

# Artsreach

## PERFORMANCES SEPT-DEC 2013

Cranborne 13 Sept  
Gillingham 17 Sept  
**COMPAGNIE  
HORS PISTES**  
**'Ordures et  
Menegere'**

This physically adept young French circus company return with their comic, high energy show which features everyday objects colliding with incredible acrobatics, ladders, dance routines, teeterboard and stunts. This is new circus performed at its best, with risk, prowess and a pinch of eccentricity. *"breath-takingly daring, occasionally touching and frequently very funny"* BLACKMORE VALE MAGAZINE  
[www.ciehorspistes.com](http://www.ciehorspistes.com)



Child Okeford 13 Sept  
Lytchett Minster 9 Oct  
West Stafford 25 Oct  
**FOREST FORGE**  
**'Free Folk'**

Award-winning playwright Gary Owen's 'Free Folk' is a comedy about living in a free country and never being able to do what you really want to! A joyful and witty exploration of what it is to live in rural Britain today. *"Free Folk rivets your attention and there is a surprise around every corner"* THE STAGE  
[www.forestforge.co.uk](http://www.forestforge.co.uk)



T Porcorum 2 Oct  
L Matravers 5 Oct  
S Newton 6 Oct  
B Bradstock 11 Oct  
**TOWNSEND  
PRODUCTIONS**  
**'We Will Be Free'**

Six Dorset farm labourers, who are better known as the Tolpuddle Martyrs, were convicted and transported for swearing a secret oath and forming a trade union in 1834 to fight against a succession of wage cuts. This new drama features political cartoon and animation, puppetry, and exquisite musical arrangements by John Kirkpatrick. *"genuine sentiment, hearty good fun"* THE EDINBURGH REPORTER  
[www.townsendproductions.org.uk](http://www.townsendproductions.org.uk)



Evershot 5 October  
Sturminster Marshall 29 November  
**R.S.V.P.**

**'Bhangra Music'**  
Veterans of Glastonbury and Larmer Tree festivals, RSVP blend traditional Punjabi celebratory folk music with Western musical influences, creating a sound that is different and exciting. With an introduction to Bhangra dance, this is the ultimate Indian party music. *"Out of all the bands at the festival, RSVP delighted me the most"* LARMER TREE FESTIVAL  
[www.rsvpmusic.co.uk](http://www.rsvpmusic.co.uk)



Halstock 9 Oct  
W Fitzpaine 10 Oct  
S Marshall 13 Oct  
**FARNHAM  
MALTINGS**

**'The Iranian Feast'**  
Part thriller, part cookery lesson, this is the story of a family working out how life will be in uncertain times. Abbas is a loving father, a great friend...and a fantastic cook. Tonight he invites you to join his family in an evening of Persian food, song and dance, and witness a play that is surprising, uplifting and a celebration of being alive.  
[www.farnhammaltings.com](http://www.farnhammaltings.com)



Corfe Castle 10 October  
West Lulworth 11 October  
Charlton Down 12 October  
Milborne St Andrew 13 October  
**BOWJANGLES**  
**'Bowjangles On The Box'**



Inspired by the success of the 'Bowlympics', this witty and dynamic show, sees the wonderful Bowjangles developing further their roles as TV presenters, all of course whilst playing their instruments to a jaw droppingly high level, in a clever cabaret take on the cultural phenomenon that is TV. Once seen, never forgotten! *"Every element of the show is executed brilliantly and passionately"* CAMDEN FRINGE  
[www.bowjangles.org](http://www.bowjangles.org)

Chetnole 10 October  
Morden 11 October  
Ibberton 12 October  
**KEVIN DEMPSEY & ROSIE CARSON**  
**'Traditional music with a twist'**



Kevin Dempsey has music in his soul, and a distinguished musical career history to boot. Rosie Carson is a young award winning fiddle player and singer from Cincinnati USA, and has studied with many of the great traditional fiddlers based there. Despite being separated by several generations and an ocean, Kevin and Rosie share a great passion for traditional music and song from both cultures. *"one of the Anglo-American folk scene's most captivating duos"* UK FOLK  
[www.kevindempsey.co.uk](http://www.kevindempsey.co.uk)

M Osmond 11 Oct  
Broadmayne 12 Oct  
Durweston 13 Oct  
**STATE OF PLAY**  
**'G.I. Joe in Dorset'**

When the African American GIs arrived in Dorset before the D Day landings in 1944, the Germans across the sea weren't the only enemies they faced. This powerful play about war, prejudice and redemptive love draws on documented stories to reveal secrets, lies, laughter and hope. *"A very thought provoking and moving performance that brings unexplored history alive"* EMMA AYLING, WIMBORNE MUSEUM  
[www.stateofplayarts.co.uk](http://www.stateofplayarts.co.uk)



