



fool's PARADISE

STREET THEATRE & OUTDOOR ARTS

Spring Summer 2023





Welcome to Fool's Paradise Spring Summer 2023

Spring is on its way and the dark days of winter are drawing to a close. Get ready to greet the sun with our colourful and cost-effective listings of the best in outdoor performance.

This Spring/Summer brochure gives you just a taster of the acts we represent, and you will find so many more on our website www.foolsparadise.co.uk where there is something for everyone and for every type of event.

Whatever it is that you would like to create this year, a carnival, a fiesta, a celebration of your town or city or just a fun-filled family day out, we have an array of performers available, from jellyfish to jugglers.

If you are stretched for time, remember that we can help out by sending over suggestions for acts that are available for your event and preferably based not too far away, as that always helps to save on travel and hotel costs.

Good luck with whatever this summer brings for you. We hope it is stacked with sunny days and happy crowds, and we would love to hear from you. The office lines are open 9-5 Monday to Friday so if you want a chat do call on 01392 454160 or email fools@foolsparadise.co.uk

All the best
Rachel, Georgia, Ami, Jo, Nicki, Linda and Lindsey



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TREEMENDOUS

Towering over the crowd these detailed costumes are guaranteed to grab attention as well as create perfect photo opportunities. Fully mobile and armed with an arsenal of tree-mendous tree related humour.

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THE PIGEONS

Expect cooing, pecking and curiosity. Keep an eye on your belongings and try not to feed the Pigeons. The Pigeons are in love and can follow each other around all day, flapping and tapping.

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THE PILOTS

Chief captain Tom Jones and his hapless and hopeless co-pilot Colin Jones are proudly flying the flag for their new bargain travel tour operator Bucket Airlines.

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ELTON WRONG

You'll be laughing like children and living like lovers as Elton brings an instant stadium gig to your town. A sneaky peek into the crazy world of pop music, super stardom, world domination and.....The Lion King, with songs you'll know and plenty of comedy too. Are you ready for love?

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FLOCK

Meet Heidi and Henrietta, two Herdwick sheep who have ventured down from the Lakeland fells to proudly show off their quintuplet lambs nestled in a beautiful old-fashioned pram.

They aim to bring the serenity and beauty of the Cumbrian hills to towns, events and agricultural shows (who knows, they may even win a rosette).

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CABEZONAS

Cabezonas are made with all things recycled and inspired by a variety of women figures including the Colombian Pachamama or Mother Earth. They are made in the style of Latin American carnival characters, which have big heads. The heads and costumes were made by hand over the two years of lockdown producing a unique and vibrant strolling performance that is carnival itself.

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LUMENS

The Lumens quad stilt duo embody everything that is alien, unusual and exotic but also sculptural and architectural. They are covered in colour changing fibre optic lights and the mirrored suits they wear reflect and enhance the lights and their surroundings. Their movement is robotic, their manner, interested and they are a rich feast for the eyes.

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A LA PUPPET CARTE

Each mobile stage is a puppet show full of surprises, fun and a heart-warming story of friendship and a sense of home. In “The Story of the Scary Noise”, a doting daddy finds the unexpected (and adorable) source of a mysterious sound. In “The Magic Samovar”, a Persian tea urn reveals a compelling puzzle of secrets, objects and characters.

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INVISIBLE MAN

Contained and stewarded by his mysterious doctor, witness the scientific marvel and learn more about how he came to (not) be. The Invisible Man is a two-person walkabout/promenade street theatre show, introducing the audience to a live action, mobile, translucent man.

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FALCONRY DISMAY

Showcasing the extraordinary talents of three majestic birds of prey and their expert handler, you will belly laugh through the raucous ride that is Falconry Dismay. Anarchic, wild and....educational?

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CURIOUS CREATURES

Three curious creatures enthrall and delight passers-by as they dance, interact and surprise in this fun, curiously unique, roaming street theatre dance show for all ages.

Watch as these playful, mop like creatures, interact with each other and the space around them, inviting members of the public to explore and be creative with them.

