

Moon lands in city to get this year's Norfolk and Norwich Festival off to a fantastic start

A lunar-inspired spectacle full of music, dance and drama opened this year's Norfolk and Norwich Festival.

The intriguing Museum of the Moon landed at The Forum in Norwich yesterday afternoon and the out-of-this-world landscape formed the backdrop for an opening night of festivities.

Members of Norwich-based Total Ensemble Theatre Company entertained the crowds with their show *It's a Wonderful Moon, George!*, a romance with a twist inspired by a scene from the film *It's a Wonderful Life*, and Norwich Cathedral Choir performed a

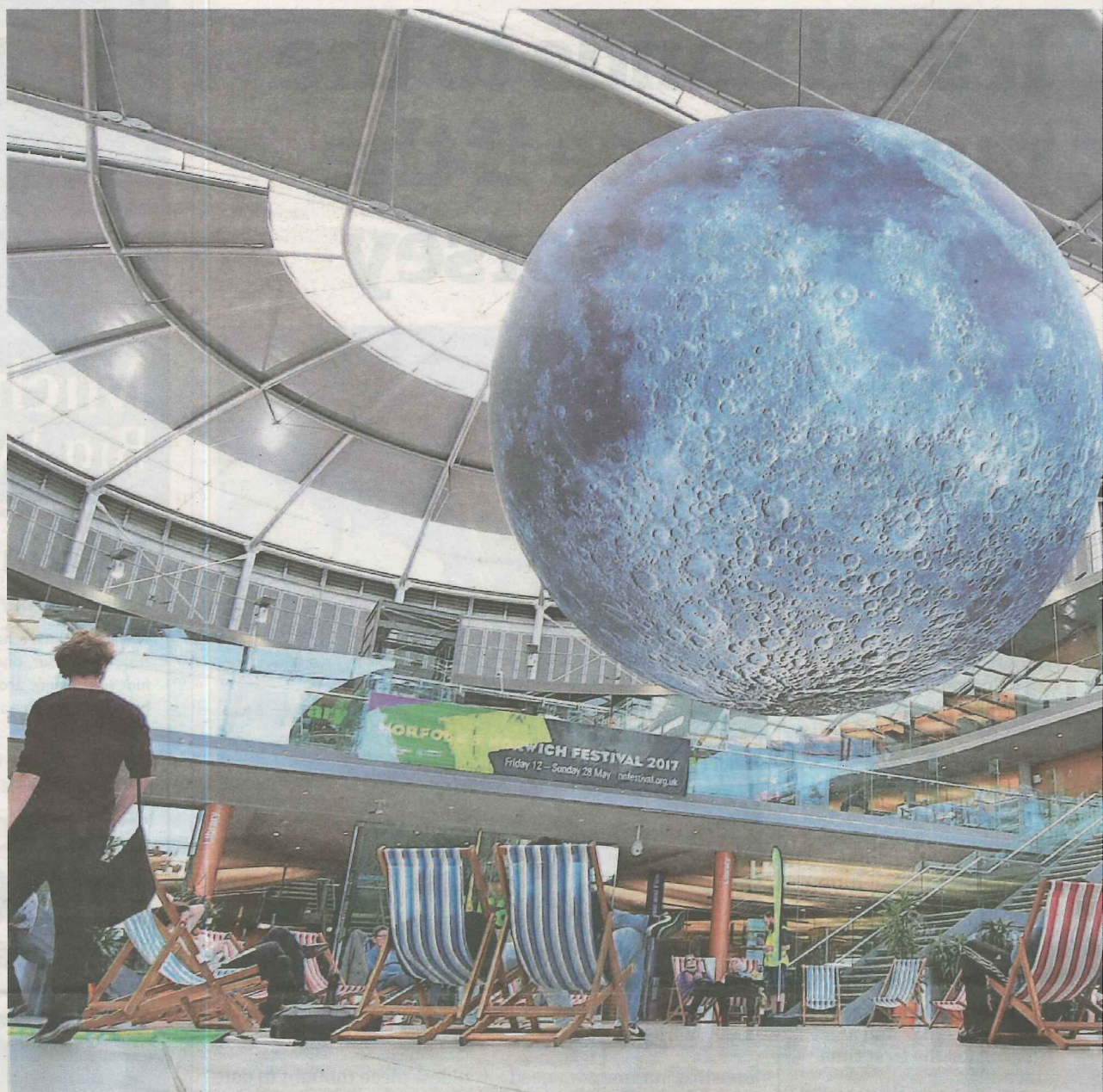
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beautiful programme of choral music. There was also jazz by Juliet Kelly and performance poetry by Sophia Walker.

The Museum of the Moon, which is at The Forum until May 21, has been created by artist Luke Jerram, who has used imagery from NASA to create a scale replica of the moon.

For more on the Museum of the Moon and other events, visit www.nnfestival.org.uk



The opening performance at the Norfolk and Norwich Festival 2017. Total Ensemble Theatre Company performing at the Forum in Norwich.

Pictures: ANTONY KELLY

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Epic performance



An epic seven-hour performance described as a quartet about the cycle of life will be taking to the stage this weekend.

Summer. Autumn. Winter. Spring. is at The Space, in Norwich today and tomorrow. It is presented by Quarantine theatre company and the Summer and Spring parts feature ordinary people from across Norfolk. Summer sees a cast of 30 react to the day of the show, Autumn is an interval where the audience can do everything from talk about the



history of the world to play table tennis, Winter is a poignant film about a woman towards the end of her life, and Spring will see pregnant women look to the future.

"It's an epic piece of work which looks at the human life cycle and our relationship with

time throughout our lives," said director Richard Gregory.

The performance is at The Space, in Roundtree Way, at 2pm today and tomorrow. Tickets £25 (£20 concs). To book, visit www.nnfestival.org.uk or call 01603 766400.



NNF17. Rehearsals for Summer. Autumn. Winter. Spring, which is being performed at The Space in Norwich.

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Lunar-inspired fun

Museum of the Moon will be at The Forum until Sunday, May 21.

Lunar-inspired events this weekend include:
TODAY

1.30pm-4.30pm: Meet Under The Moon – groups from across Norwich perform under the moon and there will also be moon-themed science workshops.

1.30pm-4.30pm: British Science Association – Planets of the Solar System

1.30pm-4.30pm: Kinetic Science – Discovering Exoplanets

1.30pm: Norwich Rock Choir

2pm-2.20pm: Shelly Telly in association with The Common Lot – OUT140: The Little Show of Coming Out Stories

3.30pm-3.50pm: Victory Arts – The Story of the Moon

4.10pm-4.30pm: Book and Bounce Time – space-themed storytelling

5pm-5.20pm: Total Ensemble Theatre Company – It's a Wonderful Moon, George!

TOMORROW
2pm-3.30pm: The Ragroof Players – Happy Feet dance-a-thon