





Welcome to a magical season

Jam-packed with world class shows and magical things to see and do, The Hullabaloo is a purpose built venue designed for children, young people and families.

The Hullabaloo opened in December 2017 and we are very proud to have marked our six month anniversary in June 2018. We have welcomed over 30 schools and 15,000 children and their families through the doors to watch theatre specially made for children or to enjoy the free creative activities on offer.

This autumn, we have a jam-packed programme, welcoming exciting shows from the UK and abroad as well as our very own Luna, an enchanting first time theatre experience for 2-5 year olds and their families, returning from tour for Christmas at The Hullabaloo.

As well as a fun filled creative play programme and a very exciting family event, A Hullabaloo in Space, there is something for everyone at The Hullabaloo.

We hope to see you soon,


Miranda Thain
Artistic Producer



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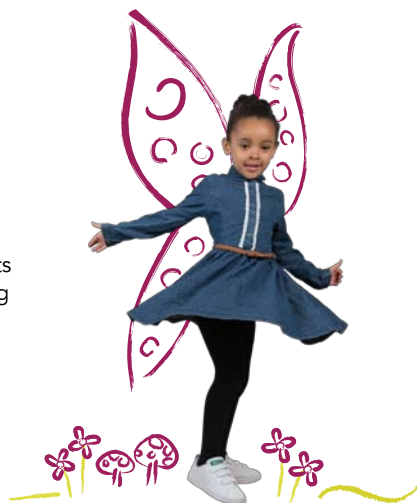
Haven't been to The Hullabaloo before?

**The Hullabaloo is a dedicated venue in
Darlington for children and families and
an exciting place to play and learn.**

It's the only venue of its kind north of London and presents
the best theatre specially made for young people, exciting
creative play installations, storytelling and much more.

**Take a look at the creative play installations available
on pages 4-5.**

**You can find out more about the world-class theatre
on offer this season on pages 6-15.**



Are there free things to do at The Hullabaloo?

**Yes, the creative play space, café
space, story corner and outdoor
play space are free to use.**

The Gillian Dickinson Creative Play Space is
an intimate space at the heart of the venue
and is home to our creative play installations:

Imagination Playground:

11 May - 13 June & July - September

Stardust: Sep 2018 - Jan 2019



LUNA  **CHRISTMAS at** 
 **The Hullabaloo** 

**Join us this Christmas at The Hullabaloo for Luna,
an enchanting first time theatre experience for
2-5 year olds and their families about friendship,
the moon and being brave in the dark.**

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Creative PLAY

Gillian Dickinson Creative PLAY Space

Specially commissioned play installations are a core part of The Hullabaloo ethos and are part of the free activities for families to enjoy.

10am-2pm

Free activity. No need to book, just turn up. At busy times there may be a short wait.



Imagination Playground

11 May - 13 June & July - September

Suitable for ages 2-8 years and their grown-ups, but we welcome babies too.

Imagination Playground is child-centred and encourages self-expression through free play.

The playground is comprised of large blue foam bricks in a variety of shapes and sizes enabling children to transform their environment and create a play space of their own.

Come along and imagine, invent, collaborate and play. What will you build - a castle, a rocket, a tunnel, a den - the possibilities are endless. Go wild, let your imagination be your guide, and invent your own games in your space. There are no rules here for what you create!

Also at
The Hullabaloo...

We have lots of exciting activities planned, keep checking our website for details on Halloween events plus some very special events around Christmas...



September 2018 - January 2019

Age 0-6 years

Stardust is an interactive environment which welcomes very young children and their grown-ups into a gentle, shapeshifting intergalactic landscape, full of intriguing music, sounds, and smells.

There are plenty of buttons to press and intriguing new colours and textures to explore, as well as chances to discover alien languages and astronaut footprints.

Stardust invites babies and toddlers to discover their universe in new ways, and gives them the power to change it.

This sensory journey into space is part of a programme of specially-commissioned play installations at The Hullabaloo.

About the Artists

Cloud Cuckoo Land are an interdisciplinary ensemble who put children at the heart of the story. They create warm, playful interactive performances and installations, jam-packed with live music, sensory surprises and technical wizardry. They transport audiences on magical flights of fancy to discover distant lands and new perspectives, celebrating their creativity and sense of fun.

