



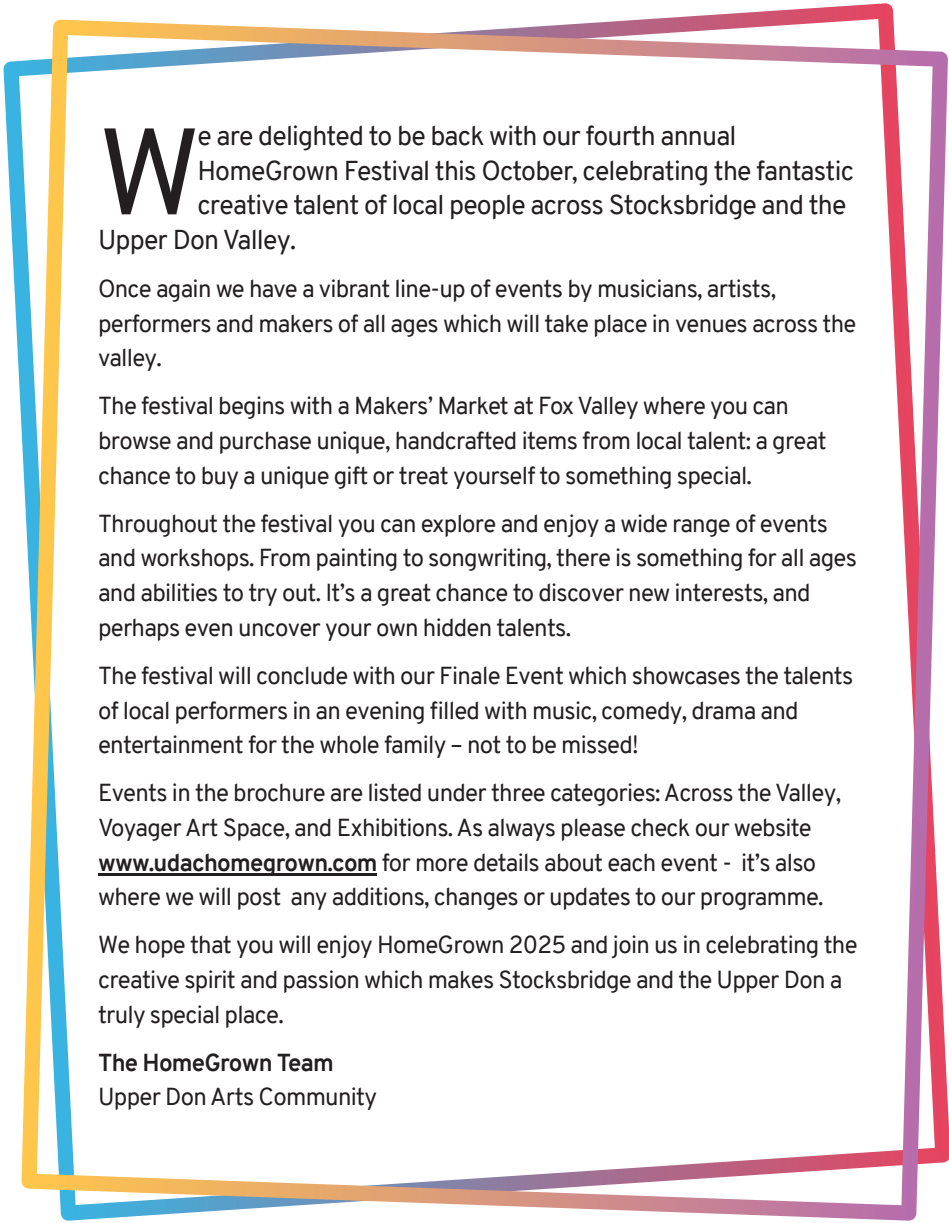
**4-18 October 2025**

# **HOME GROWN**

**A FESTIVAL FOR THE ARTS**

**Across Stocksbridge  
and Upper Don**

**Festival programme  
2025**



**W**e are delighted to be back with our fourth annual HomeGrown Festival this October, celebrating the fantastic creative talent of local people across Stocksbridge and the Upper Don Valley.

Once again we have a vibrant line-up of events by musicians, artists, performers and makers of all ages which will take place in venues across the valley.

