# Autumn 2019

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# Welcome to Cheshire Rural Touring Arts' Autumn 2019 Brochure!

## Welcome to the new autumn 2019 season brochure.

As the leaves turn and the nights start creeping in, across rural Cheshire community halls, studios, schools and libraries are getting ready to welcome you for some cosy nights out with some fabulous theatre, music, dance and family shows right on your doorstep.

One of the joys of rural touring is working with such a variety of artists and organisations, all wanting to make the best work for you, our audiences. This season we are delighted to be part of 3 wonderful projects that are presenting work with CRTA. For our families we have 3 shows as part of the Big Imaginations Festival. We are delighted to again welcome some toe tapping Canadian musicians through our partnership with rural touring schemes in the north. We also have 3 fantastic dance performances from the Rural Touring Dance Initiative on offer. All this along side many other wonderful performances of theatre, puppetry, storytelling and music.

You may or not be aware that all our venues are run by volunteer promoters. We have over 30 hard working and dedicated volunteer promoters on CRTA who (along with many other helpers and teams at the venues) give a huge amount of time and energy to put on a truly wonderful night out at their venue for you and the visiting professional artists. At CRTA we really appreciate our wonderful promoters, who make rural touring what it is. If you are interested in volunteering at your local CRTA venue, then do speak to the promoter to find out how you can get involved.

We are committed to delivering the best small scale quality theatre, music, dance and family performances across Cheshire. We are very grateful to Arts Council England and also to Cheshire West and Chester and Cheshire East Councils for their ongoing support.

Enjoy browsing through the brochure at your leisure to find your perfect night out. We look forward to welcoming you at a CRTA venue this autumn.

**How to buy tickets:** Tickets for shows are available direct from the venue via phone or email. Please note these venues are run by volunteer promoters and are not box offices open at all times. Some venues also offer online ticket booking.

ONLINE BOOKING Shows which have the online booking facility have this symbol in the brochure listing. Online tickets can be booked via our website **www.cheshireruraltouringarts.co.uk**
or via Ticketsource: **www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheshireruraltouringarts**
Ticket booking contact numbers, emails and disabled access information for all venues can be found in the middle of the brochure.

**Ticket prices:** Ticket prices vary for each venue and show, but all range within **£8 - £13** (however, tickets for children's shows may be cheaper).

**Please check with the venue directly for the ticket prices**

To contact CRTA for any queries about the work we do or any ticket booking problems please call: **01244 972835**
or email **crta@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk**



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Twitter: **@cheshiretouring**

## New work in new spaces

Cutting Hedge aims to nurture and develop new audiences for contemporary theatre outside the usual urban landscapes. Pieces branded with 'Cutting Hedge' for CRTA will have been selected as work which offers new, different or unusual content, style or subject.

## Big Imaginations

This season we are super delighted to be part of the Big Imaginations Digital Festival. We are proud to present three brilliant pieces on CRTA and also to be part of the wider festival across venues in the North West.

Find out more at **www.bigimaginations.co.uk**

## Rural Touring Dance Initiative

We are delighted to be part of a 3 year RTDI programme from NRTF, The Place, Take Art and China Plate and funded by Arts Council, England.

The RTDI project is designed to increase the quality, quantity and diversity of dance in rural touring. This season we have 3 brilliant dance performances with us at CRTA, 'Confessions of a Cockney Temple Dancer', 'Leviathan' and 'The Little Prince'.

The RTDI will enable hundreds of rural performances to take place nationally as well as supporting dance artists, commissioning new work and creating opportunities for young people and communities to be involved in workshops and dance events.

To find out more visit the website:
**www.ruraltouringdance.com**
or contact Claire Smith, Project Manager
**claire@nrtf.org.uk**

RTDI is supported by Arts Council England. It is a partnership led by The National Rural Touring Forum with China Plate, The Place and Take Art.

# MUSIC

## Kiriki Club

**Kiriki Club combine musical flair and a raw, energetic performance style with the dizzy intimacy of a late night lock-in.**

With total disregard for borders, the club membership features players from Wales, Portugal, Austria and Birmingham. They harvest the music of their homelands, pluck the noises of Tejano, Exotica and Klezmer and scrape the soles of Rock 'n' Roll.

