

**BIG TROUBLE
LITTLE PICTURES
THE TOTAL ARTS FILM FESTIVAL
2026**



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Total Arts is Cambridge Junction's fortnightly arts group for disabled young people. Running since 2010, the group engages with high-quality arts activities led by the young people and supported by professional artists, enhancing their confidence, communication, well-being, and creativity, while also exploring career progression pathways through paid experiences.



FILM FESTIVAL HISTORY

Since launching in 2017, Total Arts has continued to grow its film festival. The festival began by showcasing films made by the group alongside work from Spring Common Academy as part of a long-standing collaboration. In 2018, it evolved into a public-facing event. Each year, Cambridge Junction works with specialist schools and groups to co-create original short films with young people who have complex needs, culminating in a celebratory big-screen premiere.



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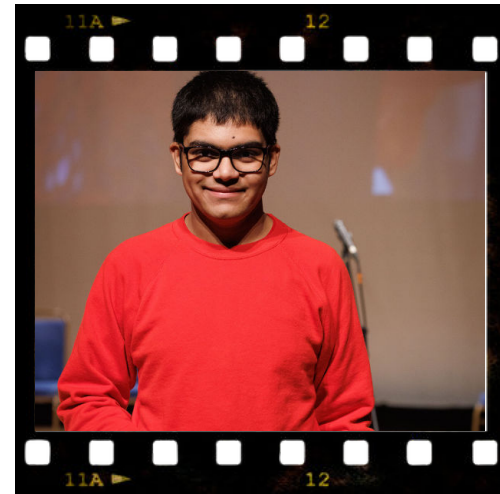
Now in its ninth year, the festival has grown into a vibrant celebration held at both The Light Cinema and Cambridge Junction. We're proud to be showcasing the filmmaking talents of over 50 young people who've taken part in our Creative Learning programmes and projects over the past year. The event also features behind the scenes footage that captures the creative journey behind the films.

Throughout the festival, you'll enjoy inspiring speeches, award ceremonies, and a relaxed disco, alongside screenings of incredible films made by young people over the past year. We're thrilled to have you with us as we celebrate the remarkable creativity of young filmmakers from across Cambridgeshire.

We hope you enjoy the Total Arts Film Festival 2026 – BIG TROUBLE LITTLE PICTURES!

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THE FACES BEHIND THE FESTIVAL



TOTAL ARTS TIMELINE

CREATIVITY WITHOUT LIMITS

Total Arts is Cambridge Junction's long-running arts programme for disabled young people, engaging participants aged 9–25 in ambitious, high-quality creative projects. Since its beginnings in 2010, Total Arts has grown from a small fortnightly group of twelve young people into a thriving programme that includes two regular groups, filmmaking workshops in SEND schools, and the annual Big Trouble Little Pictures Film Festival.

Total Arts began as an opportunity for young people to explore the arts; however, it quickly evolved into something much more powerful. Through filmmaking, performance and collaborative creative projects, participants found a platform to express their ideas, develop new skills and build confidence.

2010

The premiere of *Icarus*, the group's first film in 2010, marked the start of a journey that continues to inspire audiences today.

2013

Total Arts took part in the Disability Sports Arts Festival with their film inspired by 'The Snow Queen'.

2015

Thinking Outside the Box was an arts installation project that took place at Mill Road Winter Fair, offering the audience an insight into their world as young disabled artists.

2017

Total Arts organised a screening at The Light cinema in Cambridge that premiered films made in collaboration with Spring Common Academy, a local special school. This was the start of the Total Arts Film Festival.

2018

The group made a 'how to' guide for budding film-makers and encouraged recipients to enter their films into the film festival. The very first public film festival began to take shape and was driven by the participants at Total Arts. The festival showcased 15 films made by young people who attended schools, community groups and hospital schools.

Since its launch in 2018, the festival has grown significantly. It now brings together films created by young people from across Cambridgeshire and beyond, with a particular focus on amplifying the voices of disabled young people and those facing barriers to participation. The festival combines screenings, workshops, red-carpet events and awards, creating an inclusive and inspiring space where young creativity can flourish.

Alongside the festival, Total Arts delivers filmmaking taster workshops in SEND schools, introducing hundreds of young people to the filmmaking process. Working with professional artists, participants create original short films that are then showcased on the big screen at the festival, often for the first time.

More than a programme, Total Arts is a community. It is a place where young people are empowered to tell their stories, celebrate their talents and discover what they can achieve. Through film, performance and shared creativity, Total Arts continues to champion inclusion, imagination and the extraordinary potential of young artists.