Buckland Newton 11 October  
**MOISHE'S BAGEL**  
**Wonderful klezmer music**



Moishe's Bagel combines the energy and passion of Eastern European folk music with the excitement and soul of improvisation. Boasting some of the best instrumentalists that Scotland has to offer (Salsa Celtica, Scottish Chamber Orchestra, Celtic Feet, Scottish National Jazz Orchestra), Moishe's Bagel produce rip-roaring, foot-stomping, jazz-inflected klezmer and Balkan music. **Please book early to avoid disappointment.**  
[www.moishesbagel.co.uk](http://www.moishesbagel.co.uk)

Nether Compton 13 October  
**BSO RESONATE STRINGS**  
**'Autumn Serenade'**



BSO Resonate Strings are five gifted musicians, each of whom represents one of the five string sections of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. This engaging concert will reflect the wonderful diversity of the classical string repertoire and will be likely to feature music by Handel, Bach, Vivaldi, Pachelbel and Mozart, and more contemporary pieces from Elgar, Holst, Warlock and Copland.  
[www.bsolive.com/education](http://www.bsolive.com/education)

Gillingham 23 Oct  
W Stickland 26 Oct  
W Fitzpaine 14 Nov  
Powerstock 15 Nov  
Martinstown 16 Nov  
C Okeford 17 Nov  
**LIVING SPIT**  
**'The Six Wives of  
Henry VIII'**

Howard Coggins looks like Henry VIII. There's no escaping that. Stu McLoughlin doesn't really look like any of the wives, but he's going to give it a go. After their previous self-funded two-man historical drama is savaged in the press, Howard (Bristol Old Vic) and Stu (Kneehigh) are at their wits end. Then they hit upon an idea for a show that could change everything...but can two of the South West's favourite theatrical sons put aside their differences and make it through to the end without killing each other? *"Cleverly written, beautifully acted, and, dare I say it, educational"* BRISTOL EVENING POST  
[www.livingspit.co.uk](http://www.livingspit.co.uk)



L Minster 24 Oct  
T Gunville 25 Oct  
**LITTLE SOLDIER  
PRODUCTIONS**  
**'You and Me'**

Two elderly Spanish sisters in a foreign land live against the backdrop of a battered rug and a mountain of mysterious boxes. They share the intimacy of a life lived together, careering between genuine affection and irritated annoyance. This touching story with sparkling dialogue and witty observation explores old age with humour, imagination and tenderness. *"impeccably timed physical-theatre"* THE STAGE  
[www.littlesoldierproductions.co.uk](http://www.littlesoldierproductions.co.uk)



Portesham 26 October  
Broadmayne 23 November  
**THEATRE ALIBI**  
**'I Believe in Unicorns'**



Tomas didn't like books or stories. He was happier clambering in the mountains like a goat or tobogganing with his Dad. That was until the Unicorn Lady came to town and reeled him in with her irresistible magic tales. But then disaster struck and put everything that mattered most in Tomas's life in terrible danger. 'I Believe in Unicorns' is a spellbinding and moving story by one of our greatest storytellers, Michael Morpurgo. *"one of Britain's most inventive companies"* THE GUARDIAN  
[www.theatrealibi.co.uk](http://www.theatrealibi.co.uk)

Winfrith 27 Oct  
S Newton 28 Oct  
Ashmore 28 Oct  
**C-SCAPE DANCE**  
**'If the Shoe Fits'**  
If the Shoe Fits' sees shoes and their stories brought to life using physical theatre, dance, story-telling and music, creating a delightful visual world will thoroughly engage and amuse. This is a delightfully interactive show for children and adults alike. So join Cscape and jump feet first into a very special shoe shop!  
[www.cscape.org.uk](http://www.cscape.org.uk)



Cerne Abbas 30 Oct  
Thorncombe 30 Oct  
H'bury Bryan 31 Oct  
Shillingstone 31 Oct  
**NOISY OYSTER**  
**'The Three Billy Pigs'**

This is the new show from Noisy Oyster which blends two classic fairy tales, 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff', with beautifully crafted puppets, light hearted story telling, live music and a little bit of eco-awareness. *"Great show - enjoyed a different take on the story, loved the music. Very engaging for the children"* RURAL ARTS WILTSHIRE  
[www.noisyoyster.co.uk](http://www.noisyoyster.co.uk)



Gillingham 14 November  
Buckland Newton 15 November  
Cranborne 22 November  
**PANTA-REI DANSETEATER**  
**'I Wish Her Well'**

'I Wish Her Well' is an intricate and moving performance from this fabulous Norwegian dance company, combining storytelling, acrobatic elements, high tempo energy and an evocative sound score by British composer Nathaniel Reed that infuses the performance with melody and atmosphere. The scenario is based on the stories of four women who are closely related to the dancers, and the diaries of a 16 year old girl (now an 82 year old woman) who generously shared her thoughts, experiences and memories with the company.  
[www.pantareidanseteater.com/en](http://www.pantareidanseteater.com/en)



Tarrant Gunville 15 November  
Burton Bradstock 16 November  
Studland 17 November  
**KAREN TWEED &  
PAUL HUTCHINSON**  
**'Beauty or the Beast'**



Two famed accordionists...Paul Hutchinson & Karen Tweed, never discuss accordions when they meet...or accordion music...or accordion bands. Nevertheless, they have now decided to write new music for two accordions and perform it together. Individually brilliant, Paul and Karen together could be dangerous, hilarious or precarious, but definitely entertaining.