Expect songs in different languages, some re-imagined classics, vocal acrobatics and luscious harmonies.

The band has a dynamic stage presence and instrumentalists have a dazzling track record of collaborations with stars such as Jools Holland, Yasmin Levy and Robert Plant and regularly work with the Royal Shakespeare Company.

**Sunday 29th September – 7.30pm –** Upton by Chester Village Hall
01244 380 068
**Friday 15th November – 7.30pm –** Mollington Village Hall 01244 851 842
**Saturday 16th November – 7.30pm –** Great Budworth Parish Hall
01606 891 019 / 01606 624472

**www.kirikiclub.com | Suitable for ages 6+**

# THEATRE

## Nicholas Collett & Gavin Robertson

### *Done to Death, By Jove!*

**"The 39 Steps" meets "An Inspector Calls" via Agatha Christie and Midsomer Murders. A cast of 6 bring a comic flurry of suspects and characters together to discover who done what, and why...**

Except, well... 4 of the cast are stuck by the side of the road in the van, and only Gavin and Nick have managed to get to the venue... but 'the show must go on'...

Comic clichés from the Detective genre - lords and ladies, shady servants, secrets, motives and cunning police-work abound in this genre-busting comedy from the Masters of inventive silliness!

It's not a new idea, it's not a new plot – it's been DONE TO DEATH, BY JOVE! – but not like this! Promise.

**Friday 4th October – 7.30pm –** Neston Town Hall 0151 353 1928
**Saturday 5th October – 7.30pm –** Wincham Community Centre
07847 187 983 online tickets from **www.danarts.org**

**www.nicholascollett.com www.gavinrobertson.com | Suitable for ages 12+**

# CHILDREN

## The Bone Ensemble

### *Gulp!*

**An adventure story about water. Maya LOVES water! Swimming in the sea, splashing in her paddling pool, squirting her sister with a water pistol... But, one summer day, she gets sucked up the bathroom tap - SQUOOSH! - and along the water pipes! WHOOAAHHHH! She gets spluttered out in a new land.**

Following a child's natural curiosity to find out and understand more about the world beyond their own life experience, it's also a story about the beauty and challenges of water in an age of oil, plastic and climate change.

**Monday 7th October –** St Bernard's School – Closed Performance
Presented in partnership with Action Transport Theatre

# CHILDREN

## Gav Cross

### *Traditional Tales with a Twist!*

**Come and join Gav Cross in his PopUp Story Cave for a family friendly storytelling session.**

Silly stories that guarantee a giggle.
Traditional tales told from a new point of view.
Folk tales from around the world and from across the counties.

'Gav Cross tells stories that are so vivid you'll think they were memories'
Audience member

'...families turned up day after day to go back to hear more and his amazing pop-up creates the perfect atmosphere....' Storyhouse Chester

*Part of Big Imaginations Festival with over 95 of the best theatre performances in 30 venues in the North from 11 October to 3rd November 2019.*

**Friday 11th October – 2pm –** The Fallibroome Academy, Macclesfield
01625 627 258
**Saturday 12th October – 11am –** Lache Community Centre 01244 972546
(Doors open 10am) / There will be a free arts workshop from 12-1 after this show with lunch

**www.gavcross.co.uk | Suitable for age 5+ and families**

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More information can be found at www.cheshireruraltouringarts.co.uk

# MUSIC

## FreePlay
### *A Cappella around the World*

**Using only their voices and innovative live looping techniques, international vocal sensation FreePlay sings you around the world without leaving your seat. New York jazz, British favourites, European classical, Indian ragas and Brazilian samba: FreePlay does it all, a cappella.**

Partners in music and in life, Canadians Dylan Bell and Suba Sankaran delight in sharing their unique and virtuosic a cappella style around the world, with performances in over 20 countries across 6 continents in support of their new album 'Go Back Forward'.