The festival begins with a Makers' Market at Fox Valley where you can browse and purchase unique, handcrafted items from local talent: a great chance to buy a unique gift or treat yourself to something special.

Throughout the festival you can explore and enjoy a wide range of events and workshops. From painting to songwriting, there is something for all ages and abilities to try out. It's a great chance to discover new interests, and perhaps even uncover your own hidden talents.

The festival will conclude with our Finale Event which showcases the talents of local performers in an evening filled with music, comedy, drama and entertainment for the whole family – not to be missed!

Events in the brochure are listed under three categories: Across the Valley, Voyager Art Space, and Exhibitions. As always please check our website [www.udachomegrown.com](http://www.udachomegrown.com) for more details about each event - it's also where we will post any additions, changes or updates to our programme.

We hope that you will enjoy HomeGrown 2025 and join us in celebrating the creative spirit and passion which makes Stocksbridge and the Upper Don a truly special place.

**The HomeGrown Team**  
Upper Don Arts Community

# Across the Valley

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

## **HomeGrown Makers' Market 2025**

*Fox Valley Shopping Centre, Fox Valley Way, Stocksbridge, S36 2AB*

The Homegrown Makers Market is an outdoor market hosted at the Fox Valley Shopping Centre in Stocksbridge with an array of stalls promoting and selling a wide range of locally made crafts and goods. It's a chance for local crafters and makers to join together and showcase and promote their work.

**Contact:** Amanda Holmes: [amanda.holmes@dransfield.co.uk](mailto:amanda.holmes@dransfield.co.uk)

**1000 – 1600**

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**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

## **Millhouse Green Male Voice Choir – Open Night**

*Millhouse Green Institute, Manchester Road, Millhouse Green - S36 9NP*

Join us for an MGMVC open evening! Enjoy tea and coffee from 7pm, followed by warm-ups and singing at 7.30pm. We sing in four parts, and our musical team will help you find your group. Rehearsals are fun, with plenty of laughs and new friendships. You'll leave feeling energized!

**Contact:** [mgmvc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mgmvc@hotmail.co.uk)

**From 1900**

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**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

## **Art Society Open Classes**

*Christchurch Community Hall S36 1DY*

Come and see what we do at one of our regular classes, and chat to the artists over a cuppa. Also on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

**Contact:** Sally Howe: [sallyhowedaisy@gmail.com](mailto:sallyhowedaisy@gmail.com)

**1000-1130**

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## **Come and Learn a new Christmas Song**

*The Venue, 650 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge, Sheffield S36 1DY*

Waldershelf Singers invite everyone to an open rehearsal. We are going to learn a couple of new songs for our Christmas Concerts, including 'It Feels like Christmas' from The Muppets. Come and join in, or just come and listen to see what we do.

**Contact:** Pauline Shaw: [waldershelfsingers@gmail.com](mailto:waldershelfsingers@gmail.com)

**From 1930**

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## Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

### Making a Noise

*The Venue Manchester Road Stocksbridge S36 1DY*

After the successful Easter holiday workshop at Stocksbridge High School we are starting a regular weekly group for 10-18 year olds to play their instruments and sing with others to form bands. Drums and keys available. Bring your instrument and amp if needed. Expert experienced leaders. 10-18 years only.

Also on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

**Contact:** Hilary Osborn: [hosborns6@gmail.com](mailto:hosborns6@gmail.com)

1800 – 1930

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## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October

### Celebrating Our Industrial Roots: Stocksbridge High School

*Christ Church, Manchester Road, Stocksbridge S36 1DY*

Join us for a special showcase of creative work by students from Stocksbridge High School, celebrating the rich industrial heritage of our community.

Enjoy a warm welcome with tea, coffee, and cake while exploring artworks that honour our past and inspire our future.

**Contact:** Lucy Wood: [enquiries@stocksbridge-mlt.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stocksbridge-mlt.co.uk)

1000-1400

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### Silent Art Auction

*Greave House Farm Trust, New Hall Lane, Stocksbridge, S36 4GH*

A silent art auction (no nodding or shouting) with lots of donations from local artists. Cheques, bank transfers and cash welcome. All proceeds to our care farm work with adults with autism and learning difficulties. Refreshments available while you wait for bidding to finish.

