fri 25 April	BSL PT Session with India Morse	MAST Studio 3	11am – 12noon	Free / donation via MAST ticketing
	BSL Open Pub	TBC	From 7.00pm to last orders!	All welcome - meet friendly faces from the deaf community and practice your signing.
Sat 26 April	BSL Party in the Square Staged programme at 10.30am – 4.00pm Drop-in Family Circus Workshop. See below for stalls	Guildhall Square SO14 7DU	9am – 5pm	Free and open to all – come and join us Family friendly programme includes theatre, DJ, cooking and fitness.
	Finger Spelling Table Top activity	JHG Foyer	11am – 4pm	Drop-in, free to all. Small charge for polaroid photo

	BSL Space to Create - Family Friendly Art Workshop with Vicky Barber-Crimes	JHG Active space	11am – 1pm	Free
	BSL Art Exhibition Tour and Creative Workshop led by Martin Glover	JHG Gallery spaces & Active space	1.30pm – 4pm	Free
	BSL Comedy with Gavin Lilley and Fellow Performers	MAST Studio 1	7pm – 10pm	Sold via MAST ticketing - £20 / £15 students
Sun 27	To be confirmed			

BSL Celebration merchandise for sale on control stall

* Stalls: SignLive, BDA, local BSL courses, Signly, Deaf Students UK, Watermill Theatre, CSSEF
Plus 3 Deaf Artists selling wonderful creations

Food Van – The Deaf Chefs

Programme and stall-holders subject to change

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