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# SPLENDIFEROUS!

There's a plethora of Roald Dahl-themed stuff happening this summer, too – plenty for kids big and small to enjoy

**U**nder the umbrella of Roald Dahl 100, a year of activity celebrating the centenary of the Cardiff-born writer, the city is planning a host of activities paying tribute to the much-loved and much-missed storyteller.

First up is *The Wondercrump World Of Roald Dahl* (12 August 2016 – 14 January 2017, Wales Millennium Centre), a magical, interactive experience inspired by Dahl's life, work and boundless imagination, aimed at all ages from 7 to 107. There are free Dahl-inspired activities at WMC, too (25 July – 4 September) – delve deep into the BFG's world of dreams, capturing stories in beautiful dream jars, or try a spot of tortoise-fishing, inspired by *Esio Trot*.

Also coming up is *City Of The Unexpected* (17-18 September) an epic, weekend-long celebration of the great man, his characters and his stories, created by Wales Millennium Centre and National Theatre Wales, and featuring a cast of thousands.

Cardiff city centre will become a place where reality

is turned on its head, where the predictable will give way to magic and the surreal – just as if Dahl himself was at the helm. Expect to make extraordinary discoveries, with unexpected sights, performances, pop-ups and surprising spectacles on the streets and in buildings throughout the centre.

Some of Dahl's biggest (and well-known) fans will read extracts from his stories in unusual locations, too.

And audiences are invited to join an unprecedented mass picnic in Bute Park – in their pyjamas! – and to bring with them food inspired by the man himself.

Dahl's films are also being brought to life as part of a major UK-wide programme put together by Chapter and Film Hub Wales. Chapter's screenings include Steven Spielberg's *The BFG* (22 July – 4 August), *Matilda* (12-14 August, with specially-commissioned scratch and sniff cards – yes!), and Wes Anderson's *Fantastic Mr Fox* (20, 21 & 23 August), plus various other workshops and events.

And over at the National Museum, the *Quentin Blake: Inside Stories* exhibition (until 20 November) celebrates the work of the much-loved illustrator, best known for his contributions to Dahl's books. All in all, it promises to be quite a splendid summer... CL

For more: [cityoftheunexpected.wales](http://cityoftheunexpected.wales), [wmc.org.uk](http://wmc.org.uk), [chapter.org](http://chapter.org), [museum.wales/cardiff](http://museum.wales/cardiff)



Steven Spielberg's *The BFG* – based on Roald Dahl's children's novel – is showing at Chapter, part of a whole year of Dahl-themed fun

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