**Contact:** Barbara: [greavehouse@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:greavehouse@yahoo.co.uk)

1300 – 1530

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## Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October

### Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir – Open Rehearsal

*Bolsterstone Village Hall, Heads Lane, Bolsterstone, Sheffield S36 2ZF*

We are inviting people to come and listen to our regular rehearsal. We meet each week at Bolsterstone Village Hall to rehearse. Come along and listen to our rehearsal; you are welcome to drop in and see how we work, and how we enjoy singing together.

**Contact:** Rob Firth: [firth382@btinternet.com](mailto:firth382@btinternet.com)

1930-2130

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## Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October

### Art Society Open Class

See Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> for details

1000-1130

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## Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

### Making a Noise

See Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> for details

1800-1930

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## Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October

### Art Demonstration Evening with Sean Barry

*Christchurch Community Hall S36 1DY*

An art demonstration with artist Sean Barry. There will be refreshments and a raffle. Free for members of Stocksbridge Art Society, £5 guests.

Contact: Sally Howe: [sallyhowedaisy@gmail.com](mailto:sallyhowedaisy@gmail.com)

From 1930

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## Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October

### Ballads and Breakfast

*The Venue, 650 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge S36 1DY*

People will be able to sign up to ten minute slots to perform songs, tunes or poems. Breakfast drinks, sandwiches and croissants will be available.

Contact: Elaine Markham: [elainemarkham@outlook.com](mailto:elainemarkham@outlook.com)

1000-1300

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### HomeGrown Finale

*The Venue, 650 Manchester Rd, Stocksbridge, Sheffield S36 1DY*

Come and join us to celebrate Homegrown 2025 with an evening of performances at the Venue. Enjoy music, acting, comedy and many other art forms whilst relaxing with a drink.

Contact: [udacevent@gmail.com](mailto:udacevent@gmail.com)

1930-2130

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# Voyager Art Space Events

473 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge, Sheffield, S36 1DH

Please note access restrictions - there is one step to enter the shop and a further step to reach the rear exhibition space and workshop area. Toilet is up a steep staircase and available only to those attending the event.

## Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October

### Art Round're - Beginners' Oil Pastels

*Voyager Art Space and also the woods, moors and farmland around Stocksbridge.*

Art sessions inspired by the local environment around the Upper Don Valley. Those taking part can expect to be introduced to a variety of art materials, outdoor and indoor art sessions. They will begin to build confidence in creating art and learn pathways to creating a completed piece. Cost £5, book at Voyager Art Space.

Contact: Jackie Prachek: [jackieprachek@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jackieprachek@hotmail.co.uk)

1115-1315

### Printmaking for Beginners

Learn mono printing using a Gell Plate, a simple, creative and rewarding way of printmaking, once learnt is easy to do in your own home with very little equipment. Cost £5, book at Voyager Art Space. Also on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 1100-1300

Contact: Josette Falcidia: [voyagerartspace@gmail.com](mailto:voyagerartspace@gmail.com)

1500-1700

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## Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October

### Songwriting Workshop

Explore the basics of writing lyrics and melodies with local songwriter. Open to all skill levels, the workshop offers guidance, feedback, and a chance to connect with other songwriters in a relaxed setting. Cost £5, book at Voyager Art Space.

Contact: Voyager Art Space

1600-1800

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## Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

### Mixed-Up Stories with Suzy Senior

Ideal for children 3-11 and their families. Hear stories from bestselling author, Suzy Senior, join in with activities, and maybe even write your own mixed-up story! Signed books will be available.

Contact: Suzy: [s-senior1@sky.com](mailto:s-senior1@sky.com)

1600-1700

## Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

### Beginners Ceramics – make a press plate

A very good introduction to ceramics where you can understand the principles of making a press plate from raw clay and then add some decoration to the plate. Plates are taken and fired by the tutor and returned to the maker. Cost £30, book at Voyager Art Space.

Contact: Josette Falcidia: [voyagerartspace@gmail.com](mailto:voyagerartspace@gmail.com)

1300-1500

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## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October

### Wood Whittling Demonstration with Alison

Come along to Voyager Art Space for a free demonstration of Wood Whittling and learn how to carve your own spoon, using simple tools and techniques - and using locally sourced timber. Free activity.