'Beautiful and impressive' Sara Davey, The Swingles

'A must see of the Fringe' Clare Watson, Edinburgh Fringe

**Friday 18th October – 7.45pm –** Frodsham Community Centre
07763 766 162 (tickets from this number or online, not the venue)
**Saturday 19th October – 7.30pm –** Little Budworth Jubilee Hall
01829 760 422

**www.freeplayduo.com** | **Suitable for ages 7+** but aimed at an adult audience

# THEATRE

## What a Little Bird Told Me Theatre
### *When did you stop dancing?*

**Using 5 pairs of silver shoes and a witty text, Rachel Mc Bride tells the true story of the Dancing Plague of 1518 whilst asking what does it means when we stop dancing today?**

A performance with perfectly pitched movement that explores female solidarity, what it costs to take a stand, and to stand together… and how to find your groove again.

Told with a charming movement language, and a text full of pop culture references, tenderness and truly terrible jokes this is a brave and beautiful show that gets audiences laughing, crying and dancing.

'Through a true story from 1518 the audience is taken on a journey to explore ideas which are just as relevant today leading us through outrage, sadness and laughter.' Katy Taylor. Artistic Director and CEO – Queens Hall, Hexham

'A beautiful, honest piece of work …a bold and uplifting piece' Audience member

**Friday 18th October – 7.30pm –** The Goodwill Hall, Faddiley 01270 524 441
**Saturday 19th October – 7.30pm –** Audlem Scout and Guide Hall
01270 811 250, online or email tava325@gmail.com

**www.matthewlinley.com** | **Suitable for ages 14+ contains some swearing and adult themes**

# DANCE/THEATRE

## Altered Skin
### *Confessions of a Cockney Temple Dancer*

**Shane Shambhu reveals his secret life as a "fat kid" in the cultural melting pot of East London to international performer in a bedazzling mix of comedy, theatre and dance. He rips up ideas of race, language and culture and re-imagines them to leave you with gestures of hope.**

From an unlikely dance student to "rude" boy, to marketing manager to international performer his story is told through a fresh and captivating blend of laugh-out loud comedy, impeccable characterisations and mesmerising dance.

With his inimitable wit and charm Shambhu has discovered a fresh approach through funny and moving insights on his dedicated study of the classical Indian dance form of bharatanatyam and a multi-lingual script. A show like no other.

'… a tour de force, and something very unusual. It is entertaining, insightful and a journey of some cultural significance too – and really very unexpectedly funny. This is not something to be missed.' Asian Culture Vulture

*There will be an opportunity to talk with Shane and ask questions after each performance. Accompanied by a taste of Indian snacks at Weaver Hall and Tarvin.*

**Saturday 19th October – 7.30pm –** Weaver Hall Museum 01606 271 640
**Saturday 9th November – 7.30pm –** Tarvin Community Centre 01829 741 962
**Sunday 10th November – 7.45pm –** Goostrey Village Hall 01477 544 467 / 07940 579 723 | Indian meal, 6.00pm for 6.30pm plus a free drink within ticket price

**www.alteredskin.org** | **Suitable for ages 12+**

# THEATRE

## Odd Doll
### *Seaside Terror*

**It's dark, strange and very funny.**

Odd Doll take a trip to the seaside, where they find more than they bargained for. The only other inhabitant of the dilapidated pier is a rather sinister ice cream man. And he's got some very strange stories to tell…

His mind-boggling collection of hysterical horrors includes Evil Seagulls, Zombie Donkeys, and Bingo Hairballs. Seaside Terror is a celebration of the British horror and British holidays of the 1970s. Odd Doll use their trademark brew of puppetry, clown and specially composed music to fill the stage with fun frights and nerve-shattering shocks.

The show is often described as a mixture between The League of Gentlemen TV series and Roald Dahl stories with a full-size side of an ice cream van as a set.

