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Cultivating creativity
Connecting communities

Outdoor Season 2023



Hosting with Applause? We are here to help.

At Applause, we are passionate about bringing the very best, high-quality shows directly to your community! We understand the value of the arts in bringing communities together and we are always excited to welcome new hosts into the Applause family. Whether you've hosted 100 shows or this is your first, we are pleased to be working with you and we are here to help.

If you're new to hosting an Applause show at your event we try and make the process of booking as easy as possible. We've listed the key steps for you below to give you an idea of what to expect and what you might want to think about. Applause uses its funding to subsidise the cost of the shows which are on a sliding scale starting at £200.

- 1. Browse the menu.** Take a look at what is on offer this season and create a shortlist of three shows you would like to book for your event and submit your request to Applause to touring@applause.org.uk. If you're unsure of what shows would work well for your audience or you would like to find out more about them, then we are more than happy to have a chat and advise.
- 2. Applause will liaise** with the artists to agree dates, draw up the contracts so you can focus on making your event as successful as possible.
- 3. Get everything ready.** Make sure that you have everything in place for your event, such as licenses, insurance, risk assessment etc. Think about wraparound activity.

- 4. Market the event.** The Applause team are on hand to help and have lots of handy tips on how to market the show.
- 5. Enjoy the show!** On the day of your event we will ask you to help us collect some audience feedback (this is really important in helping us to secure our funding and continue to support shows like yours).
- 6. After the event.** We will also ask you to complete some feedback about your experience.

For our new commissions we can't guarantee their availability before 1 May, but you can book any of our returning favourites if your event is before this date.

If you are new to rural touring and would like to receive additional information or find out more about what being a Host means then please email us on touring@applause.org.uk.

We look forward to working with you soon!

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Daryl & Co

It's Classic Connee

It's Classic Connee is a lavish, larger than life and lip-syncing outdoor performance celebrating Connee Boswell, probably the most popular singer you've never heard of. Performed by Daryl Beeton, It's Classic Connee will combine Connee's music, comedy and ravishing outfits to create the usual offbeat performance style that Daryl & Co have become known for.

Inspired by the life of Connee Boswell, a famous voice of radio who's recordings sold over 75 million copies and was one of the brightest stars of American popular music in the first half of the 20th century, but Connee had to keep a big secret and so got left behind by the new golden age of TV and Film.

We've all at some point had to hide something about ourselves in order to fit in or had to play by other people's rules and this show will challenge those reasons and champion just being ourselves. It's Classic Connee plays with the illusion of perceived beauty, identity and fame to create a playful, tactile and enjoyable family show that will make us see things differently.

Like Connee, this show will have a lot of heart, probably a bit of cheekiness, a whole heap of imagination and a pinch of politics! **Commissioned by Applause**

For more information visit: <https://www.darylbandco.com>



'I've been entertaining here for four weeks and doing a terrific job if I do say it myself and I DO SAY IT MYSELF.'
Connee Boswell

'An immediately engaging, funny, poignant and truly delightful performance.' Mumsnet review on Square World

Promoter Information

Show Duration Up to 3 shows x 30 mins		Key Times In: 2 hrs Out: 1 hr		Company Size 1 Performer 2 Crew		Host Fees Please contact touring@applause.org.uk	
Access Needs TBC		Parking Required Onsite parking for one car		Space Required Walkabout		Tech Requirements Dressing room	

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Enter Edem

The Woolly Wonder!

The Woolly Wonder and Comedy Cavemen!

A posse of Palaeolithic cavemen cause mischief with their pet Woolly Wonder! They're back, and you better hold onto your snacks, as these silly hunter gatherers and not so extinct Mammoth, aren't quite civilized yet!

This team of toothy trouble makers and giant human scale Mammoth will have audiences laughing and guiding them around the 21st century environment, reminding us in a fun and soft way of the climate emergency at hand.

Enter Edem are a collective of multi-skilled artists, who have joined together to create unique conceptual experiences. They tell human stories using philosophy, the fantastically abstract and lively, astonishing, visual theatrics. Their creative team passionately and obsessively craft through innovation, with specialist attention to detail, producing bespoke and touring work combining entertainment with enlightening stories and ideas.