Contact: Josette Falcidia: [voyagerartspace@gmail.com](mailto:voyagerartspace@gmail.com)

1100-1300

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### Meet the Makers

Come and meet some of the best local artists and makers in the Stocksbridge area. Your opportunity to talk to our local artists and makers. Find out about the materials and techniques they use and ask what motivates them in their creative endeavour. We are also delighted to have a local singer songwriter who will be performing a short set of original songs for you to enjoy!

Contact: Josette Falcidia: [voyagerartspace@gmail.com](mailto:voyagerartspace@gmail.com)

1830-2030

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## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

### Afternoon Ukes

The Singing In... Oughtibridge Ukes group meets every Wednesday afternoon in term time at the Chapel Hall in Oughtibridge. As part of the Homegrown Festival they'll be bringing their joyful sound to the centre of Stocksbridge. The group will be strumming and singing along to a few of their favourite, uplifting songs.

Contact: Pete Burchill: [info@singing-in.com](mailto:info@singing-in.com)

1615-1700

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### The Life and Operas of Verdi

The life of Guiseppe Verdi told through his operas. Verdi was an ardent advocate of the unification of Italy. Like many composers his life and views influenced his opera's where we can spot the odd metaphor and message in much loved and well known arias and choruses.

Contact: Hilary Osborn: [hosborns6@gmail.com](mailto:hosborns6@gmail.com)

1800-2000

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## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October

### Art Round 'ere. Beginners Art Sessions - Bleach Etching

*Voyager Art Space and the woods, moors and farmland around Stocksbridge*

Art sessions inspired by the local environment around the Upper Don Valley. Those taking part can expect to be introduced to a variety of art materials, outdoor and indoor art sessions, in this session bleach etching. They will begin to build confidence in creating art and learn pathways to creating a completed piece. Cost £5, book at Voyager Art Space.

**Contact:** Jackie Prachek: [jackieprachek@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jackieprachek@hotmail.co.uk)

1115-1315

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## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October

### Open Studios Trail

Various locations. Studio Trail map available at Voyager Art Space.

Meet the area's artists in a studio setting. For those curious and interested in art.

**Contact:** Jackie Prachek: [jackieprachek@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jackieprachek@hotmail.co.uk)

1100-1700

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## Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October

### Make a Wet Felted Vessel using pure Merino wool

You will create a small vessel using the wet felting technique. Using pure wool to create a vessel and embellishing it using different fibres, including silks. Samples will be on display at Voyager. Cost £25, includes all materials & refreshments. Book at Voyager Art Space.

**Contact:** Josette Falcidia: [voyagerartspace@gmail.com](mailto:voyagerartspace@gmail.com)

1300-1530

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## Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October

### Make a Handmade Card

Come along and make a card using a variety of Papercraft techniques. Cost £6 includes all materials & refreshments.

**Contact:** Josette Falcidia: [voyagerartspace@gmail.com](mailto:voyagerartspace@gmail.com)

1300-1500

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## Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

### Printmaking for Beginners

See Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October for details

1100-1300



## Basic decorative techniques – Marbling

With an introduction to this ancient paint technique; you will gain a greater understanding of how to create faux marble finishes using modern acrylic scumble glaze. You will apply different layers to build up depth using a variety of tools and methods. This skill can be used to decorate walls, furniture and other decorative items. Cost £5 including refreshments. Book at Voyager Art Space.

Contact: Josette Falcidia: [voyagerartspace@gmail.com](mailto:voyagerartspace@gmail.com)

1500-1800

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## Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October

### Felted Landscapes

A Felting Workshop with Dorothy Whittaker at Voyager Art Space. We will making a small landscape felted painting to make into a greetings card or to fit into a small frame. These workshops are suitable for beginners or those with some experience. Cost £25 including materials & refreshments. Book at Voyager Art Space. Not suitable for children under 12. Under-16s must be accompanied by an adult.

Contact: Josette Falcidia: [voyagerartspace@gmail.com](mailto:voyagerartspace@gmail.com)

1330-1600

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## Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October

### Bees and Me

What we make, create and collect changes our lives. This is a story of how a chance encounter forty years ago in New Mexico has made life a little richer and a lot stickier!

