



The Wing Scuffle Circus Spectacular Double Bill

Presented by The Revel Puck Circus and a variety of exciting local artists and companies as part of Derby CAN and the Over to You project



PROGRAMME

An extraordinary and unique event, bringing together communities, artists and a circus tent in Markeaton Park, celebrating our city, local people and performance.



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A big hello from Derby CAN and welcome to Over To You!

Derby CAN (Creative Arts Network) is a project led by Derby Theatre and made up of a wonderful and eclectic array of other artistic and creative partners from around the city of Derby and nationally (see our partners on page 12) to enhance and build on the way work is made, commissioned and supported in Derby for the people of the city. The project is a three-year pilot funded by Arts Council England, Paul Hamlyn Foundation and the University of Derby to place control, authenticity and decision-making with the local community about the arts and culture they want to see, and to also provide training, skills development and opportunities for local talent to develop, thrive and be platformed in the city.

Derby CAN is a producing hub for the local community with a sharp focus and ambition on placing local voices at the heart of arts and culture in the city; and through the project, we have created three hubs (Normanton Library, Bramblebrook Community Centre and The Maypole Café Bar and Theatre) for local people to engage with and programme within. After all, working creatively together is what makes a place rich, vibrant and interesting; the stories that come from the unique and inspirational people who occupy it, interact with it and create its history should therefore shape its future! This is why we currently have CAN artists who are developing co-created projects with local communities around local stories, including black mining heritage, family legacy tapes, living library performances and using technology to create digital safe spaces.

Other exciting projects which have emerged from Derby CAN include: Front Door Theatre; taking a mini stage and animated stories to home doorsteps around Derby, *Ancestories*, a fascinating project where participants who had never taken part in any form of arts before, took DNA tests to learn more about their own heritage, who then explored and utilised creative outlets to form stories based on their results to share... AND, most recently, a vibrant 80's music show featuring singing, visual arts, dance and a whole lot a memories inspired by stories from the people of Derby!

Not only do we work with the community to put work and events on in hubs, social clubs, community centres and out and about in public spaces (like Markeaton Park), we also want to make sure the buildings and institutions that house activity in the city also represent the people who live within it, and that everyone feels connected to, and a part of those buildings too! Did you catch Extra Time at Derby Theatre last year? This was a Derby CAN production in collaboration with Derby Theatre, a highly acclaimed production which paid tribute to Derby, Derby County Football Club and their 1946 FA Cup win, an uplifting and celebratory show created by DCFC's official poet, Jamie Thrasivoulou in collaboration with Derby Theatre and the community.

All Derby CAN partners, friends and associates hope to create spaces where everyone feels represented, welcomed, and can access and feel like a familiar friend every time they step inside. So, if you have any ideas about more things you'd like to see or experience, please do let us know.

We are here to work alongside, showcase, represent and celebrate a wide variety of voices, people and a variety of talents (18 years and over) that live in this wonderful city of Derby; we believe in life-long creativity, playfulness and the chance for all to take part.

If you CAN, come and join us!



Derby CAN (Creative Arts Network) sits at the heart of our artistic vision and ambition to create, engage and work with our local community. Over the past few years, we, along with our cultural partners in the project, have worked with numerous communities, local people and artists to co-create work in a range of exciting spaces in and around the city.

Over to You is a culmination of the project, a celebration and showcase of performance, circus, relationships forged, community and the great people of Derby. Over to You provides a wonderful wealth of opportunities to get involved, try something new... and to enjoy a fantastic night out in the beautiful surroundings of Markeaton Park with family and friends...it's going to be one the highlights of the city's cultural and community calendar this autumn.

Sarah Brigham
CEO and Artistic Director
of Derby Theatre

If you would like more information about Derby CAN, we'd love to hear from you.

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 @DerbyCANEvents

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About The Revel Puck Circus

The Revel Pucks were born out of the desire to see circus connect with a new audience, whilst remaining embedded in the tradition of tented touring.

Our aim is to make ordinary people feel extraordinary, finding the pleasure and humanity within circus and allowing our audience to be a part of that energy. Our work is fresh, bold and beautiful. Challenging the preconceptions of what circus is and proving what circus can be.

