

OPEN AIR INTERNATIONAL RECIPROCATION

This booklet lists UK Artistic Companies that Out There Arts suggest are suitable for consideration by international programmers.

This is not an exhaustive list of UK companies or their work. Additionally, many of these companies already showcase work internationally.

It is a dynamic and developing list over the next three years as part of this international reciprocity project: Open Air.

Open Air focuses on the international exchange of world-class outdoor arts. It is a three-year project spearheaded by the FRESH STREET #5k. Over the three years we hope to create an international and UK reciprocal exchange network that revitalises the exchange of world-class, tourable, quality outdoor work and innovates the outdoor arts as an effective means to engage with communities.



UK ARTISTIC COMPANY HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OUT THERE FESTIVAL



Dance

ALLEYNE DANCE

BONDED

BONDED, explores the construct of human dependency – especially that of siblings – and how time and external conditions can affect the synergetic connection. The work takes the audience through a transitional journey of inter- and-independency through abstract dance narrative.

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 2

No. People on the road: 2

Audience Size: *No limit*

Audience Type: *All ages*

Travel Requirements: *Set is kept in mainland Europe*

Notes:

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Outdoor Theatre

AVANTI DISPLAY

Crow

The show begins at twilight, with three musicians arriving for a gig. As the light fades, an inventive musical score is interrupted by ridiculous acts of conjuring, while poetry and projections suggest ideas both profound and absurd.

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 5

No. People on the road: 5

Audience Size: 200

Audience Type: All ages

Travel Requirements: Small van and flights/trains

Notes:

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Outdoor Theatre

AVANTI DISPLAY

Bit of Crow

Three musicians arrive but one chair remains empty. They wait. After some percussive restlessness, they begin a series of absurd music and cabaret routines. An onion is cut. Tears are shed. The audience are laughing but are not sure why.

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 5

No. People on the road: 5

Audience Size: 100

Audience Type: All Ages

Travel Requirements: Van and plane/train

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Circus - Comedy

CIRCUS PIDDLY

Circus Piddly

The UK's smallest bigtop presents a show jam packed with exhilarating action and a laugh a minute. Expect a 12-foot unicycle with a broken safety line, football freestyle with a custard cream, and the world premiere of something really stupid.

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 7

No. People on the road: 7

Audience Size: 300

Audience Type: 3-103

Travel Requirements: 4 vans and a car all towing caravans.

Notes: Can be done tentless or in different configurations.

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Walkabout - Comedy

COCOLOCO

PUSHMI-PULLYU

A beautiful performance which investigates the possibility of co-operation in a seemingly impossible situation. A tribute to the original Dr Dolittle character, playfully dissecting the arguments which swamp us in our contemporary world.

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 2

No. People on the road: 2

Audience Size: *Infinite*

Audience Type: *Family*

Travel Requirements: *Public Transport*

Notes:

Contact Details:

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Clowning

DARRYL J CARRINGTON

Out of the Box

This family-friendly comedy show is packed with surprises as an unlikely character and his mysterious box take you on a whirlwind of wonder. You'll never guess what's coming next!

Every time the box opens, it's a new adventure: trick shots, mini performances, and laugh-out-loud moments that invite everyone to join in the fun.

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 1

No. People on the road: 1

Audience Size: 10-100

Audience Type: *everyone is welcome*

Travel Requirements: *UK = car, int. = Plane/public transport.*

Notes:

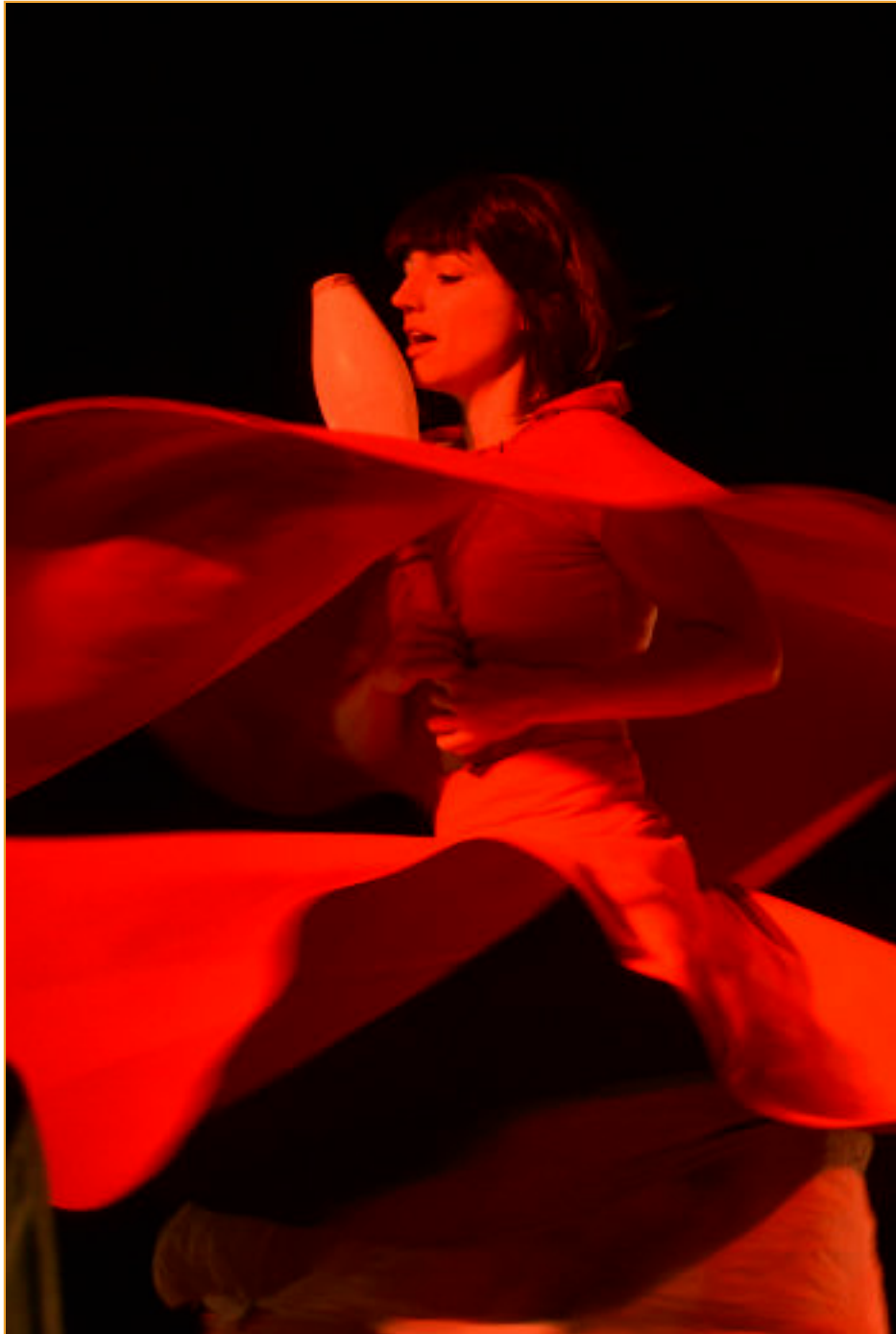
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Physical Theatre - Juggling - Dance

DULCE DUCA

UM BELO DIA

One Woman Intense Comic show

UM BELO DIA is a red pepper. On to which you put wings and it becomes a butterfly.

An Oneiric, metaphoric and surrealistic piece.

Physical theatre, dance and juggling also with her chin, mouth and tongue.

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 1

No. People on the road: 1

Audience Size: 300

Audience Type: *everyone is welcome*

Travel Requirements: *Plane/public transport.*

Notes:

Contact Details:

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Comedy - Roller Skating - Juggling

DULCE DUCA

UNSTOPPABLE

An intense female duo, in an eccentric street theatre comedy.

Hilarious and hocking, it combines roller skate juggling and street theatre in a scandalous and very original comedy.

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 2

No. People on the road: 2

Audience Size: 500

Audience Type: *everyone is welcome*

Travel Requirements: *Plane/public transport.*

Notes:

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Clowning

FRASER HOOPER

Fair Play

A carnival of delights, featuring dancing horses, maypole mayhem, revolving doors, magical doves and potato puppets. It's a cavalcade of comedy full of ridiculous routines where old school vaudeville meets new school clown from this world-class village idiot.

Info:

No. Performers: 1

No. People on the road: 1

Audience Size: 100-350

Audience Type: All ages

Travel Requirements: Train and plane

Notes:

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Circus - Dance - Technology

GORILLA CIRCUS

A.I.Thentic

Set in the not too distant future our protagonist is an isolated young man struggling to build meaningful connections. He finds himself increasingly interacting with his A.I. companion TAM who convinces him to seek connection in 'The Digiverse'. Is the Digiverse helping him to connect, or making him more isolated?