★ ★ STORYTELLING ★ ★

Join us for brave and bold stories at The Hullabaloo
Tickets £3 each / family ticket £10

Thu 20 Sept • Fri 21 Sept • Thu 1 Nov
Fri 2 Nov • Fri 16 Nov • Sat 17 Nov

Please see our website for more information





Mon 20 - Fri 24 August

10am-4pm

(except Fri extended session until 6.30pm)

Come along and join us this summer to make a play in a week, learn new skills, make new friends and perform on stage at The Hullabaloo!

Starting from scratch with no script, no characters and no props you'll work alongside professional theatre makers to create a brand new performance in just one week. Working as part of a small group, you'll develop a range of performance and technical theatre skills and have lots of fun with new friends along the way.

You might already love performing, or you've always wanted to give it a try, either way you don't need any performance experience just plenty of enthusiasm and energy to make the week something to remember.

The theme of the week is inspired by silent movies - the car chases, the glamour and the pie fights!

You'll need to bring your own lunch and snacks each day, but we'll provide a place where you can hang out and eat together at lunchtime. On the Friday at 6pm, you'll be performing your new play on The Hullabaloo stage and can invite friends and family along to watch.

Age: 7-13 years

Pricing: £115 • second child £95
(includes 2 tickets per child for final show on Fri 24 August)

Early bird - book by the end of June and pay £100 per ticket

Additional tickets for the final show: £4





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Lullabub

A Theatre Hullabaloo production

Sat 23 June - Sun 15 July

Times: various - see website for full details

Join us as we enter a magical dreamland of sleepy byes in this playful, peaceful and wonderful performance for you and your baby.

Performed in a specially created magical space, gentle lullabies will transport you to the Land of Nod in this sensory, immersive show that combines music, light, sound, shadow and song to stimulate and engage the youngest senses.

Lullabub is created by specialists in the field of theatre for the very young and informed by the latest research in baby sensory development.

The show is presented in two versions - for babies aged 0-12 months and their grown-ups and for toddlers aged 13-30 months and their grown-ups.

Age: 0-12 months, 13-30 months

Duration: 35 minutes

Tickets: Combined baby and grown-up ticket £10. Additional tickets £6

**Devised and Directed by
Anna Newell**

Composed by David Goodall

Designed by Alison Heffernan

Lullabub is part of Great Place Tees Valley, funded by Heritage Lottery Fund, supported by National Lottery players.



A Hullabaloo in Space

Sun 23 September

10.30am-2pm

Come and join us for an intergalactic journey at A Hullabaloo in Space.

What will you be? An astronaut, an alien, a spaceship or something entirely different? Work with a local artist to create your very own space props to prepare you for your adventure across the universe.

We'll be creating our own A Hullabaloo in Space with drama games, music and dancing at our space party. There will be a screening of a space themed film, stories in the café and you will have an opportunity to be one of the first to explore our new creative play installation, Stardust.

More details coming soon!

Age: 0-10 years

Half day tickets £4

Full day ticket £7

Family ticket £24 (full day only)

*"We had a fantastic day...
The children had a great
time."*

Audience member,
A Hullabaloo in the Woods





Photo © Martin Neeves

Storm

by Bamboozle Theatre Company

Wed 3 & Thu 4 October

9.45am AS • 11.15am AS • 1.30pm AS • 4.30pm 

Inspired by Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, *Storm* tells the story of the magician Prospero, his apprentice Ariel and the creature Caliban. Bamboozle's enchanting production has been carefully designed to accommodate a wide-ranging audience including those from across the autistic spectrum.

Using elements of *The Tempest* and a limited amount of Shakespeare's language, *Storm* tells a dramatic story of the sea, ships, islands and magic.

Audience members will be welcomed into the performance space with relaxing music and during the performance will be invited to interact with the actors and the setting. The production is designed to enable individuals to engage with the story in their own time and at their own pace.

Age: Autism Specific 6-14 years.
Relaxed performances 7-11 years
at families own discretion of what
would be deemed appropriate for
their child.

Duration: 45 minutes

Tickets: £7/family ticket £24

*"A magical, theatrical,
atmospheric delight.
Transporting our young people
to a magical island, the
interaction between actors
and students created a unique
shared experience."*

AS Autism Specific  Relaxed Performance



Photo © Chris Hoyle

No Show

By Ellie Dubois

Tue 16 October • 1.30pm

Wed 17 October • 10am & 1.30pm

What do you expect when you go to the circus? The greatest show on earth? The glitzy smiles, the glitter of sequins, the drum rolls as performers who seem super human effortlessly perform death-defying acts?

