

HIJINX



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Llais anabledd dysgu
The voice of learning disability

Unity Festival

Gŵyl Undod

28 JUNE - 4 JULY 2010

FESTIVAL GUIDE



For more information
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Pierhead



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WELCOME TO THE UNITY FESTIVAL GUIDE

Wow, it's the third year of the **Unity Festival** and there's going to be another packed week of entertainment and participation available, much of it free! As you'll see from this handy guide there's loads of exciting stuff going on.

Alongside **Wales Millennium Centre**, we have a new partner venue in **The Pierhead**, which will house the brilliant **Oska Bright Film Festival**. We will also be joining up with the **Maindee Festival** to present Unity events in Newport, while our **Unity Finale Gig** will be taking place at the **Cardiff Students Union CF10 Room**.

We hope you're able to see and take part in as much as you can and help us in making this the best Unity Festival yet!

Hijinx Theatre

PERFORMANCES TO LOOK OUT FOR INCLUDE:

Back to Back Theatre (Australia): This is a real coup, "one of the foremost theatre companies in the world" on their first visit to Wales.

TAN Dance (Wales), **Asi Somos** (Spain), **Indepen_Dance** (Scotland) featuring about fifty dancers choreographed by inclusive dance theatre pioneer **Wolfgang Stange**.

Clownfish (Barcelona) & **Clownbaret** (Tenerife): The Spanish return to bring a smile to our faces.

Blue Eyed Soul (innovators of inclusive dance from Shrewsbury): Bold aerial work and adventurous journeys: *Take; a dance in the park* and *Sugar*.

HOW TO USE YOUR FESTIVAL GUIDE

Remember that although the workshops are free, places are limited, so **book as soon as you can**. You can book at the Ticket Office or online at www.wmc.org.uk/unity or phone the Ticket Office on **029 2063 6464**.

You will see these logos throughout this Guide:



Performance or Film Screening



Performances with this symbol will cost £8 (£6 Concs.)



Workshop or Join In



BSL Performance

WESTON STUDIO PERFORMANCES

All performances in the Weston Studio cost: £8 \ £6 (Concs.)

FESTIVAL PASS

Book **3 performances** in the Weston Studio for the price of **2**



Customers with disabilities receive a **free companion** ticket.



Tickets & Information
wmc.org.uk/unity
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Venue icons (These will tell you where an event is taking place):



Wales Millennium Centre
Cardiff Bay



The Pierhead
Cardiff Bay



CF10 Room
Cardiff University Union
Park Place



Maindee Festival
Newport

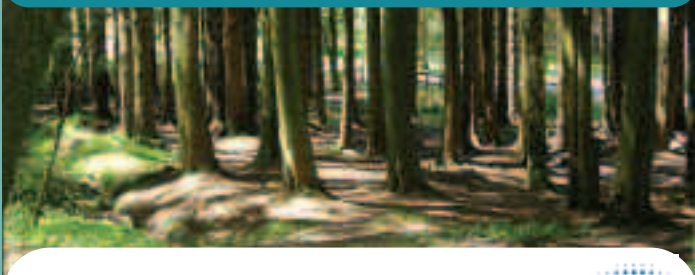


Access - The Centre is fully accessible.

We'll be more than happy to help if you have any specific requirements call us on **029 2063 6464**. All other venues are also fully accessible.

MONDAY 28TH JUNE

FESTIVAL EXHIBITION



Bridgend & Maesteg Colleges

Pathways to Photography

The Centre Level 1 Foyer

21 June - 4 July **Free**

(Launch: 6:30pm-7:30pm Monday 28th June)

Photographs by students from Bridgend College and Maesteg College.



Oska Bright Film Festival

The Pierhead

Film Makers Masterclass

10:30am - 12:30pm **Free**

Learn how to make your own short film with the Oska Bright team, winners of the Best Arts Project National Lottery Awards

Open to anyone over 16 with an interest in learning disabled filmmaking.



Book your place via the Ticket Office.



The Pierhead

Film Screenings **Free**

1:20pm-2pm and 2:15pm-3pm

Selections of the best of short films made by learning disabled film makers including Welsh entry, *Desperate Dai - A Welsh Western* (pictured below).

Book your place via the Ticket Office.