Commissioned by Applause

For more information visit: www.enteredem.co.uk



'The audience found the show engaging and children loved the characters. It enabled the arts to be included in an event and residents thoroughly enjoyed the experience.' Stone Parish Council fete organiser on Ugly Bugs WingDing

'Enter Edem provided professional, quality entertainment' Ferring Village Platinum Jubilee host

Promoter Information

Show Duration 3 x 30 minutes sets		Key Times In: 45 mins Out: 30 mins		Company Size 3 Performers		Host Fees Please contact touring@applause.org.uk	
Access Needs		Parking Required 1 vehicle		Space Required N/A		Tech Requirements N/A	

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Lori Hopkins

Laika The Space Dog

Laika is a stray dog on the streets of Moscow. She is selected by the Space Agency to be trained up for the Sputnik 2 space mission and will become the first animal to orbit Earth. Her training is rigorous and with the help of her friend from the Sputnik Canine Support team, Laika prepares to blast off!

Laika The Space Dog is a lively family show that retells the story of Laika, the first dog in space (with a twist)! Audiences are invited to see an alternative ending whereby Laika undertakes the journey of a lifetime. Inspired by the true story of Laika, this show offers an alternative to the tragic tale allowing Laika to zoom through the asteroid belt, meet Space apes and finally return to earth in a shower of glory.

Featuring a beautifully crafted puppet, a riveting soundtrack and a few surprises, Laika the Space Dog will delight children over the age of 3 and their adults too. Using gentle, light-hearted interaction our performer allows the viewers to become immersed in a magical voyage.

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For more information visit: www.lorihopkins.co.uk



'We were over the moon with the performances. They did everything that we hoped they would - engaging with our visitors, creating memories and sharing an important message.' Village Fete promoter previous Applause show

'Lori was the perfect entertainer. It was so different to anything else on offer.' Children's party booker

Promoter Information

Show Duration 20 minutes. Up to 3 shows in a day.		Key Times In: 45 mins Out: 30 mins		Company Size 1 Performer		Host Fees Please contact touring@applause.org.uk	
Access Needs None		Parking Required Onsite parking is required for one car please.		Space Required Minimum space required in metre- W3 x D2 x H2.5		Tech Requirements Changing facilities and a steward to assist with crowd control	

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Frank Wurzinger

Devious Dolphins

Dolphins is a comedy walkabout show created by the team who brought us Treefellas. Two actors dressed in giant Dolphin costumes equipped with some special effects such as hidden water sprays, communicate nonverbally through whistle sounds and water spraying. Highly intelligent and naughty these mammals show off their tricks and also reverse the relationship between human and animal - they will tame their public, make audience members jump through hoops and catch them in their big nets.

Devious Dolphins is a very playful and interactive performance piece which gently satirises the relationship of humans with nature. The Dolphin couple also have a dolphin hand puppet which will help to connect with very young children. The Dolphins become the trainers rewarding the humans with a mobile phone or giant fake bank notes at the end of the stick.

Environmental issues will lie underneath all the comedic playfulness without ever trying to teach or making an issue-based piece. Darker scenes include the Dolphins fighting with rubbish and oil sheets. By seeing these vulnerable sea creatures on land, we hopefully raise awareness in a subtle way and make the audience laugh at the same time. **Commissioned by Applause**









For more information visit: www.frankwurzinger.com



'It was hugely beneficial to have this performance at our event.' **Organiser Oving Scarecrow Day 2022 on Tree Fellas**

'We loved working with Frank again. The performers were a pleasure to work with and everyone enjoyed them being at the festival.' **Outdoor Host 2022 on Tree Fellas**

Promoter Information

Show Duration 3 x 30 mins or 2 x 45mins 	Key Times In: 1 hr 30 mins Out: 30 mins 	Company Size 2 Performers 	Host Fees Please contact touring@applause.org.uk 
Access Needs None 	Parking Required Onsite parking for one car 	Space Required Walk about 	Tech Requirements Dressing room 

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Casson & Friends

The Allotment Project

THE ALLOTMENT PROJECT is a new piece of Documentary Dance Theatre by Casson & Friends, that explores allotments and the communities around them!

With interviews from allotment owners, intercut and combined with compelling movement, THE ALLOTMENT PROJECT is a unique performance that reveals our relationship to the land, the seasons and each other.

An intimate duet that is human, humorous and heartwarming, the performance celebrates the joy of growing produce, plants and relationships across all the seasons.

