

PRESS RELEASE: NORTON PRIORY – 23 August 2024

## **‘NANARCHY’ COMES TO RUNCORN’S NORTON PRIORY**

Nana Funk, the Great Great Grandmother of Good Times and star of *‘Tough Old Bird’*, brings her outrageous, warm-hearted wit to Runcorn’s beautiful Norton Priory and Gardens for a one-night show on Sunday 8 September.

Arranged as part of the ‘Performances at the Priory’ summer programme, curated by artistic directors Kate Allerston and Chris Bastock, this funny, life-affirming show skewers society’s view of older women.

It asks the big questions like: why do adverts insist we should “defy the effects of ageing”? who decides what is “acceptable behaviour”? what happens when you become invisible? and where’s the ‘blummin’ instruction manual?

Show creator Angie Waller has been entertaining audiences as Nana Funk since 2013. In *‘Tough Old Bird’*, she stars alongside Claire Jones as Val, in a heartfelt musical journey exploring real life events. Claire also composed the music for this unique experience that combines dialogue, song and clowning to captivating and comedic affect.

As Nana Funk demonstrates: ageing well doesn’t mean behaving yourself!

Norton Priory Chief Executive, Rob Sanderson-Thomas said: “Our artistic directors Kate and Chris have created a great summer 2024 programme at the Priory, and we’re thrilled to be able to welcome Nana Funk this September. It promises to be a wonderful evening of unexpected ‘nanarchy’ in a unique setting, with our grand Victorian porch forming an ideal backdrop to the show.”

The performance, which will be held in the Museum’s atrium, starts at **7:30pm**. Doors open at **6:30pm** to allow patrons to explore the Museum in private before taking their unreserved seating. Tickets cost £14 per person and may be booked online at [www.nortonpriory.org/events](http://www.nortonpriory.org/events). Over 14s only.

### **NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM AND GARDENS**

Norton Priory Museum and Gardens, Halton’s popular visitor attraction set in 42-acres, is recognised as Europe’s most excavated monastic site. The museum was redeveloped in 2016 and became one of Arts Council England’s National Portfolio Organisations in 2023.

For up-to-date information about visiting Norton Priory Museum and Gardens and to view upcoming events at the site, please visit [www.nortonpriory.org](http://www.nortonpriory.org).

#### **Note to Editors.**

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