



Overview - Year 2003

This year has been very busy and we feel we are finally achieving the level of work that the company is capable of. The balance of the school's work in the winter works well and has enabled us to raise the profile of the companies work in Cornwall.

Bash Street Shows – Year 2003

'Cliffhanger' – an outdoor medium scale silent movie show.

Gained 22 contracts, performing 24 times to around 7,200 people throughout the UK and in Ireland (tour schedule attached).

'EnviroMen' – a primary schools show with the message of reduce, re-use and recycle.

Devised and developed this show, toured it to 70 primary schools in Cornwall (tour schedule attached) performing to 14,000 school children.

'Ravioli Bros' – an outdoor comic gangster unicycling show.

Gained 22 contracts, performing 44 times to around 3,300 people throughout the UK (tour schedule attached).

'Mrs Mop's Busy Day!' – an acrobalance street show.

Gained 6 contracts performing 10 times to around 1,500 people throughout the UK (tour schedule attached)

'Bash Street Bobbies' – a comic stilt walkabout

Gained 13 contracts performing 52 times to around 15,600 people throughout the UK (tour schedule attached).

Other News

Since January 2003 we have been renting part of the old BT building in Penzance. We have developed two new shows, re-rehearsed three existing shows, hosted workshops and opened our doors to many other organisations and individuals including:

Kneehigh Theatre, Steve Tanner (photographer), The Sneakers (comedy street band), Bagas Degol (drum and pipe band), Amanda Pickering (drumming workshops), John Voogd (Set maker), Half Human Video Show (one-man comedy show), Common Purpose and Creative Skills Consortium.

In July we hosted a weeklong theatre/circus workshop for Humphrey Davy Secondary School, which culminated in an open-air performance in Penzance.

We took delivery of our lovely new company vehicle, which was funded by the Lottery through South West Arts. This has made a hugh difference to the company; the way promoters and our audience see us, as well as how company members feel about themselves.

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Plans for Year 2004

This year has started well with our new summer show being funded by the Arts Council England. The company is also working to develop regular work on mainland Europe as this is very inspirational for all company members.

Shows that will be touring in 2004

'Frankenstein' – a new outdoor medium scale street show.

Devise and develop a new outdoor summer show based on the story of Frankenstein. This will be part funded by the Arts Council England.

We aim to attract at least 20 contracts, performing to around 6,000 people throughout the UK.

'EnviroMen' – a primary schools show with the message of reduce, re-use and recycle.

We are currently seeking funding to secure Phase Three of this project which will enable us to tour a further 20-40 Cornish primary schools, performing to between 4,000 and 8,000 school children.

'Ravioli Bros' – an outdoor comic gangster unicycling show.

This show will still be available for promoters to book and we anticipate attracting at least 10 bookings, performing 20 shows to around 4000 people throughout the UK.

'Bash Street Bobbies' – a comic stilt walkabout.

This very successful walkabout show will continue to be available to bookers and we expect to gained about eight contracts, performing 26 times to around 8,000 people throughout the UK.

Future Developments

- We can continue to rent the old BT building in Penzance until this summer. We therefore need to keep looking for a replacement home (storage, practice and rehearsal space, including parking for the company vehicle). This is a fundamental objective because it is only with the reliability of a company space that Bash Street Theatre can really develop its potential. We will always continue to offer our available space to local organisations.
- We will continue to work to support joint partnerships that will help to maintain and develop a strong community involvement in outdoor theatre.
- It is now important for Bash Street Theatre to secure revenue-funded status with Cornwall County Council.
- Key grant applications for future projects – 2004 schools/winter tour, 2006 summer touring plans.
- Key partnership projects – Penwith festivals project and Penzance Children's Festival.

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