

# Hullabaloo



## Welcome to The Hullabaloo

A very warm welcome to the first newsletter for schools and educators from Theatre Hullabaloo.

Theatre Hullabaloo is a pioneering organisation that makes, tours and promotes theatre for young audiences, aged 0-16 years old, because we believe that they are the most important audience of all.

We create work which puts the young person at the heart of the creative process. Our work is driven by the belief that young audiences have an entitlement to theatre of the highest quality which inspires the imagination and challenges the mind.

As many of you will be aware, this Christmas, in partnership with Darlington Borough Council, Theatre Hullabaloo opened The Hullabaloo, a new centre for creativity in childhood and a national centre of theatre for young audiences, in Darlington.

The Hullabaloo has been developed in consultation with children in some of our partner primary schools in Darlington and sets out to be an inspiring place to play and learn. We will be offering a programme of world-class performances for children from 0-12 years, creative play installations, storytelling and oral literacy projects, participatory sessions and workshops and a wide range of creative opportunities inspired by our audiences.

We share your commitment to ensuring that our children and young people have the best start in life and that they are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens and we know that the arts and creativity has an important part to play in achieving these outcomes.

We hope that all those involved in children's lives will recognise the opportunities that The Hullabaloo brings to our community, and we want to work with you to make sure that we can bring exceptional arts experiences that will inspire you and your children.

We look forward to welcoming you to The Hullabaloo.

Best wishes,

**Miranda Thain** Artistic Producer





### The Hullabaloo has two performance spaces; a studio theatre and a creative play space.

In our studio theatre, we will have a regular programme of world-class shows from across the UK and abroad for early years through to KS2 children to enjoy.

We opened the venue in December with Theatre Hullabaloo's own show for everyone aged 4 and above, Bear & Butterfly, a beautiful show about a changing friendship that was set within an immersive forest glade. We know lots of you came along to see the show and we hope that you and your class enjoyed this great introduction to visiting the theatre.

Our Spring season of shows starts in February 2018 with some of the best theatre for children. Take a look over the next couple of pages at the opportunities available for your school.

Our Creative Play space sits at the heart of the building and will be home to interactive play installations, storytelling, our workshops for babies and toddlers and special events for families.

The venue has opened with The Enchanted Forest creative play a magical forest installation featuring some very unusual trees. The creative play is designed to be open to the public for anyone to play when The Hullabaloo is open and can also be accessed by schools wishing to extend their visit to The Hullabaloo.

We want to support your visit as much as possible, so we are offering you:

- Free teacher places for group bookings
- Packed lunch spaces
- Follow-up activities and learning resources
- Ticket and transport deals

Our facilities are child-centred and our staff are very friendly - we'll even meet you from your bus!

We want The Hullabaloo to be as accessible as possible, so we will also be offering relaxed performances and BSL interpreted performances for audiences with additional needs.

Please let us know if there are other ways we can make your visit more comfortable.

**"Creativity is now as important in education as literacy, and we should treat it with the same status." Sir Ken Robinson**

## Arts Award & ArtsMark

We are very proud that The Hullabaloo is an Arts Award Centre and able to support our audiences and visitors to achieve their Arts Award and our schools to gain their ArtsMark.

Please contact us for more information about Arts Award programmes for Discover / Explore and Bronze through to Gold.

Theatre Hullabaloo is a pioneering

organisation that believes that creativity should be part of everybody's childhood. We are a National Portfolio Organisation of Arts Council England and a registered charity.

# Take Part



**The Hullabaloo is a fantastic resource for our community and for anyone interested in creativity and childhood. We are looking to develop a number of initiatives to make The Hullabaloo and the work we provide the best it can be, but we need your involvement to ensure we make a difference.**

## Lullaby Project

In 2018, Theatre Hullabaloo will be launching a new project which looks at lullabies from around the world. We're working with some fantastic artists, including musicians, designers, singers and dancers and are looking for three groups of children aged between 0 and 30 months to work with our artists in your settings to develop ideas for the final show which will be in residence at The Hullabaloo in June and July 2018.

We will visit your setting, run play sessions with your children and also create a temporary creative play installation in a space of your choice inspired by your ideas. The project will run from March to July 2018 and will involve up to 6 visits to your setting and, of course, the opportunity to visit us at The Hullabaloo.

If you have groups of younger children and their grown-ups connected to your setting or you're aware of groups

locally that might be interested in being involved, please get in touch. Sessions can be hosted at The Hullabaloo if space is an issue, so please also get in touch if you know of groups who might like to work with us over that period at the venue.

**If you or your school would like to get involved in this project please contact Miranda Thain - [mirandathain@theatrehullabaloo.org.uk](mailto:mirandathain@theatrehullabaloo.org.uk)**

## Bamboozle Residency: Creating Opportunities for Disabled Children

As part of our programme at The Hullabaloo, we will be inviting specialist theatre companies to come and be in residence with us to share their work and develop and research new work in collaboration with local schools and nurseries. In autumn 2018, we are delighted to welcome Bamboozle - one of the UK's leading companies creating inclusive, multi-sensory performance and learning experiences for disabled children.

Honed over 30 years, Artistic Director Christopher Davies will also be leading professional development workshops to share Bamboozle's unique pedagogical approach to the work they do with children and young people with a range of cognitive and behavioural needs.

We are keen to hear from special schools and educators with a specific interest in this area who would like to work with Bamboozle and help

us to design a residency that has the right balance of work in schools, performances for our audiences and opportunities to learn from Christopher's experience to support your professional development.

**You can learn more about Bamboozle's work at [bamboozletheatre.co.uk](http://bamboozletheatre.co.uk).**

**If you or your school would like to get involved please contact Sarah Churlish - [sarahchurlish@theatrehullabaloo.org.uk](mailto:sarahchurlish@theatrehullabaloo.org.uk)**

# Book now



Margarita Sidirokastriti and the egg present

## One Item Only

Friday 9 March, 10am & 1.30pm • Ages 7-11 • Show duration: 45 minutes • Tickets £7 (teachers FREE in line with ratios)

If you had to take a long journey away from home and you could only take one item with you - what would it be? This is the decision our young hero has to make in this story of human migration. Follow one boy's journey across continents in search of refuge from his troubled homeland, in this eventful

and uplifting story of hope and resilience where the human spirit triumphs.

Inspired by recent events, and created by Bristol-based Greek artist, Margarita Sidirokastriti, audiences will get a glimpse of the challenges of his adventurous journey as he travels

towards an uncertain but ultimately optimistic future.

**"A well-crafted performance that sparked so much conversation from my class."**

- Head of Drama

### Teacher Networking Event

Join us at The Hullabaloo on **Tuesday 6 February** from **3.45pm until 5pm** to hear more about our up coming plans, programme and to discuss future opportunities.

If you are interested in being involved in schools initiatives, to book a show or to attend the Teacher Networking Event, please contact Sarah Churlish - [sarahchurlish@theatrehullabaloo.org.uk](mailto:sarahchurlish@theatrehullabaloo.org.uk)

### Teacher Forum

We're hoping to create a small steering group of teachers, early years educators and anyone else who is interested in advising on the development of the programme so it best suits our children and young people, that will meet termly.

This is a voluntary group, but tea and cake will be provided.

### Partner Schools and Nurseries

We are looking to pilot a Hullabaloo Partner Schools' scheme which gives discounts on group bookings, teacher CPD, special opportunities to access creative curriculum delivery and many other benefits to encourage you to make sure everyone in your school has the opportunity to visit us often and we can build a proper relationship with your school.

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