We are circus, proud of what we do and who we are. Our work is unashamedly skilful, and deeply imbedded in the exploration of the human condition.

We create work that celebrates the ordinary. We don't have six packs, our legs don't go on forever and our faces leave a lot to be desired. We create work that our audiences can viscerally connect to, our work is just as much about the people doing technique as it is about the technique.

We work with artists, not performers. For us that means that everyone in the troupe has a distinct creative voice and an important role in the development of the work.

“For me, seeing shows and getting acquainted with different styles that can express social issues, in the form of humour and comedy, and important things like freedom of expression, is something that doesn't exist in our countries.”

Derby CAN participant

Our Story

Our mission is to create and tour work for everyone, the big top is our home as it allows us to land in the heart of communities far and wide, inviting them into our world whilst being offered the privilege to be a fleeting part of theirs.

In 2019, our first production The Big Bagaga Show premiered with the support of Waltham Forest London Borough of Culture 2019 and Arts Council England, selling out its first run in Walthamstow.

In 2020, with a national tour cancelled, we created the mockumentary series Don't Join The Circus, a playful comedy following a circus on the brink of collapse. Supported by Arts Council England, the three-episode series received over 130,000 views.

In 2021, we premiered our new show and toured our new tent, a 650-seater big top with the charm of a Spiegel tent. A space which can host a broad variety of work in a safe, socially-distanced manner.



Introducing our local artists and companies

PERFORMING WITH REVEL PUCK ON THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER, 7PM:

Dred Eye Knightz

A group of passionate and enthusiastic individuals. Their mission is to H.E.L.P and change thoughts of minds through Music Production and video.

The Dred Eye Knightz are the first group under Dred Eye Records to release an album called Rise Of The Dred Eye and in the future, want to connect with other local like-minded artists to reach all audiences. The Dred Eye Knightz are Castro Bey, Freeze, KP, Moshe, Scoldex, Astro, Walshy and TNT-on.



Eyez

Eyez is an independent, award-winning artist with many views and streams across all platforms. He has established himself over the past 10 years and has excessive experience in the music industry. Working with some of today's biggest artists and touring across Europe and Australia.

Eyez is also CEO of Imjustderbz and teaches BTEC Music at Derby College. Eyez has always represented Derby in his music form his fire in booth with Charlie Sloth to Redbulls grime-a-side, where Derby's team took victory, making them the champions of UK Grime.



Donna Briscoe-Greene

Donna started her singing career at 18 when she began touring with her band Under the Skin for 2 years performing for organisations including Amnesty International (Nottingham). Later, Donna joined forces with the group SoulDeep as lead singer to perform at venues including the National Black Policeman's Ball (Derby) and DEDA (Derby). She is an associate artist for Black Lives in Music and an ambassador for her craft internationally. Through her singing practice, she ensures that African and Caribbean Arts and Culture continue to be explored, reframed, re-evaluated, and most importantly, she enjoys every genre.



PERFORMING WITH REVEL PUCK ON FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER, 7PM:

Brenda & The Bungee

Holly Hutchinson is a Derbyshire transgender circus artist who, after 5 years performing various aerial circus apparatus, is bringing her brand new Brenda and the Bungee act to the Over to You festival. Expect an 80's soundtrack mixed with comedy and aerial feeds that will leave you laughing and wowing in the same breath.



Kristian Thomas Company

The Kristian Thomas Company is a performing arts establishment who offer a high-quality, variety of training at their bespoke studios and produce electrifying & innovative theatrical productions. Together with the highest level of talent and tutors across the East Midlands, 'KTCO' is at the forefront of the modern performing arts world. They are following the evolving musical theatre movement, staying fresh with the industry as it develops.

This performance, entitled A Kristian Thomas Circus is pieced together by Creative Director and Choreographer, Kristian Cunningham. The piece comprises of a group of singers, dancers and actors from the Kristian Thomas Collective - a community group that produce musicals and pantomimes throughout the year, selling out to local audiences with critical acclaim. They have taken classics from Moulin Rouge, Sweet Charity, Cabaret and Burlesque to bring you this divine medley of romance and seduction.