2019	2020-2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Arts attended the Rain Dance Film Festival and screened their film 'The Wedding' The Film Festival continued to grow, including films from 8 SEND and hospital schools, as well as independent submissions.	During the pandemic, Total Arts met weekly on zoom and continued to make films from their own homes. They also helped to arrange a fundraiser for Total Art's participant, Irving. They used the rest of the money to start 'Mini Bytes' – a group for young people with complex needs aged 9 – 13.	The Total Arts Film Festival enjoyed it's biggest year yet, working with 146 young participants and attracting an audience of 272 people.	Total Arts perform their first piece of devised theatre, 'Fridge', to a sold-out audience in Cambridge Junction's J3 venue. The film festival continues to engage young people in film making and delight audiences.	Building on the success of their first theatre performance, Total Arts perform 'Abra-Not-So-Cadabra' to another sold out audience, this time in Cambrigde Junction's larger, J2 theatre space.	The film festival and a theatre performance are established as main stays in Cambridge Junction's programme.

FILMS

SCREENING INFORMATION

MORNING SCREENING

At the Light Cinema

Total Arts Documentary – Total Arts

The Substitute Teacher – Granta School

Sunflower – Sakara

Avid Dattenborough's Wild Balloon
– Red Balloon

Heroic Dragon – Future Millionaire

Bromford Arts Centre – Oliver Turner

Clown School – Mini Bytes

Club Night – Total Arts

EVENING SCREENING

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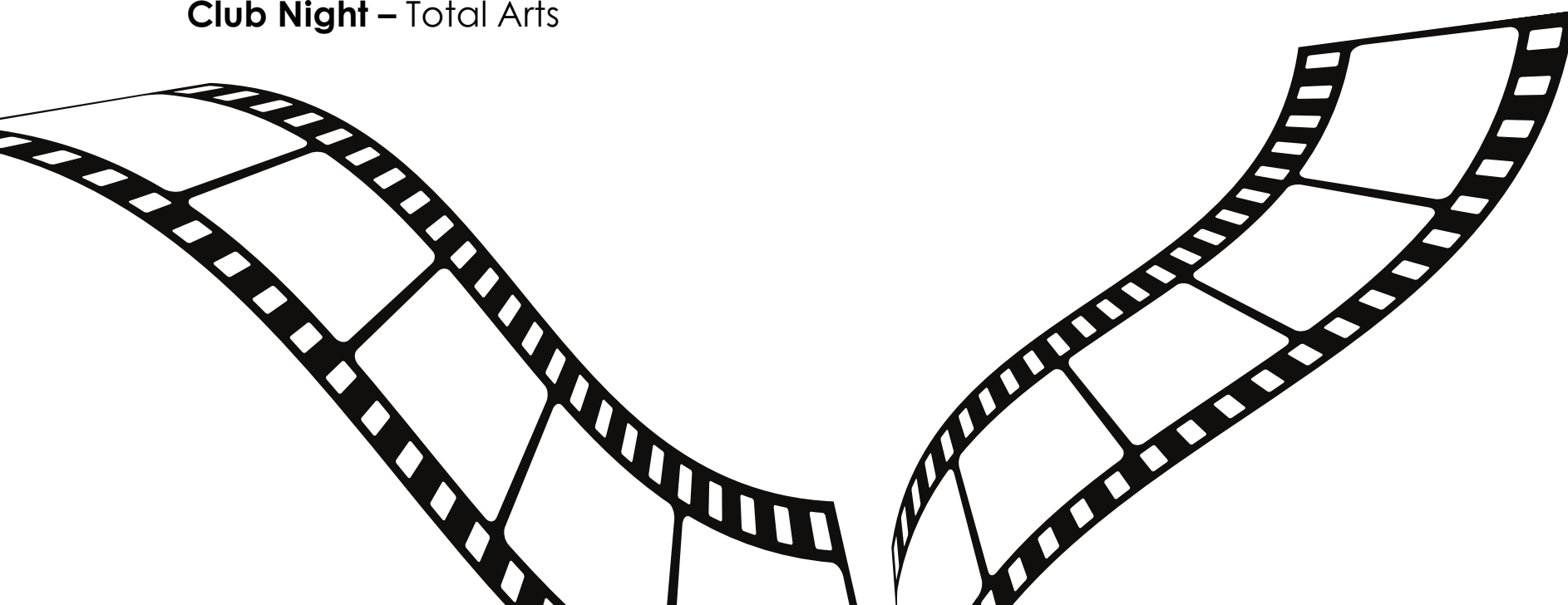
Clown School – Mini Bytes

Club Night – Total Arts

All films have an age rating of 11+.