No Show joyously and heartbreakingly reveals what lies hidden beneath the showmanship. There will be desperate attempts and heroic failures, glorious achievements and bruised bodies and egos as the performers push themselves to their physical and mental limit. See behind the flawless smiles and perfect execution of the traditional circus performance to show the wobbles, the pain, and the real cost of aiming for perfection.

A show for anyone who has tried, failed and failed better. No Show deconstructs superhuman circus performers and shows them as vulnerable and human. This is a production that puts female strength, skill and power centre stage.

Age: 9+

Duration: 70 minutes

Tickets: £7/family ticket £24

*"This is
circus under
deconstruction
- informative,
entertaining
and enormously
likeable."*

★★★★ The Times



Little Gift

By M6 Theatre & Andy Manley

Fri 19 October • 10am & 1.30pm

Sat 20 October • 11am & 2pm

An old soul lives alone.

He likes it that way.

It's quieter and safer.

One day, a surprise visitor plants a little seed of hope and turns this lonely life upside down.

Told with exquisite puppetry, original music and a whole lot of heart, Little Gift is a brand-new story from multi award-winners M6 Theatre and Andy Manley. Join us for a visual feast to bring light into the darkest season of the year.

Age: 3+

Duration: 60 minutes approx

Tickets: £7/family ticket £24



Photo © Colin Hattersley

Martha

By Catherine Wheels Theatre Company
Created by Andy Manley, Gill Robertson and Annie Wood

Fri 26 October • 10.30am & 1.30pm
Sat 27 October • 11am & 2pm

Who is Martha?

Martha lives by the sea...
Martha lives alone...
Martha doesn't need anyone...

She is stubborn, eccentric and highly independent.

Who are Martha's friends?

Not her next door neighbour.
Not her helpful postman.
Nor her secret admirer from across the bay.

One day Martha has an unexpected visitor and her life will never be the same again.

Age: 4+

Duration: 55 minutes

Tickets: £7/family ticket £24

*"Borrow a child if
you don't already
have one and the
delight will come
at seeing the world
through their eyes."*

The List



Photo © Andy Ellis

The Young King

By Oscar Wilde, presented by Slingsby
Adapted for the stage by Nicki Bloom

Wed 14 & Thu 15 November

10.15am show time (30 min pre-show from 9.45am)

1.45pm show time (30 min pre-show from 1.15pm)

What kind of King would you be?

A naïve boy raised by goatherds is discovered to be heir to the kingdom. Treasures and privileges are laid at his feet, but at what cost to others?

The achingly beautiful and tender language of Oscar Wilde joins the intimate and magical world of internationally acclaimed Adelaide theatre company, Slingsby. Journey in wonder, to a land of challenging choices and rich rewards.

You are cordially invited to participate in the coronation celebrations for The Young King. Please arrive up to 30 minutes prior to the advertised performance start time for the pre-show coronation celebrations.

Slingsby is supported by the Government of South Australia through Arts South Australia, and by the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body.

Age: 8+

Duration: 70 minutes including pre-show

Tickets: £7/family ticket £24

"The attention to detail is phenomenal. Charming, majestic and utterly delightful, a beautiful jewel in the Festival crown."

Gordon Forester, Limelight

Theatre Hullabaloo & Theatr Iolo present



Sat 8 - Sat 29 December

"This show is perfect..."

Evening Chronicle, 2016

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CHRISTMAS at The Hullabaloo

Join us this Christmas at The Hullabaloo for Luna, an enchanting first time theatre experience for 2-5 year olds and their families about friendship, the moon and being brave in the dark.

Luna is bored up in the sky by herself with nobody to play with. Although she is surrounded by stars, they never quite understand her - it's certainly lonely being the only moon.

One night, as she's racing among the stars, she spots a young boy hiding from shadows which move like monsters on his bedroom walls. Luna decides to slide down from the sky to make friends with the boy. Together they go on an adventure of LIGHT and DARK to help him overcome his fear of the night-time.