**Friday 25th October – 7.30pm –** Crewe Lyceum Theatre Studio
01270 368 242
**Saturday 26th October – 7.30pm –** The Electric Picture House, Spindle Mill, Congleton 01260 270 908

**www.odddoll.co.uk/show/seasideterror** | **Suitable for ages 12+**



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# AUTUMN DIARY

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| DATE | TIME | WHO | WHAT | WHERE | POSTCODE | TELEPHONE | ARTFORM |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sunday 29th September | | Kiriki Club | Kiriki Club | Upton-by-Chester Village hall | CH2 1HX | 01244 380 068 | Music |
| Friday 4th October | | Nicholas Collett | Done to Death by Jove! | Neston Town Hall | CH64 9TR | 0151 353 1928 | Theatre |
| Saturday 5th October | | Nicholas Collett | Done to Death by Jove! | Wincham Community Centre | CW9 6EP | 07847 187 983 | Theatre |
| Monday 7th October | | The Bone Ensemble | Gulp! | St Bernards School, Ellesmere Port | CH65 5EW | For School only | Theatre/Children |
| Friday 11th October | | Gav Cross | Digital Storytelling | The Fallibroome Academy | SK10 4AF | 01625 627 258 | Spoken Word/Family |
| Saturday 12th October | | Gav Cross | Digital storytelling | Lache Community Centre | CH4 8HX | 01244 972 546 | Spoken Word/Family |
| Friday 18th October | | FreePlay | A Capella Around the World | Frodsham Community Centre | WA6 7QN | 07763 766162 | Music |
| Saturday 19th October | | FreePlay | A Capella Around the World | Little Budworth Jubilee Hall | CW6 9BU | 01829 760 422 | Music |
| Friday 18th October | | What a Little Bird Told Me Theatre | When Did You Stop Dancing? | The Goodwill Hall, Faddiley | CW5 8HY | 01270 524 441 | Theatre |
| Saturday 19th October | | What a Little Bird Told Me Theatre | When Did You Stop Dancing? | Audlem  Scout and Guide Hall | CW3 0AL | 01270 811 250 | Theatre |
| Saturday 19th October | | Altered Skin | Confessions of a Cockney Temple Dancer | Weaver Hall Museum | CW9 8AB | 01606 271 640 | Dance/Theatre |
| Friday 25th October | | Odd Doll | Seaside Terror | Crewe Lyceum Theatre Studio | CW1 2DA | 01270 368 242 | Theatre |
| Saturday 26th October | | Odd Doll | Seaside Terror | The Electric Picture House, Congleton | CW12 1QN | 01260 270 908 | Theatre |
| Saturday 26th October | | James Wilton | Leviathan | Crewe Lyceum Theatre Studio | CW1 2DA | 01270 368 242 | Dance |
| Wednesday 30th October | | Stitch Brothers | Patchwork Wonders | Lion Salt Works | CW9 6ES | 01606 275 066 | Theatre/Children |
| Friday 8th November | | Matthew Lindley | The Mystery of the Raddlesham Mumps | Tarvin Community Centre | CH3 8LY | 01829 741 962 | Theatre/Children |
| Friday 8th November | | Emily Hennessey and Sheema | The Ramayana | Kingsley Community Centre | WA6 8ED | 07935 331 982 | Theatre |
| Saturday 9th November | | Emily Hennessey and Sheema | The Ramayana | St Marys Creative Space, Chester | CH1 2DW | 01606 79348 | Theatre |
| Saturday 9th November | | Altered Skin | Confessions of a Cockney Temple Dancer | Tarvin Community Centre | CH3 8LY | 01829 741 962 | Dance/Theatre |
| Sunday 10th November | | Altered Skin | Confessions of a Cockney Temple Dancer | Goostrey Village Hall | CW4 8PE | 01477 544 467 / 07940 579 723 | Dance/Theatre |
| Friday 15th November | | Kiriki Club | Kiriki Club | Mollington Village Hall | CH1 6NT | 01244 851 842 | Music |
| Saturday 16th November | | Kiriki Club | Kiriki Club | Great Budworth Parish Hall | CW9 6HL | 01606 891 019 / 01606 624 472 | Music |
| Friday 22nd November | | Gonzo Moose | Once Upon a Time | Neston Town Hall | CH64 9TR | 0151 353 1928 | Theatre |
| Saturday 23rd November | | Gonzo Moose | Once Upon a Time | Plumley Village Hall | WA16 0TR | 01565 722 259 | Theatre |
| Saturday 23rd November | | Res Publica | The Peoples String Foundation | Cuddington and Sandiway Village Hall | CW8 2LB | 01606 888 931 | Music/Theatre |
| Sunday 24th November | | Res Publica | The Peoples String Foundation | Gawsworth Village Hall | SK11 9QY | 01625 619 449 | Music/Theatre |
| Friday 29th November | | Churchfitters | Christmas Cracker | Kelsall Community Centre | CW6 0SB | 01829 751 031 | Music |
| Saturday 30th November | | Churchfitters | Christmas Cracker | Little Sutton Library | CH66 1QQ | 0151 337 6800 | Music |
| Sunday 1st December | | Churchfitters | Christmas Cracker | Kettleshulme Village Hall | SK23 7QU | 01663 719 221 | Music |
| Thursday 6th February 2020 | | Protein | The Little Prince | The Fallibroome Academy | SK10 4AF | 01625 627 258 | Dance |