Unity Festival Launch

Glanfa Stage

5pm - 6pm **Free**

Join us to celebrate the start of the festival with *Clownfish* (Barcelona), *Clownbaret* (Tenerife) and a group of 20 local performers bringing chaos and surprises!



Clownfish & Clownbaret
Pedestrian Police
UNITY 2009



Look out for Clownfish and Clownbaret's **Sleepwalkers** at the Centre throughout the week

Blue Eyed Soul Dance Company

Take; a dance in the park & Sugar



Weston Studio

7:30pm **£8 (£6 Concs.)**



BSL performance

Blue Eyed Soul are innovators of inclusive dance. *Take; a dance in the park* is a bold aerial work performed by three dancers. They glide, float and spin around an aluminium rig, on an adventurous and playful journey. *Sugar* is about one woman, Sally, and her wheelchair.



Photos: Dave Provis

Ticket Office & workshop booking: 029 2063 6464

TUESDAY 29TH JUNE

Touch Trust
Informal Dance Session



Glanfa Stage - 1pm - 2pm **Free**

An active, social and enlivening creative movement session.

Open to all, no need to book, just turn up!

Hijinx Theatre presents:
Odyssey Theatre - *Rigolotto*



Glanfa Stage - 6pm - 6:30pm **Free**

Odyssey Theatre will take you on a musical journey around Wales Millennium Centre, as a story unfolds loosely based on Verdi's opera *Rigoletto*. This project has been created with help from Welsh National Opera.

Clownfish & Clownbaret
Count Pacy & the Prime Numbers



Glanfa Stage - 7pm - 7:30pm **Free**

Clownfish and *Clownbaret*, along with 20 local performers, take you through a concerto of gags.

TAN Dance

Metamorphosis



Weston Studio - 8pm **£8 (£6 Concs.)**

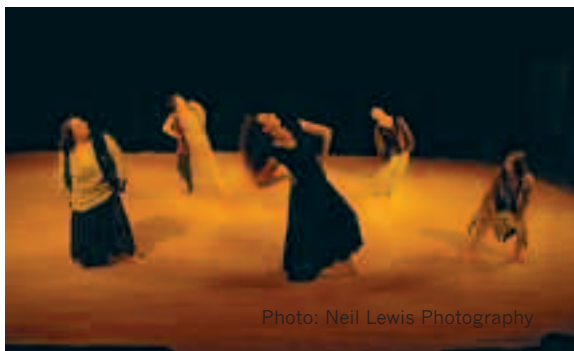


Photo: Neil Lewis Photography

TAN Dance's diverse capacity dance company *Take This*, join *Indepen_Dance* (Scotland) and *Asi Somos* (Spain) on an exciting piece involving up to 50 performers. Choreographed by internationally renowned pioneer of inclusive dance, Wolfgang Stange.



WEDNESDAY 30TH JUNE

Back To Back Theatre Residency
The Democratic Set - Video Portraits



The Urdd - 10am - 7pm

The fantastic *Back to Back Theatre* come from Australia to join us for this year's Unity Festival. *The Democratic Set* is a 3-day residency leading to a sharing performance on **Friday 2nd July** in the **Weston Studio**.

Description

With no individual performance lasting longer than 16 seconds *The Democratic Set* is a cavalcade of portrait, soapbox and drama. Presented in a purpose built film set, each performance takes place in the same environment. The result is a visual forum that demonstrates how performance as a way of reading the world can, like democracy, allow people to be seen, to speak and to be heard.

You have a chance to become a part of this residency by booking in to have your portrait filmed inside *The Democratic Set* - this is an exciting opportunity to be involved in something very special!

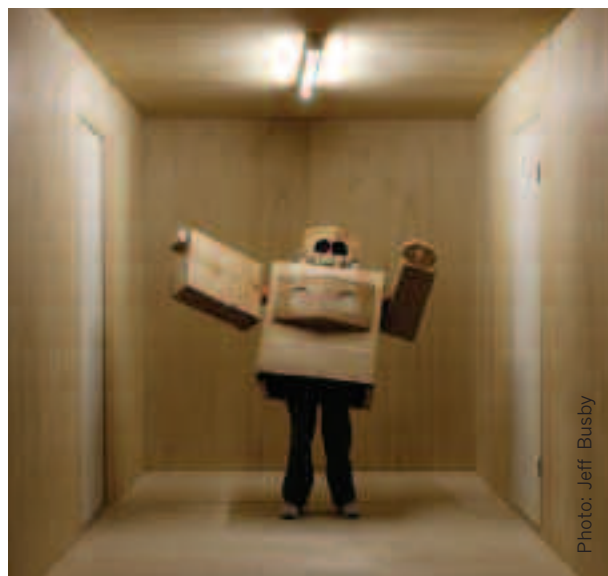


Photo: Jeff Busby

To book in a filming slot on Wednesday 30th June or for further information call Hijinx Theatre on 02920 300331.