Made by Us

Created by the people of Derby, this show is not about a scripted beginning, middle and end, it's not about who is professional and who is not; it's about celebrating who we are and the talents and skills we have.

Made by Us has been a celebration of reflecting on stories and local places that have shaped who we are, how we come together as a community to celebrate, and the human relationships we make in unexpected moments, and the fleeting impact we can have on each other. There is original music, dance, spoken word and lots of joy! We hope you enjoy, and that you feel the warmth we have in working together.

Made By Us features: Aishwarya Deshpande, Max Ingram, Chantel McLaren, Maria Slack, Lea Weller, Ruby Murray, Danish Latif, Rebecca Muir, Matthew Griffiths, Angie Niccals, Elizabeth Seyi, lamalpha Spoken, Karin Nakimela, Paulina Ksiazkiewicz (Aleks) and Sophie Averill. Amy Nicholls (Theatre Practitioner and Director) and Niaz Stephenson (Costume Design and Maker).

Lighting and sound by Iyisha Williams.

PERFORMING WITH REVEL PUCK ON SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER, 2.30PM:

PHEENIX

PHEENIX IS a 24 year old UK-based Nigerian artist, a Singer /Rapper and songwriter with a versatile style to music who works with several genres experimenting and growing their sound. PHEENIX's personal favourites that they have worked on are Afro beats, Hip Hop, R&B, 80s synth wave, pop punk and Emo rap.

PHEENIX has been making music for about years and still chasing their dreams to share their music with the world.



PERFORMING WITH REVEL PUCK ON SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER, 2.30PM:

Jo Blackwood

Jo is an engaging and established spoken word artist, writer, actress and more recently, an online movie reviewer.

She has worked with Renaissance One (London); and established her acting talent as a live literature artist through them. Jo was mentored by the late Jean Binta Breeze MBE. Her work includes a commissioned poem for The Mountaintop play presented at Derby Guildall (2011).



PERFORMING WITH REVEL PUCK ON SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER, 2.30PM & 7PM:

Retro Feva 80s

Bexstar Entertainment Productions is a company based in Derby that showcases creative arts and entertainment in theatre, events and workshop settings, Retro Feva 80s was created by the company in 2022.

Retro Feva 80s is an 80s mixtape show performed by a local community cast as part of a co-creation featuring popular 80s music, visual art and dance. The show features the following artists: Mathew Griffiths, Victoria Ellis, Nilam Wright (AKA Ruby Murray); Chantel McLaren, Maria Slack, Jo Blackwood, Lea Weller, Karin Nakimela, Libby Kenyon and Angie Niccals. Produced and directed by Rebecca Muir.

PERFORMING WITH REVEL PUCK ON SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER, 7PM

Move For Wellbeing

Movement Monologue by Aishwarya Deshpande (Ash) and Max

Move for Wellbeing is a Dance Movement Therapy service and an Indian classical kathak Dance academy in Derbyshire. Ash, the founder of this business and a performer herself has come together with Max, a guitar artist to combine the art of movement, music, and monologue to create a theatrical tribute to their love for the city of Derby.



"So kind...such a relaxed and friendly atmosphere"

Derby CAN participant

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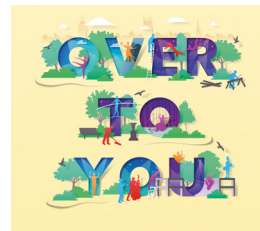
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SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER, 8PM:

LATE NIGHT VERSION – for ages 18+

The Wing Scuffle Circus Spectacular with
raffle presented by Barbara Nice, Drag
Cabaret featuring Velma Von Bon Bon
and Iris Prism – Blonde Barbie from Derby
and Performance Poet, Dan Webber.
and Switch by Purple Theatre

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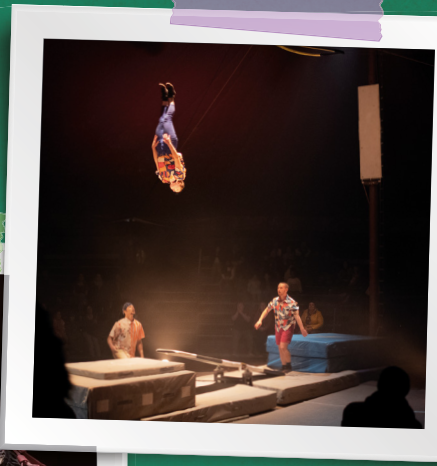