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# ACCESS INFORMATION

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| CREWE LYCEUM | |
| CUDDINGTON & SANDIWAY VILLAGE HALL | |
| FRODSHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE | ONLY IN PART OF THE BUILDING |
| GAWSWORTH VILLAGE HALL | 3 |
| GOOSTREY VILLAGE HALL | |
| GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH HALL | |
| KELSALL COMMUNITY CENTRE | 1 tsr |
| KETTLESHULME VILLAGE HALL | osp 1 |
| LACHE COMMUNITY CENTRE | |
| LION SALT WORKS, NORTHWICH | |
| LITTLE BUDWORTH JUBILEE HALL | |
| LITTLE SUTTON LIBRARY | |
| MOLLINGTON VILLAGE HALL | |
| *NESTON TOWN HALL | |
| PLUMLEY VILLAGE HALL | |
| ST MARY'S CREATIVE SPACE | osp |
| TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE | |
| THE ELECTRIC PICTURE HOUSE, CONGLETON | VENUE ON FIRST FLOOR WITH NO LIFT ACCESS. PLEASE CONTACT THE VENUE FOR FURTHER ACCESS INFORMATION. |
| THE FALLIBROOME ACADEMY | |
| UPTON-BY-CHESTER VILLAGE HALL | |
| WEAVER HALL MUSEUM | |
| WHITBY HALL STUDIO, ELLESMERE PORT | |
| WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE | |

## Key

- P — Main car park / reservable parking upon request
- Designated parking within car park and / or close to entrance
- Inclined / ramp approach down to entrance
- Inclined / ramp approach up to entrance
- Inclined / ramp approach down from entrance
- Level entrance
- 1 — Total number of steps to entrance
- Wheelchair access at side / rear
- Lift / Platform Lift
- WC — Standard WC facility only
- Wheelchair accessible toilet
- Induction loop
- Infra red system
- osp — On street parking
- tsr — Transfer space restricted

* Additional on-street parking is available on drive closer to main entrance.