Contact: Josette Falcidia: [voyagerartspace@gmail.com](mailto:voyagerartspace@gmail.com)

1800-1900

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## Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October

### Intermediate Watercolours with John Kerr

An opportunity to learn watercolour techniques with expert artist, John Kerr. Complete a painting in simple steps and improve your painting skills. Cost £30, book at Voyager Art Space.

Contact: Josette Falcidia: [voyagerartspace@gmail.com](mailto:voyagerartspace@gmail.com)

1500-1800

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### Art Round 'ere Beginners Acrylic Painting

*Voyager Art Space and the woods, moors and farmland around Stocksbridge*

Art sessions inspired by the local environment around the Upper Don Valley. Those taking part can expect to be introduced to a variety of art materials, outdoor and indoor art sessions, today acrylic painting. They will begin to build confidence in creating art and learn pathways to creating a completed piece.

Contact: Jackie Prachek: [jackieprachek@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jackieprachek@hotmail.co.uk)

1115-1315



## Advanced Watercolours using Masking Techniques

An opportunity to learn watercolour techniques with expert artist, John Kerr. Complete a painting in simple steps whilst learning how to use masking techniques to improve your skills. Cost £30, book at Voyager Art Space.

**Contact:** Josette Falcidia: [voyagerartspace@gmail.com](mailto:voyagerartspace@gmail.com)

1500-1800

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## Exhibitions

### Art at Sam's Kitchen

*2 Hunshelf Road, Hunshelf Bottom, Stocksbridge, S36 2BU*

Whilst enjoying your breakfast or lunch browse local artist's work & books on the shelves & walls. The wonderful and colourful prints & canvases can be just simply admired or purchased and taken away just like the traditional Yorkshire food on offer. You will always have a warm and friendly welcome at Samuels Kitchen Stocksbridge.

**Contact:** Tracey Martin: [samuelskitchenstocksbridge@gmail.com](mailto:samuelskitchenstocksbridge@gmail.com)

0730-1400 throughout the festival (closed Sunday & Monday)

### Stocksbridge Art Society Exhibition

*Christchurch Community Hall S36 1DY*

An exhibition of art work by the members of Stocksbridge Art Group for the duration of the festival.

**Contact:** Sally Howe: [sallyhowedaisy@gmail.com](mailto:sallyhowedaisy@gmail.com)

Open throughout the festival

### Pennine Artists Exhibition

*Look Local, 516 Manchester Rd, Stocksbridge, Sheffield S36 2DU*

Local scenes professional art group, Pennine Artists who are based in the Stocksbridge and Deepcar area. Exhibition is in the Look Local entrance lobby in Stocksbridge.

**Contact:** Jackie Prachek: [jackieprachek@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jackieprachek@hotmail.co.uk)

6<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> October. Mon, Tues, Thurs ,Fri 0900-1400

### Schools' Project – Celebrating Our Community

*512 Manchester Rd, Stocksbridge, Sheffield S36 2DU*

Students from local schools will be invited to create a piece of writing which celebrates their local community. These pieces of creative writing will be displayed in the Stocksbridge Library during the course of the Homegrown Festival.

Open throughout the festival during library opening times

## Homegrown Art Exhibition at Voyager Art Space

Come and see the wide variety of art works on sale by local Stocksbridge and Deepcar artists. Includes Meet the Artists evenings.

Contact: Jackie Prachek: [jackieprachek@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jackieprachek@hotmail.co.uk)

4<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October, Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs, Sat 1100-1600. Fri 1600-1900

*Plus a pre-festival treat...*

### **Blood Brothers – Steel Valley Beacon Youth**

Christ Church Manchester Rd Stocksbridge Sheffield S36 1DY

Steel Valley Beacon Arts Youth will be performing the beloved classic: *Blood Brothers*. This story of estranged twins in the city of Liverpool has captivated audiences for decades, and now the talented youth company of Steel Valley Beacon Arts will be bringing this timeless tale to Christ Church in Stocksbridge. Full of comedy, music and even tragedy, this is a performance that you don't want to miss. Tickets £6 on the door,

Contact: Mandy Aitken: [manyja@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:manyja@hotmail.co.uk)

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> October, time tbc.





**Keep up to date with HomeGrown Festival and  
the Upper Don Arts Community at  
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[www.facebook.com/UDACHomegrown](https://www.facebook.com/UDACHomegrown)  
[udacevent@gmail.com](mailto:udacevent@gmail.com)**