Slots last 20 minutes for individuals and 40 minutes for groups.
(Max number for a group is 15).

Seminar - Pathways

The Pierhead - 10am - 1pm **Free**

Exploring employment pathways for learning disabled adults in providing movement for health and well being, and diversity training. The seminar will include speakers from TAN Dance's international cultural exchange.



Book your place via the Ticket Office.

Wolfgang Stange Workshop

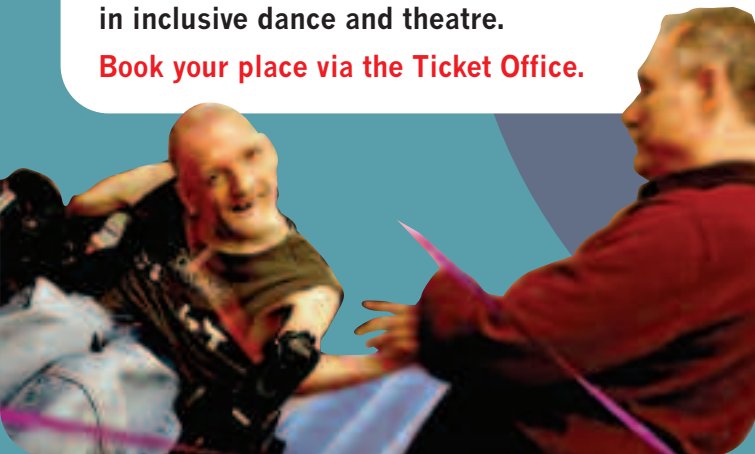
Japan Room

10:30am - 12:30pm **Free**

A movement workshop run by Wolfgang Stange looking at his working methods. **Open to all over 18 with an interest in inclusive dance and theatre.**



Book your place via the Ticket Office.



Hijinx Theatre Workshop

Japan Room

2:30pm - 4pm **Free**

Hijinx Theatre's Artistic Director, Gaynor Lougher, leads games and exercises used in the creation of inclusive theatre. **Open to all over 18 with an interest in inclusive theatre.**



Book your place via the Ticket Office.

Hijinx Theatre

Into My Own

Weston Studio

7:30pm **£8 (£6 Concs.)**

By Glenys Evans, directed by James Williams & Gaynor Lougher. *Into My Own* follows the story of Anne whose mother has to go into long-term care, leaving no plan for Anne's future. Then Anne meets Dilys who is an inspiration ~ a free spirit who loves her independent life. Dilys is full of movement and colour. Can Dilys be the one to help Anne embrace a new and exciting life, doing things she would never have dreamed of before?



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Image: Hijinx Theatre

Community Music Wales Workshop

Glanfa Stage - 1pm - 2pm **Free**

Learn about creating music in a workshop taken by professional musicians from *Community Music Wales*.

Open to all, no need to book, just turn up!



Photo: Community Music Wales

Midweek Music

Glanfa Stage

8:30pm - 9:30pm **Free**

Stay for a drink and a dance after the Hijinx show. Live music provided by local band **Vaguely Artistic** alongside the **Impact Allstars** from London.



Ticket Office & workshop booking: 029 2063 6464

THURSDAY 1ST JULY

Theatr Ffynnon Workshop

Japan Room - 10:30am - 12pm Free

Learn about the latest *Theatr Ffynnon* project "25 Shapes in Full Colour". You will have the opportunity to create your own 'shape' with a musician and *Theatr Ffynnon*'s artistic director, experiencing the process at work.

This project and the work of *Theatr Ffynnon* celebrates individual expression.

Open to all over 18 with an interest in inclusive theatre and music.

Book your place via the Ticket Office.