** There are several minor changes in floor level on 1st floor route to the performance space but all are step-free.

**For all other venues not listed here, please contact the venues directly for access information.**



# VENUES

| VENUE | POSTCODE | CONTACT | TELEPHONE | EMAIL / WEBSITE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Audlem Scout and Guide Hall | CW3 0AL | | 01270 811 250 | tava325@gmail.com |
| Crewe Lyceum | CW1 2DA | | 01270 368 242 | www.crewelyceum.co.uk |
| Cuddington and Sandiway Village Hall | CW8 2LB | Helen Webster | 01606 888 931 | Helen@websterfamily.co.uk |
| Frodsham Community Centre | WA6 7QN | | 07763 766 162 | janemooney610@gmail.com |
| Gawsworth Village Hall | SK11 9QY | Andrew Bennett | 01625 619 449 | andrew-bennett@sky.com |
| The Goodwill Hall, Faddiley | CW5 8HY | Janice Wycherley | 01270 524 441 | jwycherley@madasafish.com |
| Goostrey Village Hall | CW4 8PE | Janet Ollier | 01477 544 467 / 07940 579723 | janet.ollier@gmail.com |
| Great Budworth Parish Hall | CW9 6HL | Janet / Katy | 01606 891 019 / 01606 624472 | david.hiett@virgin.net / katyhopkinson@uwclub.net |
| Kelsall Community Centre | CW6 0SB | Jim Struthers | 01829 75 1031 | jim.struthers2@gmail.com |
| Kettleshulme Village Hall | SK23 7QU | Jo Butler | 01663 719 221 | jo.butler@kettleshulme.org |
| Kingsley Community Centre | WA6 8ED | Anne Kavanagh | 07935 331 982 | anne.kavanagh1234@gmail.com |
| Lache Community Centre | CH4 8HX | | 01244 972546 | TheVenue@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk |
| Lion Salt Works, Northwich | CW9 6ES | | 01606 275 066 | www.lionsaltworks.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk |
| Little Budworth Jubilee Hall | CW6 9BU | Joan Johnson | 01829 760 422 | joan@johnsonlb.plus.com |
| Little Sutton Library | CH66 1QQ | | 0151 337 6800 | littlesutton.library@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk |
| Mollington Village Hall | CH1 6NT | Christine Jones | 01244 851 842 | chrisjones@hotmail.co.uk |
| Neston Town Hall | CH64 9TR | Pat Kynaston | 0151 353 1928 | pat.kynaston@btinternet.com |
| Plumley Village Hall | WA16 0TR | Harry Allen | 01565 722 259 | tickets@plumleyvillagehall.co.uk |
| St Marys Creative Space, Chester | CH1 2DW | | 01606 79348 | create@mr&mrstheatre.co.uk |
| Tarvin Community Centre | CH3 8LY | Sue Hardacre | 01829 741 962 | bandshardacre@btinternet.com |
| The Electric Picture House, Spindle Mill, Congleton | CW12 1QN | Petra Lea | 01260 270 908 | electricpicturehouse@gmail.com |
| The Fallibroome Academy | SK10 4AF | Lindsey Evans | 01625 627 258 | eva@fallibroome.org.uk |
| Upton by Chester Village Hall | CH2 1HX | Geoff Newton | 01244 380 068 | geoffreynewton008@btinternet.com |
| Weaver Hall Museum | CW9 8AB | | 01606 271 640 | |
| Whitby Hall Studio, Ellesmere Port | CH65 9AE | Action Transport Theatre | 0151 357 2120 | boxoffice@actiontransporttheatre.org |
| Wincham Community Centre | CW9 6EP | Debs May | 07847 187983 | debs.may@hotmail.com |

# DANCE

## James Wilton Dance
### *Leviathan*

**Leviathan follows Ahab, a ship captain hell-bent on capturing the white whale, Moby Dick, a beast as vast and dangerous as the sea itself, yet serene and beautiful beyond all imagining. Ahab's crew are drawn into the unhinged charisma of their captain, blindly following him on his perilous adventure towards almost certain destruction.**

Multi-award winning choreographer James Wilton re-imagines Herman Melville's seminal novel, Moby Dick. Featuring a cast of six, Wilton's trademark blend of athletic dance, martial arts, capoeira and partner-work, Leviathan will have you on the edge of your seat. It will leave you gasping for air under the sheer ferocity of movement, all accompanied by a powerful electro-rock soundtrack by Lunatic Soul.

Leviathan is man versus nature; be careful what you fish for.

'Easily the most exciting piece of contemporary dance I have seen in a long time. Elegant, aggressive, graceful, rhythmic, thought provoking, mesmerising. Go see it.' Audience member

*There will be a curtain raiser performance by the Crew based Dope Male Performance Company.*

**Saturday 26th October – 7.45pm –** Crewe Lyceum Theatre Studio
01270 368 242

**www.jameswiltondance.org.uk** | **Suitable for ages 8+**

# CHILDREN/MUSIC

## Stitch Brothers
### *Patchwork Wonders*

**Patchwork Wonders is a genre-bursting mix of live beat boxing, imagery, surround sound, words, electronica, jazz, hip hop and South Asian classical folk music.**

As an audience you are invited into the world of the stitch brothers.