The performance will celebrate growth, community, and the warmer seasons, and will have a flexible & fully technically self-sufficient setup, making the work ideal for presentation in outdoor settings, rural settings and unusual locations - even on allotments!

Co-commissioned by Applause and Creative Estuary

For more information visit: cassonandfriends.com



'Bringing dance to the public in wonderful new ways'
New York Times

'The doors to the dance world are being flung wide open and you're all invited.' Aesthetica Magazine

Promoter Information

Show Duration 25mins x 3		Key Times In: 1 hr 30 mins Out: 30 mins		Company Size 2 Performers 1 Crew		Host Fees Please contact touring@applause.org.uk	
Access Needs None		Parking Required Onsite parking for one vehicle		Space Required Flexible - tbc		Tech Requirements Self-sufficient	

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Nearly There Yet

Lets go Clubbing

Get your ticket to the hottest club in town!

Let's go clubbing is a new two person juggling show charting a journey through the history of club music starting with Disco up to the modern day.

1 in 5 nightclubs have closed down since the Pandemic. Music can be the heart of communities and subcultures with the power to bring people together in a way that transcends everyday differences. This is also true of circus, which provides a spectacle that stands out from the everyday, creating a space for everyone to engage no matter who they are.

Nearly There Yet have created a light hearted and entertaining exploration of these ideas through a combination of juggling and music which can bring the Club experience to rural audiences.

An oversize gazebo creates a unique club space for all to enjoy watching and trying circus - even if your name isnt on the list you're still getting in!

Commissioned by Applause

For more information visit: www.nearlythereyet.com



A sparkling and skilled cabaret act - Adrian Berry,
Artistic Director, Jacksons Lane

Great fun, lively, skilled and entertaining.. very polished and great fun. The jokes and tricks worked for both adults and children and they were a real boost to the atmosphere of the fete. This show was perfect for our event. - Organiser; Igtham Fete, 2017 on Bazazi Brothers

Promoter Information

Show Duration 25 mins		Key Times In: 1 hr 30 mins Out: 59 mins		Company Size 2 Performers		Host Fees Please contact touring@applause.org.uk	
Access Needs		Parking Required Access for one car/van on site to unload		Space Required 3 x 3 x 5		Tech Requirements self sufficient	

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Sonia Sabri Company

Mughal Miniatures Walkabout

'Mughal Miniatures' is a vibrant outdoor performance event for all the family, which celebrates and takes inspiration from the exquisite traditional art of Indian and Persian miniature painting.

'Mughal Miniatures' Walkabout is upbeat and fun, with performers in sumptuous regal costumes creating vibrant and colourful mini-worlds of dance, music and puppetry. Evoking scenes of Indian princely courts and lush gardens, and the glory of the Mughal period with a contemporary twist, undercutting expectations and delighting and surprising passers-by. Watch out for our cheeky and amorous royal peacock, who is looking for a new mate!

'Mughal Miniatures' Walkabout will be an entirely flexible work that can work in a variety of rural settings. The show will be self-sufficient technically, using a portable PA system provided by the company. We can work on most ground surfaces and in most environments (gardens, fields, school playgrounds, high streets, etc).

Co-commissioned by Applause and Creative Estuary









For more information visit: www.sscsco.org.uk



'Sonia Sabri creates amazing work unlike I've seen anywhere else. Really special, different and emotionally connects with audiences. Keep it up.' Facebook review.

'One of the best dance companies I've seen.' Audience member of previous Sonia Sabri show.

Promoter Information

Show Duration 3 x 30 minutes performances 	Key Times In: 1 hr Out: 30 mins 	Company Size 2 Performers 3 Crew 	Host Fees Please contact touring@applause.org.uk 
Access Needs None 	Parking Required Parking on site close to performance area for unloading and set up. 	Space Required 4m x 4m approx as this is a roaming walkabout piece. 	Tech Requirements We are self-sufficient and bring our own portable speaker system. 

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MCDC - Michaela Cisarikova Dance Company

Fish Out of Water

Fish Out of Water is a fresh, multi-disciplinary, participatory outdoor performance using hip hop dance, sculptures & live, responsive music to explore themes of belonging, otherness, displacement & migrancy with humour & charm.

