

Young Storyteller of the Year Award: 13 March 10.30 - 5.30

* Competitors' registration from 10am in the foyer *

Directions from vehicle drop-off to the Library Theatre, B3 3HQ

Vehicles can get onto Paradise Circus from the A456 (Broad Street), from the A457 (Spring Hill) or from Bristol Street/ Queensway. There is a drop-off point on the east side of Paradise Circus at the side of the Town Hall where mini-buses or cars can drop off pedestrians safely. Then proceed to one of the many car parks (signposted) in the area.

Climb the steps from the drop-off point, which will bring you onto the pedestrianised area. Cross the square with the round pool and climb the steps towards Paradise Forum. The Library Theatre is on the left hand end of the Forum. Go round the statue of Watt (he is proudly holding a big water pipe) and along the left side of Paradise Forum.

With the blue Berlitz sign on your right and the blue Birmingham City University sign on your left go towards the pink and green Library Theatre sign on the bridge. The theatre entrance is on the left under the bridge.

Climb two flights of stairs to the bridge level. Disabled access is via the Central Library entrance at the other end of Paradise Forum - ask at the entrance desk to be given access). On the bridge you will find ticket sales and registration. You have arrived. Approx time from drop-off point: 5 minutes. We aim to have stewards outside Paradise Forum to help direct you.

Facilities in the theatre

In the foyer: snack bar selling chocolate, crisps, soft drinks at agreed times and alcohol between 12 and 2 only. Drinking water cooler. Cubbyhole for coats and bags (this will be supervised by a steward at all times). Information leaflets about storytellers involved in Young Tongues, and the Society for Storytelling. Toilets through door and up flight of stairs, disabled toilet / baby change on foyer level.

In the auditorium: raked seating for 200. Dedicated seats at front for competitors. Raised stage with back and side drapes and steps at either end. Basic stage lights (general cover).

Refreshments: Although the café is in the same building and on the same level as the theatre, to reach it you must go downstairs, outside, past Watt's statue, across the front of Paradise Forum and in through the Central Library entrance at the other end of the Forum. Go up 5 steps, turn left and go up the escalator to the first floor. The café is down the corridor and on the right. It seems nice. You can also find a wide range of refreshment in Paradise Forum itself, including MacDonal'd's, a sweet shop, Nandos, Wetherspoons, Pizza, a 'baguettes and smoothies' place, and Café Bebo (a barista type place).

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