Info:

No. Performers: 10

No. People on the road: 10

Audience Size: 2000

Audience Type: 5+

Travel Requirements: *Large modified fire truck. Public transport for 10 people*

Notes:

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Nancy Berbank (Creative Producer) or Ezra Trigg (Artistic Director)



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Dance - Circus

JOLI VYANN

Drop Me If You Dare

'Drop Me If You Dare', is about the connection between two people, exploring the elements of strength and submission, weakness and control within their relationship. An exciting mix of dance and partner acrobatics.

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 2-3

No. People on the road: 2-3

Audience Size: 20-2000

Audience Type: All welcome

Travel Requirements: UK=van/train. Int. = flight/train.

Notes:

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Immersive installation

THE LOSERS ARCADE

The Losers Arcade

Putting the Fun back into Failure, the Losers Arcade is an immersive interactive games arcade where everyone is welcome to be their special mediocre self.

The antidote to society's obsession with winning, the Losers Arcade champions being average, taking part and not taking ourselves too seriously.

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 6-8

No. People on the road: 6-8

Audience Size: 100 per hour

Audience Type: 5-100

Travel Requirements: Van and trailer plus 4 flights

Notes:

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Acrobatics - Live Music

MANY HANDS CIRCUS

Obscure Desires

What do we long for? Connection, belonging, the courage to let go? Obscure Desires takes you on a visually stunning journey through the depths of human emotion—told through jaw-dropping acrobatics, live music, and powerful storytelling.

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 10

No. People on the road: 10

Audience Size: up to 2000

Audience Type: Family friendly

Travel Requirements: 2 cars, can also fly

Notes:

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Interactive Installation

MATTHEW HARRISON

Actual Reality Arcade

An interactive zone featuring life sized versions of classic Arcade games where people can play for real.

A highly engaging mix of fun, laughter and physical play. The arcade brings back nostalgic memories and creates many opportunities for new happy ones. It has proved hugely popular with players and audiences over the years and has brought joy and happiness wherever it has been.

Info:

No. Performers: 2-4

No. People on the road: 2-4

Audience Size: 1000 - 2000 per day

Audience Type: 4-100

Travel Requirements: *Dependent on no. of games: 1-2 vans*

Notes:

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Circus - Acrobatics

NOFIT STATE CIRCUS

BAMBOO

Arriving to an empty stage, a world of towering sculptures emerge out of piles of sticks. They morph, evolve and transform into an improbable, delicate playground inhabited by world-class circus artists. A meaningful, joyful performance with live music and great feats of strength and agility.

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 7

No. People on the road: 9

Audience Size: 100-1500

Audience Type:

Travel Requirements: *Van & trailer, public transport*

Notes:

Contact Details:

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Big Top Circus

NOFIT STATE CIRCUS

SABOTAGE // The Big Top

SABOTAGE challenges the status quo. Saboteurs stand out. They stand up. They challenge the establishment. They are heard. Boisterous, audacious and sexy, SABOTAGE is a rollercoaster ride of jaw-dropping circus skills and stunts where performers use every inch of the NoFit State Big Top to deliver incredible feats.

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 14

No. People on the road: 27

Audience Size: 710

Audience Type:

Travel Requirements: *Get in touch for details*

Notes:

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Interactive Installation

PAKA THE UNCREDIBLE

The Medusa Misfits

Put a coin in the slot and control the scenario via a simple reaction game. Make those Snakes Dance and strut there funky stuff to 70's disco soul and funk. Earn bonus points on the flaming revolving Mirror balls.

Info:

No. Performers: 3

No. People on the road: 3

Audience Size: 30

Audience Type: All ages types and sizes

Travel Requirements: Van & Trailer

Notes:

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Interactive Installation

PAKA THE UNCREDIBLE

Dragon Elsie

Elsie is sculpted from formed steel, found objects and surplus technology. She loves to dance so we play the tunes to facilitate her wishes, in an environment made from old Brass instruments she moves via pneumatics and is played on a piano. She of course breaths fire and smokes profusely.