Show dates:

Sat 8 Dec		10.30am	1pm	2.30pm
Sun 9 Dec		10.30am	1pm	2.30pm
Tue 11 Dec		9.45am	1.30pm	
Wed 12 Dec		9.45am	11am	1.30pm
Thu 13 Dec		9.45am	11am	1.30pm
Fri 14 Dec		9.45am	1.30pm	
Sat 15 Dec	☾	10.30am	1pm	2.30pm
Sun 16 Dec	☾	10.30am	1pm	2.30pm
Tue 18 Dec		9.45am	1.30pm	
Wed 19 Dec		9.45am	11am	1.30pm
Thu 20 Dec		9.45am	11am	1.30pm
Fri 21 Dec		9.45am	1.30pm	
Sat 22 Dec	☾	10.30am	1pm	2.30pm
Sun 23 Dec	☾	10.30am	1pm	2.30pm
Mon 24 Dec	☾	11am	1pm	
Thu 27 Dec	☾		1pm	3pm
Fri 28 Dec	☾	11am	1pm	3pm
Sat 29 Dec	☾	11am	1pm	3pm

BSL Interpreted Performance

Age: 2-5 years

Duration: 45 minutes

☾ Premium shows: £10/£8 concessions

All other shows: £9/£7 concessions



plan your visit

How to find us



The Hullabaloo, Borough Road, Darlington DL1 1SG

The Hullabaloo is easily reached on foot from Darlington Town Centre, public transport or car. We are only a 5-minute walk from Darlington train station.

Box Office

Phone: 01325 405 405

Monday - Saturday 10am until 8pm

In person:

Monday to Saturday 10am until 8pm

Open until 6pm on non performance days

Online:

Tickets can be booked online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and there are no booking fees. We share our Box Office with Darlington Hippodrome and this means they will be the lovely people taking your booking, which means you can also book tickets via them.

If you would like your tickets posted out to you, there will be a £1 fee per transaction for this service.

Payments can be made by cash, MasterCard, Visa and Maestro cards, or by cheque or postal order.

Café Hullabaloo

Supported by members of Darlington Building Society

Open Monday - Saturday • 10am-2pm

Our family friendly café is situated in the main entrance of the venue. The café provides a vibrant and relaxing space to spend time with family and friends. Both the creative play spaces are accessed via the café and we also have a good library of story books for you to enjoy whilst relaxing in one of our comfy armchairs.

In the café you can access free wifi and enjoy a selection of light bites and hot and cold beverages. There are also plenty of high chairs on offer and easy access to toilets, to a buggy park and baby change.

Outside of the above times the venue will open 30 minutes before a performance begins, and we only open on a Sunday when there is a performance.



Parking

The Hullabaloo does not have a car park. There are short and long stay off street car parks close by to the venue. Most Council car parks are covered by 24 hour CCTV surveillance. For further advice on parking please contact the Box Office, or visit the Darlington Borough Council website.

Access

We provide access for a range of special needs. If your particular needs are not met by those listed don't hesitate to give us a call and we'll be happy to accommodate you.

The Hullabaloo is accessed at ground level. We have room for a number of wheelchairs within the theatre space and Creative Play space and these are accessed on the ground floor.

The Rehearsal Room on the first floor has lift access. Unfortunately, wheelchair spaces for performances cannot be booked online; please contact the Box Office to book.

A dropped counter is available at The Hullabaloo Box Office and café. If booking tickets at Darlington Hippodrome for The Hullabaloo there is also a dropped counter at their Box Office.



BSL Interpreted Performances

British Sign Language (BSL) is integrated into the show for non-hearing audiences.



Hearing assist equipment

We have a radio frequency hearing system installed throughout the auditorium with individual headsets available on request when booking.



Relaxed Performances

The lights stay on, the audience can talk and leave and enter the auditorium. Specially designed for people with autism, a sensory or communication disorder, or anyone else who would find a typical theatre setting a challenging environment.



Family tickets & discounts:

Where available family tickets usually consist of 4 tickets (minimum 1 adult). At times we will also offer discounts or ticket deals, it is the customers responsibility to claim any discounts at the time of booking.

Babes in arms

For productions that are not created for or aimed at babies we offer a free babes in arms ticket for those under 12 months old. A ticket is still required and is subject to availability.



Latecomers to performances

We will do our best to admit latecomers at an appropriate point in the performance, however we cannot guarantee admittance in the case of late arrival.

Change of programme

Due to circumstances beyond our control it is sometimes necessary to alter cast and programmes.

Keep in touch:

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BIRTHDAY celebrations in a MAGICAL place!



The Hullabaloo is the perfect place for your child's birthday party.

Packages available from £13 per child

All packages include a designated birthday area set up by our team, with a buffet for the children and refreshments for the adults. Minimum numbers and terms and conditions apply.

To discuss or book your party package contact us on 01325 405680.

Visit theatrehullabaloo.org.uk for full information



This season we have a wide range of world-class theatre from the UK and abroad for schools to book.

