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JOIN THE JOURNEY FOR A ONE OFF PERFORMANCE IN HIGHBRIDGE

Thursday 30 September: Join local artists and members of the community for a one-off FREE event with local performers **Pirates of the Carabina** on Sunday 3 October, telling their stories of journeys.

PIRATE TAXI is a funny, family-friendly circus show suitable for adventurers of all ages. Taking place in, on and around an old-school London Taxi, PIRATE TAXI has all the hallmarks of a Pirates of the Carabina show – original live music, humour, a mechanically ingenious set, and extraordinary aerial performance. Telling POTC's own story of Circus to Somerset, **PIRATE TAXI** weaves in themes of journeying, displacement and the annual migration of birds. Audiences are invited to join in the ride, as the Taxi becomes a travelling trove of stories, anecdotes and ruminations. And there is always room for one more.

Through a series of workshops, local theatre-maker Selina Keedwell and **Pirates of the Carabina's** Shaena Brandel have been working with members of the community to create the curtain raiser, a brand-new theatre piece based on tales of travel. During workshops, they have shared stories of travel including journeys they might have made in the past and those they hope to make in the future. Participants learned new theatre skills and Shaena put them through their paces as they learned exciting new circus skills.

Theatre maker Selina Keedwell said: *"It has been a privilege to work with members of the community from all generations. The stories shared have been funny, moving and inspiring; capturing journeys from the Wye Valley to Mount Everest! Participants have explored aerial circus, verbatim, set design and much more. Every person involved has brought something new to the project and we can't wait to share the performance and celebrate the towns' creativity at the Morland Hub."*

This free performance will be a one off so don't miss your chance to share in their stories.

Seed Director Scott O'Hara said *"Seed is thrilled to be able to create this opportunity for another free performance in Highbridge, but more than that to enable local people to take part in the event and share their stories alongside the professionals."*

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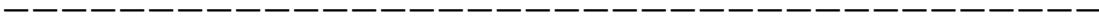
See the free performance at the Morland Community Hub this Sunday at 2.15pm. The afternoon will continue until 4.30pm with music, circus entertainment, dancing and refreshments available. For more information, call Take Art on 01460 249450.

IMAGES



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Seed is a Consortium of local organisations comprising:

Homes in Sedgemoor,
Community Council for Somerset,
Bridgwater Senior Citizens Forum,
Somerset Film;
Young Somerset and
Bridgwater Town Council.

We believe that arts, culture and creativity are not elite activities, but should be an ordinary part of everyday life, created by, with and for the people. This can be achieved in partnerships with artists in all forms of the creative arts, working in response to the collective imagination and reflecting the things that are important to the communities of Sedgemoor. We seek to make creative arts, culture and heritage part of everyday life in Sedgemoor by growing new opportunities for its people to participate, create and celebrate.

Seed is part of Arts Council England's **Creative People and Places** programme (**CPP**). Creative People and Places is about more people taking the lead in choosing, creating and taking part in arts and culture experiences in the places where they live. There are 33 projects, each located in a place where people are least likely to engage with arts and culture. We've committed £108 million to the programme so far, covering 33 Projects, 33 Places, 30 consortia and 45 local authorities. Since 2013, there have been 4.5 million engagements with the CPP programme and 86% of people who participate in weren't previously engaging regularly with arts and culture.

www.creativepeopleplaces.org.uk

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