Info:

No. Performers: 3

No. People on the road: 3

Audience Size: *Two versions available: 300 - thousands*

Audience Type: *All ages types and sizes*

Travel Requirements: *Van & Trailer*

Notes:

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Interactive walkabout

PAKA THE UNCREDIBLE

Flogging a dead horse: Rusty's Rampage

Rusty the Horse is visually extraordinary; a remote control kinetic entity that acts as a people magnet. With his own distinct character, philosophy and ego, he leaves the audience feeling they have met an odd but real horse.

Info:

No. Performers: 2

No. People on the road: 2

Audience Size: *Walkabout*

Audience Type: *All ages*

Travel Requirements: *Van*

Notes:

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Physical and Visual theatre

PIF-PAF

SEED

Meet Wilford - a Rockabilly-Treeplanting-Nomad. With his only friend Napoleon the chicken he's on the run from the Slugs. Will he get to plant his last Acorn and see it grow? Who will survive? How big can Slugs get? Find out in a 35 minute bonanza around his transforming Shed Home with action, live tuba, live trees, puppetry, water, pyro, and LOTS of Slugs.

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 1

No. People on the road: 1

Audience Size: *Up to several hundred*

Audience Type: *Family*

Travel Requirements: *Van*

Notes: *minimal language, has been performed in German and can be performed in punk Spanish or French.*

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Puppetry - Procession - Theatre

PUPPETS WITH GUTS

Zee and the City

One giant puppet. One buzzing city. One epic adventure.

Meet Zee, a fearless young girl from the heart of your city, who's mad about custom cars and buzzing bees. Zee's got big dreams for the future – and, this four-metre puppet invites you on a joyful journey through your city's past, present and future as she looks to find a home for the sounds of nature ...

Info:

No. Performers: 15

No. People on the road: 15

Audience Size: 2000-10,0000

Audience Type: Families

Travel Requirements: Luton van, Performer travel

Notes: Created for Bradford 2025

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Clowning - Physical Theatre

RAMSHACKLICIOUS

TRUTH!

The rebellion arrive - Full of hope, fiercely comic & on a mission to disrupt the public norm. The audience join in with the unfurling games, exploring power and control. A curious sense of excitement bubbles, uniting THE PEOPLE in a joyful riot of love!

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 5

No. People on the road: 8 people

Audience Size: 500

Audience Type: Suitable for all ages and family audiences

Travel Requirements: UK - 2 x vehicles, Int. - Flight/minibus

Notes:

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Installation

TINY PRODUCTIONS

Miniscule of Sound - 'The World's

A gentle parody of the ubiquitous 90s mega-club dance scene, the dinky micro boîte disco features all your rave party needs in a box not much bigger than your wardrobe – with lights, lasers, in-house DJs and an intimate 2 square metre Saturday Night Fever disco dancefloor, bathed in smoke and good times.

That is, of course, if you can get past the bouncers with their arbitrary rules & regulations!

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 5

No. People on the road: 5

Audience Size: 150 per hour

Audience Type: Any aged 8-80

Travel Requirements: Van (2-3 crew); 2-3 by train/plane

Notes:

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Dance - Martial Arts - Acrobatics

VANHULLE DANCE THEATRE

ORB

A mythological dance duet that ignites the cosmos, exploring the tension between connection and distance. Athletic, emotive, and filled with joy, this thrilling performance delves into the struggle of being together while still apart.

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 2

No. People on the road: 2

Audience Size: 350-500

Audience Type: 6+

Travel Requirements: *Minimal requirements*

Notes:

Contact Details:

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OTHER HIGHLIGHTED UK ARTISTIC COMPANIES





Dance

COMPANY CHAMELEON

Refuse

An emotive exploration of displacement, migration and asylum, highlighting the stories of those who leave their homeland in search of a better life.

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 6

No. People on the road: 6

Audience Size: *Any*

Audience Type: *Suitable for all ages*

Travel Requirements: *Van for set*

Notes:

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Dance

COMPANY CHAMELEON

Umbra

A powerful and nuanced trio, delicate and explosive in equal measures, looking at the darkness and light within all of us.

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 3

No. People on the road: 3

Audience Size: Any

Audience Type: Suitable for all ages

Travel Requirements: Basic

Notes:

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Clare Brennan

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Circus - Live music

FARM YARD CIRCUS

Farm Yard Circus

Expect a daring riot of astonishing acrobatics and juggling using hay bales, wheelbarrows and even an old tractor tyre! Thoughtfully woven together using physical theatre, folk dance and a boot-slappin' live score this production tells an uplifting tale of overcoming our differences.

