

DOORSTEP

THEATRE FESTIVAL

Monday 23rd June - Thursday 26th June 2025

Bringing high-quality theatre to schools across East Anglia.

After the huge success of the first five years, Doorstep Theatre Festival is back at Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds for Summer 2025. The festival is designed to make high-quality arts activities accessible to schools by lessening the restraints of rural isolation and the financial implications that come with visiting an arts venue. This year we are proud to programme a FREE offer for SEN schools thanks to the generous support of GeeWizz charity.



This children's arts festival provides schools with the opportunity to host a performance by leading theatre companies. Following the performance, schools will have the option to take part in enrichment workshops led by our team of highly-skilled Drama Facilitators. The package offered comes at a heavily subsidised rate to schools. Teachers will also be invited to a CPD session to explore how the themes within the performances and workshops can be carried into the classroom.

ONCE UPON A FLOWER BED

Suitable for:
SEN/PMLD

Performed by



23rd-26th June AM or PM

An interactive multi-sensory touring performance, for individuals with PMLD or SEN and great for sensory learners too! Giving participants an opportunity to be imaginative and creative as they explore Moonbeam Theatre's immersive garden.

The show highlights: 1:1 engagement, Developing fine motor skills, sensory based approach, immersive set design, engaging the senses, making choices, supported exploration of the environment and is fun, creative and imaginative.

Moonbeam Theatre is dedicated to creating innovative multisensory theatre for young individuals with Special Educational Needs, more specifically Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities; providing them with opportunities to explore and discover in a playful and engaging atmosphere. They aim to create work that is accessible; inviting audiences that may not always feel included by the arts to experience interactive and collaborative theatre.

Their audience is at the heart of all we do, which is why they create shows that not only accommodate the needs of their audiences, but also incorporates each individual into the fabric of the performance. Moonbeam Theatre want to challenge mainstream views about theatre being passive, and show parents, teachers and carers the possibilities multi-sensory theatre provides to young people with SEN/PMLD. They are currently Resident Artists at the University of Kent

"Absolutely magical, the Moonbeam team created a wonderful world for the children, full of multi-sensory experiences, beautiful voices and warmth, that both held and motivated the children to engage in their own ways. A truly magical experience for our children" School teacher

"For a particular pupil in our class, who is and can be extremely anxious about any sensory or new experiences, it was rewarding to watch his confidence grow throughout the sessions and being given the time and appropriate experiences to want to engage." School teacher

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Package Breakdown

- Up to 3 shows a day in your setting (Maximum audience of 12-15 students at one time)
- 1 enrichment workshop delivered in school by our team of theatre practitioners (up to 15 participants, this workshop is 1 hour and happens on the same day as your performance, either pre or post show.)
- CPD session
- A teacher resource pack and social story to continue learning activities in the classroom after the performance.

Package total:
FREE

Additional
Workshops:
£60 per workshop
(up to 35
participants)

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Morning Sessions:

Get In: 8 - 9.30am

Performance 1 : 9.30 - 10.10

Performance 2: 10.30-11.10

Performance 3: 11.30- 12.10

Get Out: 12.10-13.10

Afternoon Sessions:

Get In: 11- 12.30pm

Performance 1: 12.30 - 13.10

Performance 2: 13.30 - 14.10

Performance 3: 14.30- 15.10

Get Out: 15.10- 16.10



You can have up to 3 performances for a maximum of 45 students, 15 in each on any one day. Multiple days can be booked.

The company require:

- Size of space needed: 9m x 9m.
- Access to a plug for an extension cable.
- 1 x Parking space
- Step free access to the performance area

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To enquire or book, email engagement@theatreroyal.org with your interest and we will send you the formal application form.