Clownfish & Clownbaret - Dizzyland UNITY 2009
Photo: Ceri Legg

Community Music Wales Workshop

Glanfa Stage - 12pm - 1pm Free

Learn about creating music in a workshop taken by professional musicians from *Community Music Wales*.

Open to all, no need to book, just turn up!



Clownfish & Clownbaret

The Wedding Planner

Glanfa Stage - 6:30pm - 7pm Free

Another chance to catch *Clownfish*, *Clownbaret* and a group of 20 local performers bringing chaos and surprises!



Hijinx Theatre - *Into My Own*

Weston Studio

1:30pm **£8 (£6 Concs.)**

BSL Performance

By Glenys Evans, directed by James Williams & Gaynor Lougher.
(See Wednesday's list for full description)



Touch Trust
Workshop
Photo: Dave Dagers

Chris Tally Evans

Tales of First and Second Sight

The Pierhead

3:30pm - 4:30pm **Free**

Chris has lived half his life with 20/20 vision and the other half with a rare visual impairment. This has changed the way he sees things literally and metaphorically. *Tales* is a sequence of live and digital stories that will make you laugh, maybe jerk a few tears and look at your own life in a different way.

Book your place via the Ticket Office.



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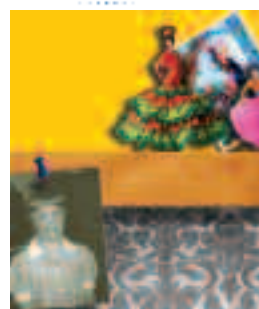
Into My Own

Weston Studio

7:30pm **£8 (£6 Concs.)**

By Glenys Evans,
directed by James Williams
& Gaynor Lougher.

(See Wednesday's list for full description)



FRIDAY 2ND JULY

Touch Trust &
Community Music Wales
Open Workshop

Touch Trust Space

11am - 12:30pm **Free**

A fun and active collaboration combining the art of movement and a sound beam! Feel free to come and join in or just sit and watch the action!

Open to all, no need to book, just turn up!



Disability Arts Cymru's
Unusual Stage School

*Pride! The Opera -
The Real Independence Day*

Glanfa Stage - 5pm - 5:30pm Free

The Unusual Stage School, Disability Arts Cymru's hothouse for disabled performers, bring their new piece to Wales Millennium Centre. *Pride!* is an all-singing sensational kitsch modern opera that celebrates disability rights and independent living.



Touch Trust
Informal Dance Session

Glanfa Stage

1:30pm - 2:30pm **Free**

An active, social and enlivening creative movement session.

Open to all, no need to book, just turn up!



Amici Dance Theatre
The Documentary

The Pierhead

2pm - 3:30pm **Free**

Narrated by Ben Kingsley, a detailed look at the working practices of Wolfgang Stange.

Open to all, no need to book, just turn up!



Back To Back Theatre
*Screening of:
small metal objects*

The Pierhead Free

3:45pm - 4:30pm

Watch this heart-warming, high street theatre piece by *Back to Back Theatre*

surrounded by 6 screens. **(Please be aware - contains some strong language)**

Book your place via the Ticket Office.



small metal objects

Photo: Jeff Busby

Back To Back Theatre

The Democratic Set

Weston Studio

7:30pm **£8 (£6 Concs.)**

The culmination of *Back to Back Theatre's* 3-day residency at the Unity festival. This sharing performance will be part live and part screening of video portraits collected during the week. The performance will also include music from *The Impact Allstars*.

If you created a video portrait come along to see yourself as part of the performance, if not then come along to see what promises to be an exciting end to the week of Unity events at the Centre.



Photo: Jeff Busby



SATURDAY 3RD JULY

Unity presents at

Newport's Maindee Festival 12pm - 8:30pm

Parade start point - Newport Rugby Club 12pm

Festival Site - Maindee School grounds

(next to Newport Rugby Club ground (Rodney Parade), Corporation Road)

This year we're delighted to be teaming up with the Maindee Festival in Newport.

Performing and taking part in the procession will be:

Hijinx Theatre presents:

Odyssey Theatre's *Circus Pod*
Vaguely Artistic

Clownfish & Clownbaret:

The Wedding Planner
Count Pacy & the Prime Numbers
The Sleepwalkers
The Fool's Militia

Impact Theatre presents:

The Impact Allstars

We hope you can join us!