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 10

No. People on the road: *Up to 17 (inc kids + family support)*

Audience Size: 700

Audience Type: *Suitable for all ages*

Travel Requirements: *1 van + 1 trailer, + artist travel*

Notes: *Artists can travel in their live-in vehicles*

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Juggling - Dance

GANDINI JUGGLING

Smashed

In Smashed, the manipulation of the forbidden fruit takes a sagacious look at the strained relations between seven men and two women, kindly playing traditional juggling and contemporary circus.

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 9

No. People on the road: 9

Audience Size: 500

Audience Type: All ages

Travel Requirements: No set, train/plane

Notes:

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Dance - Aerial

HIGHLY SPRUNG PERFORMANCE

Accelerate

Accelerate by Highly Sprung is a bold physical performance exposing our toxic relationship with energy. Blending dark humour, aerial spectacle and dynamic movement, it explores fuel poverty, mental resilience, and the urgent need for change as the planet pushes back. A compelling call to action in the face of climate crisis.

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 5

No. People on the road: 5

Audience Size: 300

Audience Type: 8 years +

Travel Requirements: Van and trailer

Notes:

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Dance - Aerial

HIGHLY SPRUNG PERFORMANCE

CastAway

CastAway by Highly Sprung is a powerful outdoor performance exploring plastic pollution and climate change. Featuring an all-female cast and a unique flying machine, it brings an underwater world to life. Inspired by the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, it challenges audiences to rethink waste, sustainability, and our impact on nature.

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 5

No. People on the road: 5

Audience Size: 500

Audience Type: 8 years +

Travel Requirements: Van and trailer

Notes:

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Instrument Maker - Songwriter

ICHI

Ichi

ICHI, from Nagoya in Japan(now based in South Wales), takes the notion of a one-man band to new limits, combining his quirky handmade instrument inventions (Stilt-bass, Kalilaphone, Balloon-pipes, Hatbox-pedal-drum, Tapumpet, Percussion-shoes & Hat-trick-hat) with steel-drum, ping-pong balls, toys & everyday objects all in the space of one short set.

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 1

No. People on the road: 1 (*sometimes also a driver*)

Audience Size: 1>1000

Audience Type: All ages and backgrounds

Travel Requirements: Car and additional baggage if flying

Notes:

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Credit: Rachel Hardwick www.rachelhardwick.co.uk

Outdoor Acrobatic Theatre

MIMBRE

Weight(less)

Experience the uplifting journey, where the resilience of three women shines through amidst life's challenges. With a blend of acrobatics, movement and humour, this heart-warming performance dismantles big problems into moments of laughter, celebrating hope and support.

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 3

No. People on the road: 3/4

Audience Size: *medium scale - dependent on seating provision*

Audience Type: *All*

Travel Requirements: *Van*

Notes:

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Credit: Dan Tucker

Dance - Circus

MOTIONHOUSE

WILD

In our modern lives, is the wild still shaping our behaviour? Using powerful physicality, WILD creates an urban forest in the everyday of the city. Performers use dynamic choreography, acrobatic movement and hand-to-hand partnering to move through a forest of tall poles.

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 6

No. People on the road: 9

Audience Size: 1,500 - 2,000

Audience Type: Suitable for all ages

Travel Requirements: Van and plane/train

Notes:

Contact Details:

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Circus - Dance - Storytelling

POPPY PLOWMAN

Turk(ish)

Turk(ish) is a powerful solo show blending contemporary circus, dance and storytelling. Through humour and poetry Poppy explores identity, beauty standards and self acceptance in a way that is both deeply personal and universally resonant.

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 1

No. People on the road: 2-3

Audience Size: 200 indoors, 500 outdoors

Audience Type: Age 10+

Travel Requirements: Van

Notes: Available in English & French

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Circus - Dance

SIMPLE CYPHER

Roll Play

Prepare to be amazed by the explosive tricks and artful dexterity of Simple Cypher's newest outdoor production Roll Play. Three performers blur the boundaries between hip hop and circus, using intricate moves and virtuosic agility to give a captivating, cheeky and effortlessly cool performance.

[Video Link](#)

Info:

No. Performers: 3

No. People on the road: 3

Audience Size: Up to 500

Audience Type: All ages

Travel Requirements: Public Transport/Car

Notes:

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