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“The trip to Bristol, to first see The Revel Puck Circus, led us to a wonderful show, full of heart and laughs; it felt so good to be at a live production again, after such a long time”


Derby CAN participant



TUESDAY 20 & WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER, 7PM:

The Wing Scuffle Circus Spectacular with Circus Strong

and Derby Refugee Solidarity

 Distanced performance, Tue 20 Sep, 7pm

THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER, 7PM:

The Wing Scuffle Circus Spectacular with Ozzy Wheels BMX Club

and T-Dot

and Loue Marc

 BSL interpreted performance

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and Mr Supreme

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The Wing Scuffle Circus Spectacular with Kristian Thomas Company

and Tomfool

 BSL interpreted performance

SATURDAY 24 & SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER, 7PM:

The Wing Scuffle Circus Spectacular with HOVERLA Ukrainian Dance Ensemble

and the Chinese Welfare Centre Dancing Group

“Thank you to all at Derby CAN for making me feel so welcome”

Derby CAN participant



The final weekend of *The Wing Scuffle Circus Spectacular Double Bill* is in association with Derby Festé

Derby Festé Weekend 2022: 23–24 Sep, Derby City Centre



**PERFORMING WITH REVEL PUCK ON
SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER, 8PM**

LATE NIGHT VERSION – for ages 18+

Drag Cabaret

Raffle hosted by Barbara Nice

Created by award-winning comedian and theatre director, Janice Connolly, Barbara Nice is the overenthusiastic housewife alter-ego of Birmingham-based performer Janice, who previously appeared in Peter Kay's Phoenix Nights, and is well known on the circuit for her lively, upbeat presence.

Velma Von Bon Bon

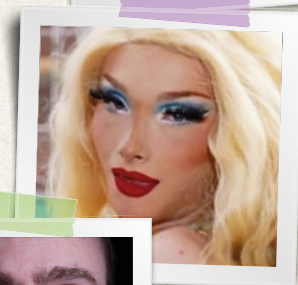
With a penchant for 80's cheese and the sublimely ridiculous, Velma Von Bon Bon has been peddling her unique brand of burlesque idiocy for well over a decade. Delighting audiences across the UK and Europe, she's garnered a right reputation as a heady cocktail of glamour and comedy, with the face of a clown and the balls of an adrenaline junkie. Voted in the top 50 burlesque performers in the world two years running and the top 10 UK burlesque performers many times over. It is just me, Velma Von Bon Bon, performing.

Iris Prism- Blonde Barbie from Derby

Iris Prism-Blonde Barbie will delight audiences with a lip sync and dance performance to a wonderful array of songs.

Dan Webber

Dan Webber is an award-winning LGBTQ+ poet and producer based in Derby. He has appeared at Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Timber Festival and as part of the 25th Birthday Celebrations for Leicester Comedy Festival. Commissions include work for Derby Festé, SHOUT Festival Birmingham and Coventry Pride.



SWITCH by Purple Theatre

SWITCH brings together Soca music, spoken word and energetic dance to celebrate Queer Black and Brown experiences. Rejoice with us as a young hen falls in love with another hen and morphs into a cockerel. We are Purple Theatre, a rural community theatre company exploring all things divergent. Purpletheatre.co.uk. #SwitchLGBT

SWITCH Team

Sam Beckett Jr (Dramaturg, Performer)	Sam Rushton (Producer)
Aoife O'Connor (Writer)	Maria Slack (Choreographer, Performer)
Annessa Dunkley (Performer)	Ben Spiller (Marketing, Social Media)
Stacey J (Music)	Niaz Stephenson (Assistant Choreographer, Performer)
Sammy Rosser (Performer)	



**PERFORMING WITH REVEL PUCK ON
TUESDAY 20 AND WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER, 7PM**

Circus Strong

Circus Strong CIC is a not-for-profit aerial & bungee fitness studio based in Ashbourne, Derbyshire, which originally started online in January 2021 over Zoom. In May 2021, we acquired a permanent space and home in Ashbourne. Now we are going to bring you a taste of what you could be doing instead of the gym through our rock n roll circus show.