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MAINDEE FESTIVAL'S



Clownfish & Clownbaret Pedestrian Police UNITY 2009
Photo: Ceri Legg

SUNDAY 4TH JULY

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The Unity Finale Gig

It's party time as we celebrate the end of **Unity 2010** with a mouthwatering line up of live music. The headline act will be **Lizzie Emeh**, from Heart n Soul, the first artist with a learning disability to release a solo album, with support from:

Funky Love Posse – After a triumphant performance at last years' gig

The Impact Allstars – Our Unity 2010 band in residence -

Vaguely Artistic – The Odyssey Pod band - and cabaret throughout the night from **Count Pacy and The Prime Numbers**

The Unity Finale Gig will be a safe environment for you to enjoy a night out.

Please note: Tickets are **NOT** available through the Ticket Office for this event, but will be **available on the door.**

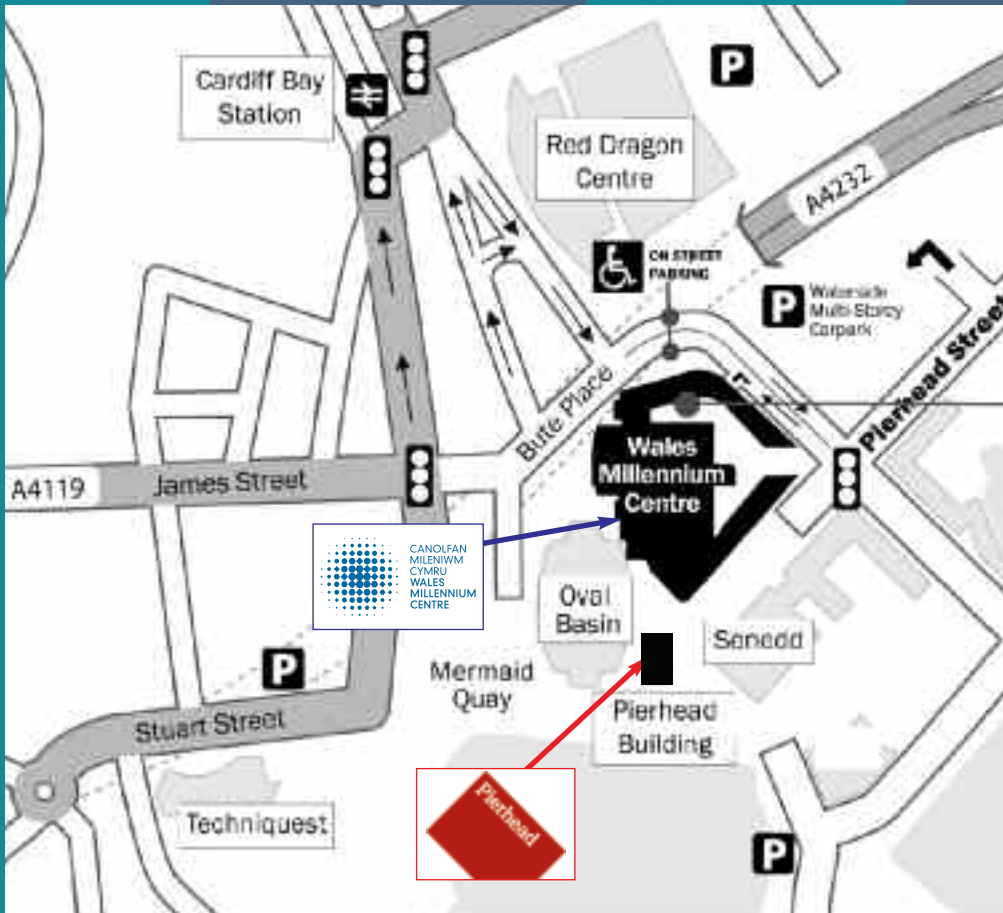
This event is open to anyone over 14.

CF10 Room \ Cardiff Students' Union
Park Place \ Cardiff \ CF19 3QN

8pm - 12am - Tickets £5 on the door



Ticket Office & workshop booking: 029 2063 6464



To access Wales Millennium Centre's disabled parking spaces, please approach from **Pierhead St.** To book your space, please call **029 2064 6464**



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