### LEMPEN PUPPET THEATRE COMPANY

# CARDBOARD CARNIVAL

(The Carnival of the Animals)



Trunk, Tail, Ears or Wings? - Carnival creates itself from all sorts of things!

This is "Carnival of the Animals" but not as we know it. Dissected for body part potential to create the "ultimate animal" we take inspiration from the music by Camille Saint-Saëns, a little help from Charles Darwin and a whole lot of cardboard to mash up a show full of puppet possibility.

Inspiration and delight for everyone from 4 to 104.



Having performed involved stories with lots of text over many years, we have now produced a show with focus on the real magic of puppetry. After all, puppetry is a very visual form of theatre. Puppetry movement and invention, supported by the fantastic music by Camille Saint-Saëns - an exploration of the material of Cardboard and a Lempen-Style framework form the ingredients of the show.

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Story: Liz and Daniel Lempen

Puppets: Liz Lempen
Direction: Mark Whitaker

Music: "The Carnival of the Animals" by Camille Saint-Saëns

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

**Performing area required:** 5m wide x 4.5m deep x 2.5m high

Blackout: Yes

**Power:** 2 x 13amp sockets

**Get in time:** 2.5 hours

**Get out time:** 1 hour

Number of performers: 1 Number of technicians: 1

View of set up:









**Sound / Lighting:** LEMPEN PUPPET THEATRE COMPANY, is fully self contained and will

bring their own lighting board (Z88 12 channel desk), dimmers, stands,

cables, lanterns, MD player and PA system.

(all fully PAT tested). We do not use smoke or strobe lighting.

The only thing we need is someone to operate house lights and a cup of

tea or coffee is always very much appreciated.

Public Liability: £ 10.000.000

**Disclosures:** Everyone working with LEMPEN PUPPET THEATRE COMPANY has a

valid Enhanced Disclosure Certificate and carries photo ID.



"LEMPEN PUPPET THEATRE COMPANY always makes things magic - a very special quality!"

Rachel Feldberg, Ilkley Literature Festival

### Company background

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For more on the Lempen Puppet Theatre Company visit www.lempen.co.uk





### **Productions**

Since its foundation in 1987, the company have produced the following productions.

#### Theatre shows:

Cardboard Carnival (2016), - Little Frankenstein (2014), - The Fisherman and The Pearl (2012), - Ugly Beauty (2010), - Journey of Turtle (2007), - The Amazing Thing (2006), - The Shapechanger (2003), - Puppets in the Wild (2002), - The Rainbow Forest (2000), - Lizzie's Moon (1998), - The Last of the Trolls (1997), - The Melting Princess (1995), - The Third Key (1995), - When I met Skark (1994), - The Fairy Flute (1993), - The Magic Berry (1992), - The Coloured Land (1991), - The Deamer (1990), - Ds Farbeland (1988), - Princess Klischandra (1987)

#### Street shows:

Darwin's Workshop (2017), Belly Bug (2010), Dr Frankenstein (2010), Riverbed Dive (2005), Dan's Baby (2005)

#### Other work:

In addition to performing, the company responds to requests for workshops, training sessions, commissions and collaborations and amongst others have worked with Cusan Theatre, Leeds City Variety Theate, Dynamic New Animation and have as directors for Thingumajig Theatre and German company Theater Lakupaka. We also ran residencies for "Theatre for One" performers.

### The Touring Company

#### **National touring:**

As a touring company we have travelled the length and breadth of the British Isles, quite literally, from Shetland to the Isles of Scilly frequently reaching the most remote of communities. We also reach into the very heart of the inner city schools and enjoy the contrast of experience and of audiences we meet.

Our UK tours are a combination of schools, arts centres and theatres, rural touring circuits, festivals and sometimes the odd museum.

#### International touring:

We have performed at festivals and theatres in Austria, Belgium, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxenburg, Romania, Switzerland, Turks and Caicos (Caribbean) and Taiwan.







"Liz Lempen charmingly continues the company's tradition of beautifully crafted shows, delivered with style and control!" Alistair Winch, Creative Arts East

"One small step for a performer...
one giant leap for everyone lucky enough to see it!"
Mike Lyon, Lincoln Chronicle

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