Follow the dancers as they find themselves in a strange new place and help them overcome bizarre, colourful obstacles. By the end of the show, you can help them build a home somewhere new and show them that whatever challenges we face, we are stronger together.

This unique piece is truly interactive, responsive and accessible to the audience - each community brings their own elements to the production and every show is different.

Fish Out of Water is the latest touring performance from MCDC Michaela Cisarikova Dance Company, known for bold visuals and her signature hip hop and contemporary dance style. **Co-commissioned by Applause and The Marlowe, with support of SELEP Ltd as a part of Catalyst For Culture and supported by Arts Council England.**









For more information visit: <https://www.mcdccompany.com/>



'The performance made people smile, treated them to culture and unexpected, high quality outdoor art'
Applause Outdoor host 2022

'We can always rely on MCDC to bring the best show'
Dance Reading

Promoter Information

Show Duration 25min x 2 per day plus 20min participation at the end if requested 	Key Times In: 1 hr 30 mins Out: 1 hr 	Company Size 4 Performers 1 Crew 	Host Fees Please contact touring@applause.org.uk 
Access Needs None 	Parking Required 1 parking space near location 	Space Required 7m x 7m x 3m 	Tech Requirements We are fully self-sufficient 

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Feasible Ferret Theatre

The Dustbusters

Are dust bunnies running wild? Have spiderwebs taken over? Then you need, The Dustbusters, sassy and silver-topped domestic goddesses from yesteryear.

With only their trusty cleaning trolley, elbow grease and a pinch of bicarbonate of soda, these homely and high-spirited housekeepers are determined to make all things spick and span. But it's not all work and no play for these slapstick scrubbers. Mildred, Mavis and Martha look for any excuse to set down their dusters for a cuppa and a chinwag.

Accompanied by hearty and wholesome tunes, you won't be able to stop yourself from joining in for a boogie as they make things prim and proper. Brimming with comical cleaning expertise, The Dustbusters will have the world looking pristine, as long as you keep off their freshly mopped floors!

A comical walkabout act for family audiences of all ages and communities. The eye-catching, interactive and whimsical Dusterbusters will have audiences laughing, dancing and dusting with their larger-than-life personalities and unique approach to housekeeping.

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For more information visit: www.feasibleferret.co.uk



'It added lighthearted roving entertainment that an open air village show desperately needs' Outdoor host 2022

'Very positive - very engaging and funny. The Dustbusters were perfect for our event, thank you.' Outdoor host 2022

Promoter Information

Show Duration 3 x 30 minute sets, or 2 x 45 minute sets. 	Key Times In: 45 mins Out: 30 mins 	Company Size 2 Performers 	Host Fees Please contact touring@applause.org.uk 
Access Needs N/A 	Parking Required Onsite or nearby parking is preferable. 	Space Required Walkabout act. 	Tech Requirements None 

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Rhiannon Armstrong

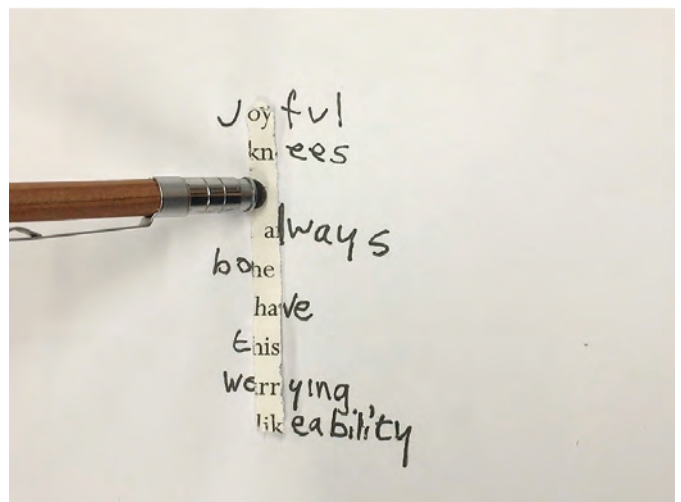
Poems Made from Words Found in the Bin

Poems Made from Words Found in the Bin is part performance, part creative writing workshop, and a digital art intervention.

