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The Garden of Dreams

Mischief, music and myth for under 7s and their families

Touring the UK and Ireland 31st March – 6th June 2009

Now available for booking from November 2009 – January 2010

Monster Productions has joined forces with Newcastle's Live Theatre to create a magical new production for under 7s and their families.

The Garden of Dreams combines all the usual Monster hallmarks of humour, audience participation, live music, puppetry and stunning visual effects. We are also delighted to welcome to the company the renowned Kathak dancer, Balbir Singh, whose unique blend of classical Indian and contemporary dance will add a whole new dimension to this exciting production. Fans of our previous shows *The Terrible Grump*, *A Handful of Sand* or *Feast* will love *The Garden of Dreams*.

When mischievous Rat dares Kip to wake the Sleeping Giant, they have no idea of the trouble their game will cause. The Giant dreams every new thing that enters the world. Without his dreams no new flower opens, no egg hatches, no baby is born, no new story is told. How will Kip and Rat get the Giant back to sleep? What gift will they receive from the Monster in the Fridge? What advice will they be given by the Very Smelly Boot? Where will they fly with the Cow Who Eats the Clouds?

With a cast of 6 and lasting c. 55 minutes, *The Garden of Dreams* is suitable for studio venues and others with a capacity of up to 250.

Why you should not miss the opportunity to book this show

- The exemplary quality of all our previous productions
- The best participatory children's theatre available in Britain
- A great new creative partnership
- The diverse character of the cast and creative team
- Excellent supporting educational resources
- Great marketing back-up (including a dedicated website)
- Our down to earth professional approach
- Fantastic value for money

Explanation of the bidding process

We will offer a 4/5 week Christmas block of the show to the theatres with whom we have a historic relationship. Others theatres are however welcome to join this process. The show will provisionally open its autumn run at the TAKE OFF Festival in Darlington on 11/12 November. Between then and 28 November, bookings are available at daily rates or in blocks of 2 or more days. If demand outstrips supply, we will start the tour before TAKE OFF.

Details and costs

The Garden of Dreams is written by Chris Speyer, music by leuan Goch ab Einion, directed by Paul James, designed by Isla Shaw, choreographed by Balbir Singh with lighting design by Drummond Orr.

The Garden of Dreams is performed by Chloe Allen, John Afzal, Liz Carter and Rachel Reddihough with live music provided by multi-talented musicians Nik Alevroyannis and Faith Elliott. The creative team and cast are drawn from five continents.

A comprehensive education pack and CD of the show's music are available free of charge to each class booking to see the show. The same are available for sale to parents at a very reasonable rate. A workshop programme is available to accompany the show.

The show has the benefit of being supported by a specialist marketing team led by Claire Trueman of Live Theatre. It also has its own dedicated website, which will be regularly updated. www.thegardenofdreams.co.uk

The costs are £1000 for 2 shows in one day (£1200 for 3 shows a day), £1800 for 4 shows over 2 days (£2000 for 5 shows over 2 days) or £4500 per week for up to 11 shows. All rates are negotiable subject to your requirements. Workshop fees are separate and subject to negotiation. Workshops can be tailored to meet your needs or those of teachers/carers.

Booking contact

For further details, please contact leuan Einion
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*"The children loved **every** minute...its level of audience participation was the best I've seen in **any** children's production."* (Percy Hedley School, Forest Hall – "Feast" 2006)

"This is categorically the best children's theatre I have seen, and I have seen a lot, good and bad." Louise Cripwell, Salisbury (A Handful of Sand 2007)

"Keep up the great work, and as I tell most people, Monster Productions showcases the best Children's Productions touring here in N.Ireland." Niall McCaughan (General Manager) Derry Playhouse

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