

## **Truro City of Lights**

The enormous themed processional lanterns have been designed by local artists, University College Falmouth students and community groups - mingling with a sea of smaller and equally delightful lanterns created and carried by local schoolchildren.

Samba bands, musical groups and a host of colourful dance troupes are set to add even more layers of sparkle and sound to the evening, with the festivities brought to an extra-special start with

City of Lights is a non-profit making project led by a voluntary group of artists, organisations (including The Works Dance & Theatre Cornwall, Kernow Education Arts Partnership, Truro School of Samba, Cornwall Music Service, Truro City Council, Event Cornwall and Devon & Cornwall Police) and freelance practitioners.

Truro's colourful City of Lights parade sees around 30,000 people descend on the city for the vibrant parade of 600 imaginative and awe-inspiring lanterns, created by local schools, business and community members, accompanied by infectious samba rhythms from at least 100 musicians and dancers, and an array of street food and drink.

Although City of Lights is free to view, the event costs £50,000 to stage each year