Members of the public are invited to join Rhiannon in creating poems made from shredded documents which are then animated and added to a growing collection. The animated poems are uploaded onto the Slow GIF Movement channel on Giphy (with 39 million views), which allows your poem to be read and shared globally on messaging apps and social media. Once your poem is part of the collection it can go on to be screened in other places as the project travels. Developed for outdoor touring with support from Applause. **Developed for outdoor touring with support from Applause.**

You can view some of the poems created while on tour in 2022 - Poems Made From Words Found in the Bin









For more information visit: www.rhiannonarmstrong.net



'This event was delightful. Very gentle and creative. Gravesham Fringe Festival host 2022

'I thought Poems was the perfect experience to land in the park as part of the Arts in the Parks programme. It was a really high quality experience, although small in scale, had a big impact for those that participated.' Applause Outdoor host 2022

Promoter Information

Show Duration 4 hrs (ad hoc drop-in from audience) 	Key Times In: 30 mins Out: 30 mins 	Company Size 1 Performer 	Host Fees Please contact touring@applause.org.uk 
Access Needs 1 x Steward + disabled artist may need a space to rest 	Parking Required N/A 	Space Required 2m x 2m x 2m 	Tech Requirements Additional chairs/seating is helpful but not essential. Access to a tap 

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Smoking Apples

Buzz

A Bee-riliant Adventure! Join Billy Bumble as he shrinks down to bee-size and learns about the troubles that they face.

Featuring spell-binding puppetry and a giant honeycomb set, join us for a whirlwind ride, avoiding grumpy Mr Fred and the gaping jaws of Shredder the dog! Buzz finishes with the audience being given wildflower seeds, to plant and help our black and yellow friends to flourish. The show includes a playful look at scale (think micro-scale for major fun) and some light-hearted audience engagement, giving the audience a chance to see things from a Bees-eye-view. Featuring a blend of puppetry (large-scale and table-top), captivating music and bright, colourful visuals, Buzz is a chance for families to learn about the importance of Bees in our ecosystem and what we can all do, at home, to help them thrive.

We also have available a visual story for any audiences who may need it before seeing the show, this can be found here: <https://smokingapplestheatre.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Buzz-Visual-Story.pdf>

A trailer is also available to see here: <https://smokingapplestheatre.com/show/buzz/>

Co-commissioned by Applause, Kent County Council and Tunbridge Wells Puppetry Festival.









For more information visit: www.smokingapplestheatre.com



'The performance was well received by the audience, all the children really enjoyed how interactive it was.'
Applause Outdoor host 2022

'I enjoyed the performance, it was nice to see the children interacting with the performers.'
Applause Outdoor host 2022

Promoter Information

Show Duration 30mins x 2 times a day		Key Times In: 1 hr 30 mins Out: 1 hr		Company Size 3 Performers		Host Fees Please contact touring@applause.org.uk	
Access Needs N/A		Parking Required Parking for one van close to performance area		Space Required 6m x 6m		Tech Requirements Self sufficient	

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Rust & Stardust

The Cackle Street Cats

Shadowshanks and Pumpkinpaws are the very best of friends, but their owners can't stand each other, even though they haven't spoken in years. The two cats are desperate to bring their friendship out of the shadows, but Araminta Aconite and Persephone Perwinkle are a pair of stubborn sourpusses.

With musical mayhem, mischievous misunderstandings and of course, a sprinkle of magic, the Cackle Street Cats try to reconcile Persephone and Araminta before the Midsummer Festival.

Rust & Stardust is a Sussex-based puppet theatre company, passionate about stories and storytelling, folklore and mythology, unconventional performance spaces and all things handmade. They create all of their puppets, costumes, sets and props, along with original scripts. With a commitment to sustainability in theatre they aim to use recycled and re-purposed materials in the creation of their shows.

Co-commissioned by Applause and The Marlowe with support of SELEP Ltd as a part of Catalyst For Culture

For more information visit: www.rustandstardustproductions.co.uk



Nominees for Best Children's Business in Sussex - Muddy Stilettoes Awards 2021

'It is the second time we have used Applause and we have been able to easily access acts at affordable prices.' Outdoor host 2022

Promoter Information

Show Duration 25-30 minutes; up to 3 performances		Key Times In: 1 hr Out: 30 mins		Company Size 2 Performers		Host Fees Please contact touring@applause.org.uk	
Access Needs N/A		Parking Required For one car		Space Required 3m x 3m x 2.5m		Tech Requirements Fully self-sufficient	