



Monday 22 - Friday 26 May 2017



unforgettable arts experiences at your school

The Spark is delighted to offer you four different music, dance, storytelling and theatre productions to visit your school during The Spark Festival 2017. These performances, offered at a subsidised rate, can be a resource to stimulate all kinds of further activity in the classroom and at home too.

FAMILY LEARNING

New for this year we would like to support family learning and encourage you to invite parents and carers along to the performances where possible. To help with this we have introduced the option of a twilight performance for some of our shows.

ARTS AWARD & ARTSMARK

Hosting or visiting theatre shows can be the perfect link for children to achieve their Arts Award as well as contribute to the schools Artsmark Award. Talk to us about how we can support you with these awards.

Additional education offers can be added to make a performance package for most of these shows, so please do get in touch to discuss these opportunities further.

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Mashi Theatre, in association with The Spark Arts for Children, presents

Tales of Birbal

by Sayan Kent

Whatever the question, Birbal, the cunning advisor to Mogul Emperor Akbar has the answer! Mashi Theatre's travelling storytellers stop by to share the colourful, enchanting *Tales of Birbal* - ancient Indian stories akin to Aesop's Fables, featuring music and puppetry.

Enjoy these tales of adventure and problem solving, and even learn a song on the way. Put your thinking cap on and step into the world of Akbar and Birbal.

Cross Curricular links: social traditions; music; singing; PSHE; learning through discussion.

Theatre

KS2

Tue 23 – Fri 26 May 2017

Morning, afternoon or twilight performances.
Cost £375 per show or £650 for two
(free workshop available when booking 2 shows)

Duration: 50 mins
Set up time: 1 hour 30mins
Max audience: 120
Performance space W:6m x D:5m



Tamsyn Russell Dance presents

Go Get 'em Kid

A funny and high-energy dance duet about friendship and sharing.

Join Tamsyn and Adrienne as they dance and test the bonds between them, stretching the fabric of their friendship. Starting with 100 oversized T-shirts and ending with both performers sharing just one. With flailing hair *Go Get 'em Kid* is a playful and energetic new dance piece with an eclectic soundtrack that's a joy from beginning to end.

Cross Curricular links: friendship; sharing; dance; learning through discussions

Dance

KS2

Mon 22 – Wed 24 May 2017

Morning or afternoon performance
Cost £375 per show or £650 for two

Duration: 50 mins
including post show Q&A session
Set up time: 1hr 40 mins
Max Audience: 120
Performance space: W:6.5m x D:6.5m
(wooden or vinyl floor)



Turned On Its Head, with Big Imaginations and The Spark Arts for Children, presents

Sponge

Roll, squeeze and pop yourself through a new malleable kind of dance show. *Sponge* is about all things spongy, a child's ability to soak information up like a sponge and the squishy, squashy texture that fascinates children and adults alike.

Dance company Turned On Its Head makes exciting participatory theatre for infants and early years, taking children on a creative journey, engaging audiences throughout its performances and encouraging lots of interaction.

Cross Curricular links: playing & exploring; active learning; creating & thinking critically.

Foundation KS1 SEN KS2

Dance Theatre

Tue 23 – Fri 26 May 2017

Morning or afternoon performance.
Cost £375 per show or £650 for two

Duration: 50 minutes including time for play
Set up time: 1 hour 30 mins
Max Audience: 90 / 30 SEN
Performance space: School Hall
with wooden or lino floor

This show gives a unique opportunity to invite your feeder nursery groups.



Yaaba Funk

Yaaba Funk have toured the world bringing their high energy Afro grooves to audiences from Zanzibar to Peckham. An intoxicating blend of Ghanaian Hi-Life, deep funk and African jazz, this is a chance to experience their awesome live show in your school.

Yaaba Funk are multicultural, British and fun. Their high level of musicianship and energy will engage and inspire young audiences.

Cross Curricular links: world music; listening; call & response; performing; music history; social traditions.

YR2 KS2

Music

Mon 22 – Fri 26 May 2017

Morning, afternoon or twilight performances.
Cost £400 per show or £750 for two

Duration: 50 mins
Set up time: 45 mins
Max Audience: 180
Performance Space: 5m x 5m



or take a trip to the theatre

Peut-Être Theatre presents

Shh...Bang!

A delicate dance-theatre performance for children and their adults, playfully exploring sound and silence. Two characters set out on a journey through a world filled with Boings, Whooshes, Tick-Tocks and Cacophony! Their journey is punctuated by silence, and as they are wrapped up in stillness, they learn to listen to that silence.

"...a thing of wonder. Peut-Être Theatre raises the bar of children's theatre in concept, design, and execution..." **British Theatre Guide**

Cross Curricular links: listening; watching; multiple sensory techniques; movement; science

Foundation KS1

Dance Theatre

Tue 23 & Wed 24 May
10.30am & 1.30pm

Ticket Prices: £7 (buy 9, get 1 free)
Duration: 45 mins
Venue: Attenborough Arts Centre,
Lancaster Rd, Leicester LE1 7HA



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