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## MEDIA INFORMATION

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# A TALE OF TWO TOWNS

- [Towns of Culture 2025](#) Kicks Off with Bold and Unmissable Launch Events in Portland & Weymouth -



Image Credit: State of Alarm by Mark Anderson and Liam Walsh Photo: Two Cats in the Yard

Towns of Culture 2025 is revealed with a weekend of vibrant, thought-provoking and immersive cultural events in Portland & Weymouth. Taking place on 25th and 26th April, the launch celebrations will showcase live performances, music, and artistic experiences, all free to attend.

### **Weymouth: Towns of Culture 2025 Launch Party – Friday 25th April**

St Nics, 11 St Nicholas Street, Weymouth DT4 8AA

19:00 – 22:00

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Weymouth's cultural year opens with a high-energy launch party at St Nics gallery, paying homage to Weymouth's vibrant music scene. Featuring The Vinyl Van and guest DJs, the night will deliver an eclectic mix of sounds to set the dancefloor alight. Meanwhile, students from Weymouth College will transform St Nic's Gallery into a dynamic creative space filled with art, music, and inspiration.

Free entry | Bar & food available



### **Weymouth: Street Performance and Theatre – Saturday 26th April**

Weymouth Town Centre

11:30 & 14:30

### **Ramshacklicious & Hijinx Present: TRUTH!**

An interactive, outdoor street performance bringing together a playful ensemble of mischief-makers. TRUTH! is a theatrical exploration of power, control, and collective joy – a quiet rebellion that invites audiences to take part in a unique, evolving spectacle.

### **You Can't Stop the Beat by Remix**

The Remix is an inclusive youth performance company open to young people aged 12 to 17, both disabled and non-disabled from across Dorset. This dynamic and inclusive musical performance guaranteed to bring energy and rhythm to the streets.

Free | Wheelchair & family-friendly



Photo credit: Ramshacklicious & Hijinx Present: TRUTH!

Supported by Arts Council England & Arts Council Wales | Presented by Activate Performing Arts

### **Portland: Immersive Sound and Music at High Angle Battery – Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 April**

High Angle Battery, New Ground, Portland DT5 1LF

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**Weymouth Concert Brass | Saturday 26 April | 13:00 – 13:30**

A special performance from Weymouth Concert Brass, welcoming audiences to this striking historic site with a stirring brass ensemble.

**State of Alarm by Mark Anderson & Liam Walsh**

Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 April | 14:00 – 19:00

State of Alarm is presented by Oxford Contemporary Music and b-side. And supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, Portland Town Council, Castletown D-Day Centre, and the Fine Family Foundation.



Image Credit: Mark Anderson

A thought-provoking and mesmerising sound installation using sculptural instruments, bells, gongs, and rhythmic compositions to create a pulsing, hypnotic atmosphere. State of Alarm is a powerful response to contemporary social and environmental concerns, reimagined for the tunnels and architecture of High Angle Battery.

Free | Wheelchair & family-friendly

Presented with Oxford Contemporary Music | Supported by Reveal

**Director, Rocca Holly-Nambi, Towns of Culture Project Management from b-side**

**comments:** *"Towns of Culture 2025 is about igniting creativity, fostering connections, and celebrating the unique spirit of Portland & Weymouth. This launch weekend is just the beginning of a year-long journey that will REVEAL all our towns have to offer and will bring people together through art, music, and performance. We invite everyone to take part and experience the power of culture to transform spaces and communities."*

**Councillor Carralyn Parkes of Portland Town Council and Councillor Alex Fuhrmann of Weymouth Town Council - nominated representatives on the Portland & Weymouth**

**Towns of Culture project board said:** *"Portland & Weymouth are rich in culture, heritage, and creativity, and Towns of Culture 2025 gives us a fantastic opportunity to REVEAL that to residents and visitors alike. This initiative is not just about performances and events; it's about strengthening our communities, supporting local artists, and making culture accessible to all. We look forward to seeing people of all ages come together to celebrate everything that makes our towns special."*

**A Year of Culture Begins**

Towns of Culture 2025 is a celebration of creativity and community. The launch weekend is the beginning of a year-long programme of events, performances, and collaborations. Everyone is invited to take part, whether dancing in the streets, exploring immersive art, or experiencing live music in unexpected places.

**Join the Movement**

REVEAL – Towns of Culture 2025 is funded by Portland Town Council and Weymouth Town Council and delivered in partnership with The Arts Development Company and Dorset Council. For full programme details and event information, visit: [www.portlandweymouthculture.com](http://www.portlandweymouthculture.com)

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