

IN OUR TIMES 2019



★ COLLECTIVE ENCOUNTERS CELEBRATING 15 YEARS ★

TONIGHT'S LINE UP

ACT ONE

Welcome!

Simon Mellor (Deputy Director of Arts Council England) launches the night.



Keep Pushing

Our 2018 protest music video.



Crackety Crack

Other Theatres members perform an extract from Cracked, first staged 2016.



A Participants' Perspective

Jane Pratt talks about her experiences.



The Collective Encounter

Poetry readings from our new collection. Donate to our Kickstarter campaign and get a copy!



We're Here

A short film, launched at Liverpool Pride, 2018.



Soapbox Moment

Abi Horsfield (CE Outreach Director) talks for 1 min. about the work.



What would you change?

We'd like to know one thing you'd like to change



The Can't Can't

Originally created for Wealth is Health in 2015, specially revised for tonight.



INTERVAL

Perfect opportunity to donate to our kickstarter campaign!

ACT TWO

Champions

4th Act members perform extracts from Champions (2018).



Sefton Young Carers

Screening of this short film made in 2016.



A Partner's Perspective

Anne Doyle from Liverpool City Council talks about partnership and impact.



The Collective Encounter

More from our new poetry collection.



Home

An extract from our Youth Theatre's new piece, to tour next Autumn.



Soapbox Moments

Anne Gorton and Anthony Scott talk for 1 min. each about the work.



Quality of Life

What one thing would improve your quality of life?



Looking Forward

Sarah Thornton (CE Artistic Director) talk briefly about what's ahead.



The Manifesto

Launching our new Manifesto! Performed for the first time tonight!



Ship of Fearless Wonder

A song of hope first performed in Smoke & Mirrors, 2008.

15 REASONS TO CELEBRATE

In the last 15 years...

- 1 11,000 people have taken part in our workshops.
- 2 25,000 people have seen our shows.
- 3 72% of our audiences don't usually access the arts.
- 4 We've generated £2.5 million of investment into the city.
- 5 We've employed more than 180 arts professionals.
- 6 We've hosted 200+ international guests at conferences.
- 7 We've shared our work at events in 10 different countries.
- 8 We've made on average 3 new productions per year.
- 9 We've worked in partnership with over 70 organisations.
- 10 We've supported 120 students and emerging artists.
- 11 We've trained 180 arts professionals.
- 12 We've brought theatre into 115 community venues.
- 13 We've continued to learn and evolve our practice.
- 14 We've consistently maintained our ethical approach.
- 15 We've weathered financial catastrophe and rampant cuts.



THE COMPANY

Performing live tonight are: Abdel Kurdi, Abi Horsfield, Ahmed Bukhari, Alma Brown, Andrew Arthur, Anne Gorton, Anthony Scott, Aggie Chapman, Ben Mellor, Brian Shortall, David McIlwraith, Denise Kennedy, Ellie Giblin, Felix Mufti-Wright, Jane Pratt, Jay Cast, Joan Pinnington, John Burns, John Paul Swaine, June Hudson, Keith Barber, Lana Oates, Levi Gould, Lily Maher, Lyn Rotherham, Majid Shemsedin, Meg James, Mohammed Hussein, Paul Regan, Robert Scott, Sheree Kenton, Tim Bowman, Tina Curtis, Val Burton.



Co-directed by Sarah Thornton (Artistic Director), Abi Horsfield (Outreach Director) and Ben Mellor (Youth Theatre Director). **Musical Director** is James Breckon.



Produced by Annette Burghes (Executive Director), Harriet Warnock (General Manager), Alex Fergusson (Marketing & Development Coordinator) and Fiona Hilton (Production Manager).

Crew and volunteers for tonight's event include: Ailis Lord, Andrew Abrahamson, Anna Rymer, Anne-Marie Lemdain, Ashleigh Huntsman, David Roberts, Emma Dyson, Emma Hirons, John-Paul Smith, Louis Holmes, Ruairi O'Hare, Stephen Rothwell.



Other artists whose work has been featured tonight through film or song, or who have been instrumental in developing the work we have staged include: Aggie Chapman, Aidan Jolly, Alex Ferguson, Andy Frizell, Anne Marie Lemdani, Annie Woodson, Bekah Sloan, Cassius James, Claire Jones, Craig Gamble, Dalina Suli, Danny Kilbride, David John, David Roberts, Dic Edwards, Duncan Parks, Francis Heap, Francis Marnell, Gareth Knight, Gavin Wood, Harriet Warnock, Hope Street Harmonies, John Dermody, John Ellis, John-Paul Smith, Karen Hayes, Liam Tobin, Linda Cash, Liz Rice, Lizzy Coombes, Loraine Fortune, Louis Holmes, Maggie Green, Mandy Redvers-Rowe, Margaret Marriette, Mark Ellis, Mary Cain, Matthew Elliot, Michael Roberts, Mike Neary, Pat Kewn, Richard Thompson, Ruairi O'Hare, Simon James, Sonya Moorhead, Steve Denton, Susan Wood, Tilo Prinbum, Wayne Doswell, Will Kelly.



TAKE ACTION!

5 REASONS WE NEED TO TAKE ACTION

- 1** Homelessness in the UK has doubled since 2010 and continues to rise. The average homeless woman dies aged just 43 and men aged 47.
- 2** Health inequality is at its worst since records began. In the UK today the rich have 19 years more healthy life expectancy than the poor.
- 3** The average Chief Exec in the UK earns 145 times more than the average worker. This figure continues to rise.
- 4** 3.9 million children in the UK are living in poverty; and 1,400 per year die of poverty related causes.
- 5** 1.9 million pensioners in the UK are living in poverty. That's 300,000 more than in 2012/13.

Find out more, stay in touch, or get involved:

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GET ACTIVE!

5 THINGS YOU COULD DO to make a difference...

1 **KICKSTARTER.** Help support our work by donating to our campaign and get a free anthology of poetry in return!

www.kickstarter.com/projects/collectiveencounter/the-collective-encounter

2 **EVERYONE IN - Crisis** has produced an action plan to end homelessness (not just rough sleeping) in 10 years. Campaign to persuade the government to act.

www.crisis.org.uk/get-involved/campaign/

3 **CAMPAIGN TO END CHILD POVERTY.** Get involved with local actions to tackle this mounting crisis.

www.endchildpoverty.org.uk

4 **REGISTER TO VOTE** and tell your M.P., M.E.P., and local councillors how you want them to represent you. Lobby for change.

www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

www.parliament.uk/get-involved/contact-your-mp

5 **FIND OUT ABOUT INEQUALITY.** Get informed about the scale of injustice, get angry and active .

www.equalitytrust.org.uk

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