This performance includes current students and staff of varying experience levels. For some of the performers this will be their first ever time performing aerial circus despite only starting a few months ago and having no previous experience. On the other end of the spectrum we have some seasoned pro's so there's a great mix.



Derby Refugee Solidarity

The members of Derbyshire Refugee Solidarity (DRS) will play a varied programme of music in several different languages. DRS is a charity organisation that works with people who are seeking refuge or asylum. They have members from all over the world who are keen to show their musical talents, as part of the Over To You project. They offer weekly English and music classes and provide a safe space for over 70 people every Thursday.



PERFORMING WITH REVEL PUCK ON THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER, 7PM

Ozzy Wheels BMX Club

Ozzy Wheels BMX Club, based at Osmaston Park in Derby was founded by local BMX biker, Jay Plimmer in 2019. During Easter 2022, the group held a BMX Jam at the track with a DJ, Easter eggs and an obstacle course, which attracted dozens of children from Osmaston and Allenton – and the group of bikers will showcase some of their amazing bike skills as part of this double bill.



T-Dot

Tdot is an emerging performer and recording artist based in Derby and known for also being a rapper/singer/songwriter/producer. Tdot has just finished working on a project with Zimbo Freemind, the founder of UK gangster rap and recently performed at the Tramshed as part of the Reimagine Festival.



Loue Marc

Even prior to the release of any extended project, Loue Marc became part of the roster of artists in the East Midlands who put the area on the map when Like Me dropped in 2020. This year, Loue Marc expands his discography with his anticipated EP DKYS.

From the production of DKYS's dynamic beats, to the direction of its visuals, Loue Marc has fiercely kept the project under his control. The EP is set to spark his career as an encapsulation both of his artistic vision and lived experience; as a raw acceptance of vulnerability and loss, it will be an important contribution to Drill.

It is certain that 2022 is set to be a landmark year for this artist.



PERFORMING WITH REVEL PUCK ON FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER, 7PM

Ozzy Wheels: BMXers

See their info on Thu 22 Sep

Mr Supreme

Mr Supreme is a UK artist based in the East Midlands. From an early age, he has been involved in music, starting off by playing in his church band and singing in the choir. Around the age of nine or ten years old, he began to rap after being influenced by an older cousin who began to teach him how to construct and write lyrics.

His love of Rap grew even though in his household, Rap, grime and similar types of music was frowned upon due to his strong Christian upbringing in particular his first introduction to Biggie smalls made him a firm fan of what would become a lifelong interest. Growing up playing music Mr Supreme has always made music, but decided to take it seriously in 2015 after realising that he had something unique to offer within the Urban music scene.



**PERFORMING WITH REVEL PUCK ON
SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER, 2.30PM**

Kristian Thomas Company

See their info on Fri 16 Sep

Tomfool

Tomfool (aka Tom Fermor) trained at Bretton Hall to be a 'proper actooooor'. He specialised in Physical theatre, but is now English Heritage's 'all licenced fool'. A role that was originally created for Henry VIII's fool, Will Sommer. Will Sommer was first employed by Sir Thomas Fermor in the 1520s!!!! Tomfool hopes that you enjoy wasting away 20 mins in his company.



**PERFORMING WITH REVEL PUCK ON
SATURDAY 24 AND SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER, 7PM**

HOVERLA Ukrainian Dance Ensemble

The HOVERLA Ukrainian Dance Ensemble was originally formed in 1972 and adopted its name from the highest mountain in Ukraine's Carpathian Mountain Region. This highly regarded and successful dance troupe has captivated many audiences with their colourful, exciting and energetic displays. It has gained recognition both nationally and internationally. The Ensemble based in Derby perform traditional Ukrainian folk dances accompanied by their own talented musicians.



Chinese Welfare Centre Dancing Group

The Derby Chinese Centre Dancing group has been established for 10 years. We offer various types of Chinese dances, such as Fan dance, Tai Chi dance, Umbrella dance, Mongolia dance, Chinese contemporary dance and much more. We have been delivering performances for events, charities and care homes for the benefit of different communities.