This rating has been set because certain films contain content that younger viewers may find triggering.

For more information on content warnings and other considerations, please see the individual film listings.



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Total Arts is Cambridge Junction's fortnightly arts group for young people with disabilities aged 13 – 25. They engage with professional artists while enhancing the confidence, communications and well-being of the young people involved.



Total Arts Documentary

Join us for a deep dive into what Total Arts means to the participants and facilitators alike: heartwarming and inspiring.

Warnings & considerations

None



Club Night

Do you remember your first club night? Join Zeb as he finds out what a Total Arts club night really means - a night of chaos, karaoke and dancing!

Warnings & considerations

Some slow moving lights

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MINI BYTES

Mini Bytes is Cambridge Junction's fortnightly arts group for young people with disabilities aged 9 – 13. This programme allows them to take an exploratory approach to engaging with the arts by working with professional artists and support workers.



Clown School

Mini Bytes take you on a hilarious and informative journey through clowning in their first silent movie! Expect underage driving, silliness and smiles.

Warnings & considerations

None

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RED BALLOON

Red Balloon is an alternative provision for young people ages 11 – 16 who have self-excluded themselves from mainstream school. Red Balloon offers a bespoke approach to education, enabling young people to navigate their curriculum with a focus on mental well-being, restoring confidence and developing resilience to successfully handle future education, work or training.



Avid Dattenborough's Wild Balloon

National treasure, Avid Dattenborough, takes on his most challenging habitat yet - break time at Red Balloon!

Warnings & considerations

Face coverings

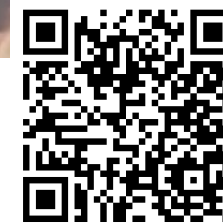
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NEXT WAVE

Next Wave is a creative community of young artists and aspiring music industry professionals. Next Wave is funded by Youth Music and in partnership with Romsey Mill, YMCA, Lyrix Organix and Anglia Ruskin University.

Heroic Dragon and Sakara are both artists who have participated in the Next Wave programme and have independently submitted their own videos.

For more information on the artists, please scan the QR codes.



Future Millionaire
Heroic Dragon

Conscious rap, unbelievable animation and feel good vibes from Heroic D!

Warnings & considerations

References to drinking and smoking



Sunflower
Sakara

Sometimes music transports you to another place: get ready for sunshine ethereal beauty that takes you straight to a balmy summer's evening.

Warnings & considerations

None

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GRANTA SCHOOL

Granta School is a complex need school in Cambridgeshire for learners aged 3 – 19 for students that have an Education, Health and Care plan. They support learners with a range of needs including moderate to severe learning difficulties, complex needs, profound and multiple learning difficulties and Autism Spectrum Conditions.



The Substitute Teacher

In this classic whodunnit, students at Granta battle mean substitute teachers, a psychotic murderer and an unexpected plot twist!

Warnings & considerations

Themes of murder

Poisoning

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OLIVER TURNER

Oliver Turner is a participant at Total Arts and a talented stop motion filmmaker who regularly creates Doctor Who fan fiction and other short films for his YouTube channel. He has made this film especially for this year's Film Festival!

Oliver wears many hats: you may know him as your host for the evening, an actor and filmmaker at Total Arts, or from helping you to your seats at Cambridge Junction as a Customer Service Steward. We are incredibly proud to work with someone so talented, skilled and hilarious.



Bromford Arts Centre

A tongue in cheek take on the inner workings of Bromsford Arts Centre: clever, dry and unique!

Warnings & considerations

Some adult themes

No subtitles

FILM FESTIVAL AWARDS

The Total Arts participants have been reviewing the films and are awarding a series of 'Oscars' to the participating filmmakers to celebrate their achievements. The winners have been carefully selected by Total Arts at their exclusive preview screening. Cambridge Junction and the whole Total Arts team offer their massive congratulations to everyone who screened their films this year as they are all incredible. Everyone is a winner in their own right!

Awards include:

Best Writing

Best Acting

Best Hero

Best Cinematography

Best Animation

Best Rap Music Video

Best Music Video

Tess Downes Award for Artistic Vision

Young People's Vote



CREATIVE LEARNING

SUPPORT OUR WORK

As a charity and social enterprise, Cambridge Junction can only do what we do with the help of our community and supporters. Every ticket sold, ice cream bought, and pound donated makes what we do possible. Alongside funds raised from trusts, foundations, and public bodies, the generosity of our members, supporters, patrons, local businesses, and audience members is vitally important.

We have ambitions to continue developing what we offer the community as the population around Cambridge continues to grow, and need support from people like you, who share our love of music and art, and understand what an important role they play in our lives and communities.

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