It's a magical, dreamlike world full of sounds and projected images and stories. But not stories as we might usually know them. There's no once upon a time in this world.

Instead you can expect to be surrounded by a feast of wonderful music and brilliant visuals all made just for you in front of your very eyes!

A collaborative project from Jason Singh, Arun Ghosh and Fabric Lenny with producer Matthew Linley.

*Part of Big Imaginations Festival with over 95 of the best theatre performances in 30 venues in the North from 11 October to 3rd November 2019.*

**Wednesday 30th October – 11am –** Lion Salt Works, Northwich
01606 275 066

**www.matthewlinley.co.uk** | **Suitable for ages 5 – 8 year olds and families**

Arun Ghosh **www.camoci.co.uk/arunghosh**
Fabric Lenny **www.fabriclenny.info** Jason Singh **www.jasonsinghthing.com**

# CHILDREN

## Matthew Linley Creative Projects
In association with Action Transport Theatre and Eastern Angles presents **Murray Lachlan Young's**
### *The Mystery of the Raddlesham Mumps*

**A 'theatrical treat' thats perfect for lovers of Harry Potter, Tim Burton, Lemony Snicket and The Brothers Grimm!**

After the windswept double funeral of his parents, 7-year-old Crispin (or Crispin de Quincy de Faversham Clumps to give him his full name) inherits his ancestral home – Raddlesham Mumps. He finds himself in a huge empty house with only an ancient butler for company. And when that butler, Kenilworth, begins to tell him about the bizarre and hilarious deaths of his deeply eccentric ancestors the story takes flight on darkly comic wings.

Celebrated poet and broadcaster MURRAY LACHLAN YOUNG (Radio 4, Radio 2 and BBC 6 Music poet in residence,) stars in this thrilling new family performance perfect for audiences young and old!

The acclaimed Raddlesham Mumps mixes compelling story telling with a brilliant musical score (by Arun Ghosh), oodles of theatricality and a touch of exquisite silliness.

*This is a BSL signed performance*

**Friday 8th November – 6pm –** Tarvin Community Centre 01829 741 962

**www.raddleshammumps.co.uk www.murraylachlanyoung.co.uk** | **Suitable for ages 7+**

# THEATRE

## Emily Hennessey & Sheema Mukherjee
### *The Ramayana*

**Deep in the forest where Rama & Sita live in exile, eyes watch their every move and the universe shimmers with illusion.**

When Sita is kidnapped by the ten-headed demon king, Rama needs all the help he can get. Who better to have on your side than a shape-shifting monkey?

But there's only one thing worse than a bloodthirsty demon, and that's his Big Brother. As Rama lies helpless on the battlefield, it's time for Sita's little known story to unfold.

Storyteller Emily Hennessey and virtuosic musician Sheema Mukherjee conjure up a vivid, wild and beguiling world in this retelling of the much loved Indian epic.

Expect the unexpected.

**Friday 8th November – 7.30pm –** Kingsley Community Centre
07935 331 982
**Saturday 9th November – 7.30pm –** St Marys Creative Space, Chester
01606 79348

**www. emilyhennessey.co.uk** | **Suitable for ages 12+**



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# THEATRE

## Gonzo Moose

### *Once upon a time...*

**It was cold. It was dark. It was almost certainly snowing...**

Brothers Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm are about to publish the final volume of what will become the greatest collection of fairy tales ever published.

But on the eve of their greatest triumph, an old foe lets it be known that he intends to collect on an old debt.

Having previously thrilled audiences with hit shows *The Thing That Came From Over There* and *What the Dickens*, Gonzo Moose are back with a comedy fairy tale adventure bursting with physical comedy, absurd jokes and magical illusion.