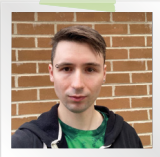
**WHAT DOES BEING PART OF OVER TO YOU
AND DERBY CAN MEAN TO YOU?**

◀ Matthew Griffiths



"I'm so happy to be a part of Derby CAN. I think it's a great opportunity to learn new things and I get to dance, which is a passion of mine. I'd love to have a future with Derby CAN. Thank you so much, very grateful. I wanted to get into dance for such a long time so I feel this opportunity can make that happen. I'm excited to do events, try things I've never done and I like a challenge. I am also taking part in the mentoring learning opportunity with Nix about being a producer, leaning exciting things I've not done before and learning how to make the visions in my head become a reality."

◀ Max Ingram



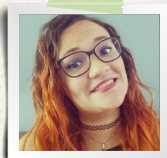
"Being part of Over to You gives me the opportunity work with others to create a unique and original show."

◀ Lea Weller



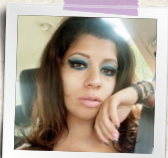
"Being part of Over to You will give me a chance to tell my story about my memories in Derby, and how I have flourished over the years. I am very excited for this opportunity to show my skills and bring something new to Derby. Being part of this community means a lot to me. I can't wait to be even more involved and develop my skills through more training and mentoring programmes. Thank you for allowing me to be part of this!"

◀ Chantel McLaren



"Performing is something that I have always wanted to do and has always been on the back burner. I will be forever grateful to Derby CAN for giving me this opportunity to express myself. The Over to You project is a great place to build my confidence, get creative, fly in the air and make some great friends along the way."

◀ Angie Niccals Pistou



"Derby Can and Over to You has given me such a wonderful confidence, a new-found passion for performing arts. I have always been creative, and often performed a little different to other music performers, I used my artwork and cosplay to tell my story originally...I was often misunderstood. However, after joining Derby CAN, I have met like-minded people and finally feel I have found my crew!"

◀ Maria Slack



"Being part of co-creation means I get to show who I am and my versatility in creative arts. This has helped me to push my boundaries, which has helped me to be part of workshops that I've been too shy to participate in previously. This has made me believe in myself, and brought my characters out. I'm looking forward to entertaining as many people as possible. Thank you for this opportunity."

Spotlight on Co-Creation and Made By Us

What is co-creation?

Good question!

What are your thoughts? This is not easy to define as it can be used on a sliding scale that can vary in range, like a volume dial on a radio, but for Derby CAN it's about providing freedom and opportunity to the community to have their voice heard, genuinely consulting them on what they want, whilst opinions are treated with respect and power of decision-making is in the hands the participants and community. It is trial and error, without negative judgement, and it's about having a go and giving everyone involved support and encouragement to develop their ideas and skills.

Through Over To You, many co-created pieces have been conceived, formed and developed over the last few months, to shape it into what it is today (that is another thing about co-created work...sometimes you have the frame, but you're not quite sure what the picture is until everyone puts their own piece in) so let's take a look at what pieces have gone into making up this beautiful, creative and eclectic picture of Over To You!

Why an outdoor performance?

One of the main inspirations for the festival came from our brilliant Derby CAN ambassadors who consult with us and the community to make sure choices are informed by the people who want them. They wanted a chance for local talent to have a BIG platform to perform, professional development to help those further their careers in the creative industries and showcase the amazing talent we have on our doorstep, so that is what we did!

Revel Puck are a community-focused performance company whose mission is 'to create and tour work for everyone, inviting them into our world whilst being offered the privilege to be a fleeting part of theirs' (About Us Revel Puck website) and with this in mind, they were the perfect company to offer mentoring and skills development, bring their award winning shows to audiences of Derby alongside allowing us into their big top home to perform and all this wrapped up in an open space that many people pass through.

More than a performance

Publicity was designed by CAN digital and fine art participants and their ideas of the individual pieces making a whole, polaroid memories of instant moments all being illuminated by lights is a design that we have featured all through the festival.