From Little Gift, a brand new story for those age 3 and above, featuring exquisite puppetry and original music, to an adaptation of Oscar Wilde's The Young King from the superb Australian company Slingsby, who will deliver an exciting immersive experience aimed at age 8+. Take a look through the brochure to see the full range of shows on offer.

Don't forget to book your Christmas visit to see the magical Luna, an enchanting first time theatre experience for 2-5 yr olds - see page 15 for full details. We have special ticket and transport deals available for you to book.

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.

Teacher and Creative Practitioner training

A one day workshop for teachers and creative practitioners working with young people with ASD.

**Friday 5 October
10.30am-3.30pm**

For full information and price, visit our website

Delivered by one of Bamboozle's lead artists, this day long workshop will introduce teachers and creative practitioners to the approach and techniques the company uses to engage children and young people with complex needs to grow their attention, interest and involvement.



THEATRE
with
CHILDREN
at the
heart

A hand-drawn graphic on a solid blue background. The text 'THEATRE' is written in a bold, red, hand-painted font at the top. Below it, the word 'with' is in a white, cursive script. The word 'CHILDREN' is in a bold, yellow, hand-painted font. Below that, 'at the' is in a white, cursive script, and 'heart' is in a bold, yellow, hand-painted font. A large, hand-drawn red heart outline is positioned behind the words 'at the heart'. There are several decorative elements: a small white star above the 'E' in 'THEATRE', a small red heart to the left of 'with', a white swirl to the right of 'with', a small white star to the left of 'heart', and a small red heart to the right of 'heart'.



We want to ensure that all children experience live theatre and benefit from the creative programmes we offer. As a registered charity, Theatre Hullabaloo rely on donations to ensure our work continues to reach all children and young people. For many children, The Hullabaloo will be where they have their first theatre experience and creativity begins.

All donations are important to us, no matter how large or small, they support us to deliver inspirational new theatre productions, an exciting programme of visiting theatre, creative learning and play activities, free creative play installations, subsidised tickets and travel for children who wouldn't be able to access our programme without your support.

We believe that creativity has the power to change lives and that creativity should be part of everybody's childhood. Help us to bring creative experiences to the lives of children and young people.

There are a number of ways you can donate. You can visit our website and go to our 'We couldn't do it without you' page, you can text - see details in the bubble on this page, or you can donate over the phone or in person at the box office.

If you are a UK taxpayer, the value of your gift can be increased by 25% under the Gift Aid scheme at no extra cost to you.

In the coming months we will be introducing a friends membership and a range of support packages, keep an eye on our website for further information.

If you are interested in regular giving, for larger donations, corporate support or to discuss any specific support please contact Laura Case on 01325 405684 or email lauracase@theatrehullabaloo.org.uk.





Dedicating a seat can make an ideal gift for yourself, a friend or family member and is a great way of supporting the present and the future of The Hullabaloo.

With only 150 seats within the auditorium you will feel part of an exclusive club alongside our other seat donors.

Take one Minimum donation of £175

Take two Minimum donation of £330

If you take two adjacent seats in the same transaction you save on your minimum donation.

Take four Minimum donation of £650

You can dedicate four seats adjacent to each other to receive a bigger discount. As above, the seats will need to be taken at the same time to benefit from the discount.

For your 'Take a seat' donation you will receive an engraved plaque bearing your name (or the name of your choice if as a gift) and a message on the backrest of your chosen seat plus a commemorative certificate.

Seat sponsorship lasts for at least 10 years. Seats will be allocated on a first-come, first served basis. Donations can be paid in one lump sum or can be paid across 10 monthly instalments.

Secure your seat/s by visiting our website and clicking on the 'We couldn't do it without you' page or contact Theatre Hullabaloo on 01325 405680



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September			
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20 & 21	Storytelling	Various	5
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October			
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3 & 4	Storm	6-14 years & 7-11 years	9
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16 & 17	No Show	9+ years	10
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19 & 20	Little Gift	3+ years	11
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26 & 27	Martha	4+ years	12
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November			
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01 & 02, 16 & 17	Storytelling	Various	5
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14 & 15	The Young King	8+ years	13
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December			
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8 - 29	Luna	2-5 years	14-15
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You can purchase gift vouchers for The Hullabaloo from our website.

Gift vouchers are the ideal birthday and thank you presents or simply as a special treat.

Simply select your amount and enter the recipients email address for your gift voucher to be emailed direct. You can even select the date the recipient will receive the voucher.

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