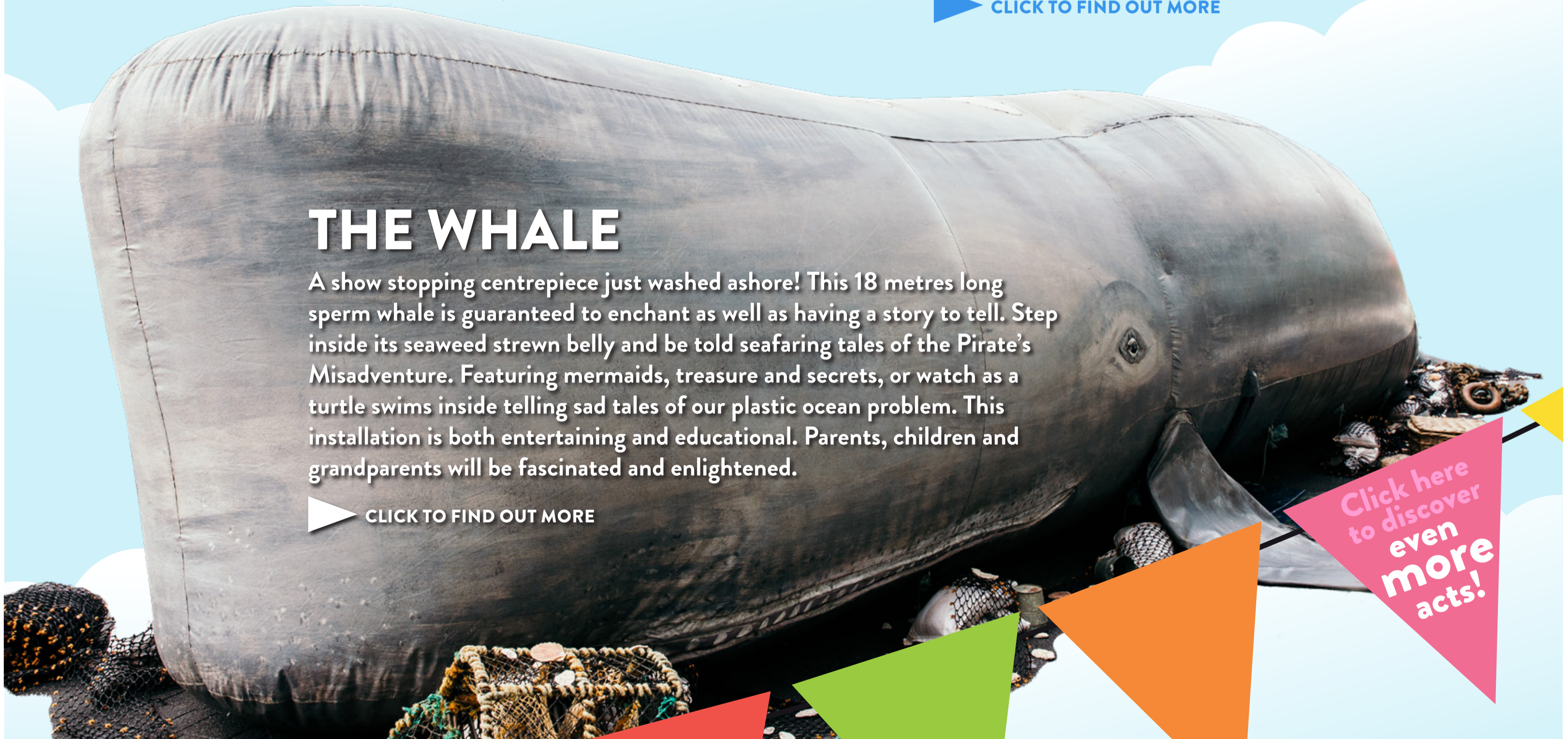
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THE WHALE

A show stopping centrepiece just washed ashore! This 18 metres long sperm whale is guaranteed to enchant as well as having a story to tell. Step inside its seaweed strewn belly and be told seafaring tales of the Pirate's Misadventure. Featuring mermaids, treasure and secrets, or watch as a turtle swims inside telling sad tales of our plastic ocean problem. This installation is both entertaining and educational. Parents, children and grandparents will be fascinated and enlightened.

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WHAT THE TORTOISE TAUGHT US

Zelva is the oldest and wisest giant puppet tortoise who plods along with her keeper, encouraging us all slow down. All ages will be delighted by Zelva as she always seems to be hungry and can easily be swayed where food is concerned, or simply by a hug. Her human keeper has all the facts about this gentle giant, great for any ecology and education events. Hares not welcome!

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RAINBOW STILT WALKERS

The Rainbow Stilt Walkers are colourful upbeat roaming stilt walkers. They are a fabulous addition to a parade, carnival, or street event.

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MYSTIC MIRROR GLOBE

A magical world of mirrors that spin and crack open at the press of a button. The Mystic Mirror Globe is full of unique custom-made, interactive special effects. A wise mystic sits inside the mirror world quietly taking in her curious spectators. Will she select you? After dusk the illuminations inside the Globe are spectacular with lighting effects that set the scene and bounce off the mirrors.

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ROO'D

Giant bouncing Kangaroos, with an ability to be cheeky, funny and cuddly all at the same time. A unique character walkabout with plenty of Aussie-style humour

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KITSCH KAFÉ

Pamela and Gordon and their mobile 'rolling buffet' bring you all that was great about food in the 60s and 70s. Our resident food experts recreate the lost arts of "piping mashed potato for pleasure and profit" "Fun with Spam" and many many more. Add virtuoso stylophone, a gallery of genuine terrifying 60's recipes and the worst in easy listening music and you have yourself an irresistible cocktail of starch, funk and indigestion.....the perfect family meal.

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HIPPOCHONDRIAC

Part animal and part mechanical, Hieronymus the hippo is feeling under the weather. Fortunately, his companion doctor/mechanic is only too eager to show you what's under the bonnet to diagnose the problem. What follows is an array of puppet shows built into the troubled creature revealing the origin of his malaise.

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PRAYING MANTAS

Don't be fooled by these guys with snappy claws, antenna and bug eyes. The fluorescent stilt walking creatures are lovable really and love nothing more than a playful hug! They also dance and get into all sorts of trouble, adding a unique twist to your event.

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BOX

Strange sounds and notes are heard from within and it soon becomes clear that what's inside is keen to get out. Gradually a myriad of eyes, feet, claws and wings begin to emerge as creatures appear from all sides. This bottomless box contains an impossible collection of wondrous beasts and bizarre beings in an explosion of tap dancing, puppetry, contortion, shadow puppets, acrobatics and music.

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