★★★★★ 'A riot from start to finish'
Venue Magazine

'It was difficult to get people to leave because the atmosphere was so happy'
Promoter for Compton Bassett Village Hall, Wiltshire

**Friday 22nd November – 7.30pm –** Neston Town Hall 0151 353 1928
**Saturday 23rd November – 7.30pm –** Plumley Village Hall 01565 722 259

**www.gonzomoose.co.uk | Suitable for ages 7+**

# MUSIC/THEATRE

## The Peoples String Foundation

### *Res Publica*

**Res Publica is a brand new multi-media musical touring show from acclaimed South West band, The People's String Foundation. The show features accomplished musicianship, beautiful puppetry and stunning natural landscapes.**

The band packs a 32- piece Gypsy Orchestra into a suitcase and takes them on tour, inviting the audience on an incredible journey of discovery. Using music, puppetry, art, cinematography and animation all set to the backdrop of a 'Virtual Orchestra' on screen Res Publica is a unique project that combines many art forms to create one immersive and exhilarating show.

The second half of the show offers the audience the chance to hear The People's String Foundation's most popular songs and compositions from their time working as musical directors for companies such as Kneehigh and Rogue Theatre and The Minack.

'Bringing together sounds of an orchestra, puppetry and live performance, Res Publica is an original, honest, magical show not to be missed.'
Audience member, Caerhay's Estate Outdoor Cinema

**Saturday 23rd November – 7.30pm –** Cuddington and Sandiway Village Hall 01606 888 931
**Sunday 24th November – 7.30pm –** Gawsworth Village Hall 01625 619 449

**www.vimeo.com/282827412 | Suitable for ages 7+**

# MUSIC

## The Churchfitters

### *Christmas Cracker*

**The Churchfitters is a folk band like no other. A bass guitar made out of a frying pan. Heart-wrenching vocals accompanied by a musical saw. Foot-stompingly fast fiddle mixed with infectious funk-rock bouzouki. And traditional tunes reinvigorated with mesmerising jazz sax.**

The three virtuoso musicians from England and France strut their stuff on a stage that bristles with instruments - adding flute, banjo, dulcimer, tin whistle, guitar, ukulele, stand up dustbin bass and a sackful of percussion to their ensemble. And let's not forget the unique 'bing-bong' machine made out of hack-saw blades.

Their "Christmas Cracker" show is a mouth watering selection of traditional and original festive season songs which will see Christmas in with a bang, a paper hat-full of surprises, novelties – and some terrible jokes too!

**Friday 29th November – 7.30pm –** Kelsall Community Centre 01829 751 031
**Saturday 30th November – 7.30pm –** Little Sutton Library 0151 337 6800
**Sunday 1st December – 7.30pm –** Kettleshulme Village Hall 01663 719 221

**www.churchfitters.com | Suitable for ages 8+**

# DANCE

## Luca Silvestrini's Protein

The Little Prince

RURAL TOURING DANCE INITIATIVE

**Welcome to the incredible story of The Little Prince, retold in this dance and theatre show by a pilot stranded in the desert.**

Find out how the Little Prince leaves behind his own tiny asteroid and beloved rose and journeys through the universe, coming face to face with the baffling world of grown-ups! Have you ever heard of a king who reigns over nothing? Or a businessman obsessively counting stars?

Upon landing on planet Earth, the Little Prince is welcomed by a mysterious snake and a truly wise and friendly fox before encountering the lone pilot. Together they discover the power and beauty of friendship and the complexity of love.

**** "Charming, imaginative and playful" - The Stage

Based on the world-famous story by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, The Little Prince is brought to life using Protein's award-winning mix of dance, humour and spoken word. Protein's new show invites us to look at the world through one's heart and to reconnect with our inner child.

**Thursday 6th February 2020 – 1.30pm –** The Fallibroome Academy, Macclesfield 01625 627 258

**www.proteindance.co.uk | Suitable for ages 5+**





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To book for any of these events please call or email the venue direct at the number listed in the brochure.

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Book online:
**www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheshireruraltouringarts**

**Ticket prices range from £8 – £13**
**(lower prices for Children's shows)**

**www.cheshireruraltouringarts.co.uk**

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