Motion 21 Press Pack Tinderbox Theatre Company



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Creativity in Motion

Creative Response to Covid-19 Pandemic

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The Invitation

Tinderbox Theatre Company is one of the most established companies in Northern Ireland. For over thirty years, Tinderbox has championed new writing, producing world-class performances from Northern Irish writers to critical and international acclaim.

From January to March 2021, Tinderbox will accelerate creativity with our **Motion** 21 programme bringing quality performances, creative workshops and inspiring conversations to various locations across Northern Ireland.

Motion 21 is a creative response to our current situation in the effort to continue active engagement and inspiration with artists, participants and audiences. Most importantly Motion 21 aims to break through the challenges of isolation and loneliness due to Covid-19. We will go wherever we can according to Covid-19 guidelines, whatever the weather. Be it a venue, a school, a car park or outside your home, we will travel and keep creative. We will come to you!

Creativity in Motion will offer:

- Performances
- Workshops (Can also include a performance)
- Make With You (Full day event)
- Conversation

We can come for a session, half a day or a full day. Choose one of the options above or combine a few for a truly unique experience.

Performances

Back by Popular Demand (Jan-Feb 2021)

Short performances exploring themes of Isolation post Covid-19. All performances are inspired by high comedy, clown and farce to allow us to connect with each other and share moments of joy and resilience during this challenging time.

• The Waiting Room Two performers will do whatever it takes to bring a smile to your face)

- Stage Managers Revenge Stage manager finds herself without a cast and needs you to help her create the show
- Recycled A solo show about recycling bins and resilience in Isolation

Creative Team: Patrick J O'Reilly, Produced by Ciara McCafferty, Design by Diana Ennis, Performers; Gary Crossan, Chris Grant, Louise Conaghan and Rhodri Lewis.

Immaculate - (March 2021)

Music, poetry and spoken word performances on equality and celebrating Difference and Diversity in Northern Ireland.

Creative Team: Patrick J O'Reilly, Produced by Ciara McCafferty, Design by Diana Ennis, Music by Stuart Robinson; Performers; Louise Mathews and Rhodri Lewis.

Choose a performance(s) for your group/community adhering to Covid-19 and Social Distancing Guidelines.

Workshops

Creative workshop programme - 1 workshop per group/location - (Can also include a performance)

- Mental Health and well-being Applying creative skills to explore and celebrate who you are (new writing) 45 mins
- Diversity (Celebrating difference. Celebrate Equality. Clown workshop) 45 mins
- The Art of Laughter (Comedy workshop, sometimes we just need to laugh) 45 mins
- Movers and Shakers (Dance and movement workshop to shake off the blues) 45 mins

Make with You

Tinderbox would also like to make original performance with you and your group. The In-Motion team will spend a full day in your company creatively

responding to your stories which will culminate in the creation of a short performance specifically for you, by you and with you. The *Make with You* project encourages connection, creativity and shared experience post Covid-19.

Full day booking required for **Make with You** project. Opportunity for *Make with You* dependent on Covid-19 guidelines and restrictions at each location.

Conversation

We also just want to talk with you. Covid-19 has had a devastating effect on our Mental Health and feelings of Isolation and loneliness are huge after -affects in dealing with the pandemic. We feel it is incredibly important that we create a space for people to share their stories. We are happy to come to your specific locations to be a focus point for conversation to happen between groups and individuals.

We are all in this together so let's make that happen.

If you are interested in hosting **Tinderbox Motion 21 Project** next year, please do get in touch via info@tinderbox.org.uk

We are aware the situation is changing in relation to restriction measures so cancellations and changes in schedule etc will need to be considered on a daily basis.

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We look forward to your Invitation.

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