M Osmond 21 Nov  
Durweston 22 Nov  
H Martel 23 Nov  
Portesham 24 Nov  
**PETITES  
ANNONCES**

North Dorset based Petites Annonces play a unique mix of gypsy jazz (Django Reinhardt et al) and French chansons, (sourced from Charles Trenet, Jacques Dutronc, Boris Vian and others), all wrapped in a big slice of Punk Manouche. Led by Frenchman Jipé Gérardin, expect to hear something different avec un accent français!  
[www.petitesannonces.co.uk](http://www.petitesannonces.co.uk)



Shipton Gorge 27 November  
Chetnole 28 November  
Winterborne Stickland 29 November  
Ashmore 30 November  
**VERA VAN HEERINGEN TRIO**  
**'Standing Tall'**



Multi instrumentalist Vera van Heeringen combines traditional Appalachian folk styles with contemporary songwriting. Her clear, expressive voice delivers emotionally intelligent lyrics with an assured yet graceful feel. Vera's guitar playing is that of a fine bluegrass player, but with her own twist. This show marks a change of direction from her work with The New Rope String Band and immediately establishes her as a figure to be reckoned with. This is the time to go and see her play live.  
[www.veravanheeringen.com](http://www.veravanheeringen.com)

N Compton 27 Nov  
Bourton 29 Nov  
**PIP UTTON**  
**'Chaplin'**

Focusing on a true genius of the cinema, Utton now explores Chaplin's life behind the façade of his character the 'Tramp' - the creation which made him the highest paid actor of his time. Using film, Charlie is able to step in and out of the screen, before he walks off into the distance. 'Chaplin' is a captivating exposure of the life of one of the only men in history to produce, direct, edit, perform in and compose the score for his own films. *"Utton's performances are all masterclasses in acting"* BRITISH THEATRE GUIDE  
[www.pip-utton.co.uk](http://www.pip-utton.co.uk)



Piddletrenthide 6 December  
Winfrith 7 December  
Langton Matravers 8 December  
**CHRIS NEWMAN AND  
MAIRE NI CHATHASAIGH**  
**'A Festive Feast of Harp & Guitar'**

There's something magical about harps, particularly at Christmas, though Maire and Chris's alchemy on harp and guitar creates a very special magic at all times. Their new show features a breathtaking blend of traditional Irish music, swing jazz and bluegrass, plus festive favourites given a fresh voice with arrangements that are intricate, inventive, moving and beautiful, and performed in the heart-warming style characteristic of them; a spellbinding treat for mid-winter. *"Both are in the virtuoso class"* THE GUARDIAN  
[www.oldbridgemusic.com](http://www.oldbridgemusic.com)

Broadwindsor 6 Dec  
Briantspuddle 7 Dec  
**CHRISTINE TOBIN**  
**'A Thousand Kisses  
Deep'**

Acclaimed jazz singer Christine Tobin is a long time fan and eloquent interpreter of Leonard Cohen's music. Cohen is widely regarded as one of the greatest songwriters of the 20th century and Tobin is acknowledged both here and on the international scene as one of the finest interpreters of his work. On this Jazz Services tour, the Christine Tobin Trio will bring together some Cohen staples and some new unexplored material. *"One of the most gifted and original singer/songwriters in today's jazz world"* BBC MUSIC MAGAZINE  
[www.davewhitford.co.uk](http://www.davewhitford.co.uk)



Powerstock 13 Dec  
**JAMES  
LASCELLES  
QUARTET**  
**'Aspects of Joy'**

A wonderful mix of world music, folk jazz and Anglo Caribbean grooves, the Quartet presents material from their acclaimed recent release. Members of this band have played with Van Morrison, Frank Zappa, Joan Armatrading and Pat Mertheny, amongst others, and they invite you to join them on this musical exploration around the world and back.  
[www.jameslascelles.com](http://www.jameslascelles.com)



Corfe Castle 21 December  
**FOREST FORGE**  
**'Anne of Green Gables'**

This adaptation of the best selling novel by Lucy Maud Montgomery tells the uplifting story of young Anne's teenage years living with the Cuthberts, a middle aged brother and sister who had hoped to adopt a boy, not a feisty young girl, to help on their farm. A seasonal production full of the company's usual magic.  
[www.forestforge.co.uk](http://www.forestforge.co.uk)