Double Bill: Featuring the Wing Scuffle Spectacular

11 open call slots were advertised for anyone who lived in Derby and the surrounding areas to apply to be part of the double bill alongside some of our current community artists. We were keen to meet new artists and discover more local talent.

For programming the open slots, we handed over to our CAN community programmers to choose which 11 acts they thought would work well as part of the festival, and where they wanted to program them, and we are super excited to see all the acts they chose!

Also, look out around the site for artwork, signs and designs that have all been created by the talented people of Derby!

Growing the ecology of arts roles in Derby

There has also been an incredible team who have been mentored by Revel Puck in lighting, sound, stage management, producing and artistic related roles, all of who have pulled this whole festival together and had creative input in Made by Us... including physically building the big top tent! The creative industries are much more than performing on stage, and in the heart of a city of innovation and engineering, the physical fabric of the festival was just as important to involve local businesses, construction workers and labouring skills as the singing, rapping and performing elements on the stage.

Derby, you are amazing!



Introducing you to the Derby CAN Partners

China Plate...where you CAN:

...develop, make and present engaging, entertaining and accessible new work.
chinaplatetheatre.com



Crying Out Loud ...where you CAN:

...experience memorable, extraordinary and visual work that crosses art-form boundaries.
cryingoutloud.org



Maison Foo ...where you CAN:

...see and experience theatre shows, parties, pop up character encounters, art installations, audio stories, cultural exchanges and workshops.
maisonfoo.com



Wild Rumpus ...where you CAN:

...immerse yourself in incredible stories and moments within spaces where arts and culture meet the natural environment.
wildrumpus.org.uk



QUAD ...where you CAN:

... see and experience contemporary art and film, major exhibitions, professional practice for artists, independent film and the emergence of digital technologies.
derbyquad.co.uk



Déda ...where you CAN:

...experience and take part in an exceptional programme of dance, contemporary circus and outdoor performance.
deda.uk.com



In Good Company ...where you CAN:

... gain professional creative and business support, a programme for theatre makers and companies in the Midlands, providing mentorship, business support, resources and high-profile performance opportunities.
derbytheatre.co.uk



Derby Theatre ...where you CAN:

...see great work, co-create original shows, collaborate with others in the community, be supported as a theatre maker, be trained in higher education.
derbytheatre.co.uk



Derby City Council ...where you CAN:

...access a wide range of services and opportunities, available to the people and residents of Derby
derby.gov.uk



Baby People ...where you CAN:

...learn Hip Hop, play and engage with various music forms, a music and arts development organisation who engages and supports the needs of the most deprived in our communities.
babypeople.co.uk



Derbyshire County Community Trust ...where you CAN:

...access opportunities, available to different communities in Derby, to improve lives through sport, physical activity, health and education
derbycountycommunitytrust.com



EMBAA ...where you CAN:

...be trained, coached and develop programmes. EMBAA CIC (East Midlands Black Arts Associated) was founded in 2018, which supports the development and decolonisation of the local Arts scene. EMBAA offers training and coaches Artists and also is developing programmes for Grassroots productions to increase local Black Audiences and the Global Majority.
facebook.com/embaa.arts



University of Derby ...where you CAN:

...study in an award-winning University with a sharp focus on industry-relevant, expert teaching, from foundation and undergraduate degrees to postgraduate study and research.
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Not Too Tame ...where you CAN:

...'get a load of this', a Warrington-based, multi award-winning theatre company who work in ensemble and who are firmly founded in the belief of 'theatre for all', focusing specifically on creating work that breaks the boundaries of tame, polit theatre and engages those who feel that theatre isn't for them.
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A Derby Theatre Production as part of Derby CAN

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To be re-staged at Derby Theatre during autumn 2023

Maison Foo

A SEAT AT OUR TABLE

Pickford's House, Friar Gate, Derby

Tue 11 – Sat 16 October

Max: 9 spaces per performance

For hundreds of years, stories have been shared in this dining room, around this table, and yet, there are still stories missing... but today, with your help, this is going to change....

Join Maison Foo and their Creative Sanctuary Group as they take over the dining room at Pickford's House Museum, reimagining what and whose stories are told in spaces such as these. Set around a somewhat transformed Dining table, this is Pickford's but not as you know it!