

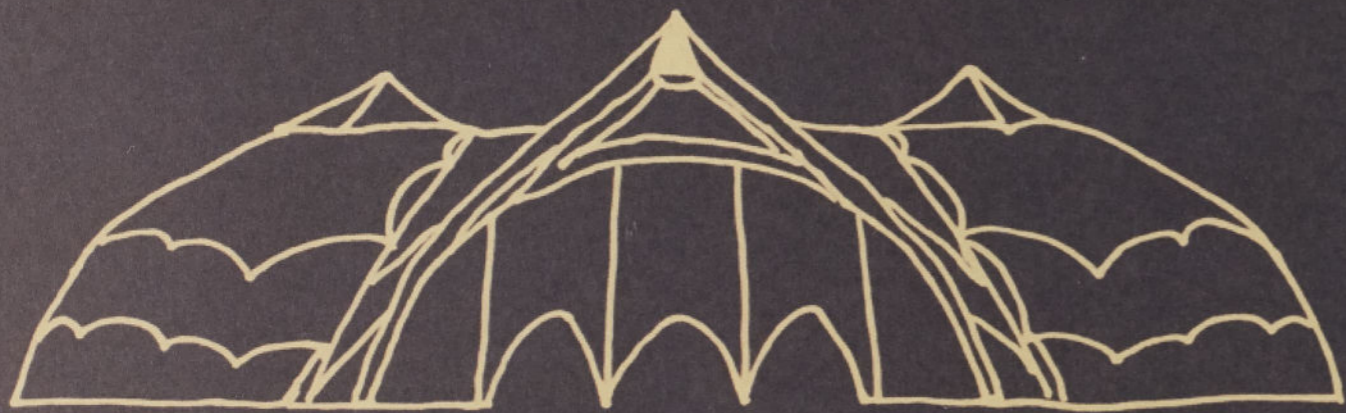
Kneehigh

THE
ASYLUM



Come in...

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ENTER
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BELLY
OF THE BEAST

Welcome to Kneehigh, the Asylum
and our very first season of wonders!

If you keep your wits about you and your heart and eyes wide open, we are easy to find. Follow the path that is the A30, then gently step away from it... There, hidden in a clearing in the soft folds of Cornwall, the **Kneehigh Asylum** – a touring venue, a nomadic space, our brilliant, magical new tent – will put down its first roots and reveal pleasures untold.

Here we will entertain your senses with live music, cheeky dance, delicious local food & drink and, of course, our own award-winning brand of theatre.

But in our inaugural Asylum season (that also happens to be our 30th Birthday) we aren't content to offer you just one show. Oh no! We have not one, not two, but three **Kneehigh** classics on the menu for you to choose from!

We have **The Red Shoes**, **Blast!** and **Nick Darke's The King of Prussia** for your delight. Roll up dear friends, and take your pick! Or, if you are feeling hungry, why not taste all three!

We have chosen these shows because we think they represent the best of Kneehigh. They celebrate our love of wonder, word and wit and have Cornish DNA running through their veins. We cannot wait to share these treasures with you, and to enjoy them in the home they never had. It promises to be a summer to remember!

Oh, one word of caution: once you stray from the path, it's hard to go back...

Emma Rice, Mike Shepherd and the Kneehigh team

The Red Shoes

Winner of Best Director 2002 Barclays TMA award

Dates: Tuesday 27th July – Sunday 29th August

BSL interpreted: Saturday 14th August

Time: 8.00pm

Running time: 1hr 30mins

Additional info: A story in one act for adults and brave children

Dance you shall and Dance you must!

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Red shoes, don't you just love them?

They make you dance with delight and spin with possibilities. Your tapping toes teeter on top of the world.

But what happens when you can't stop dancing? What happens when you lose your footing? Would you dare to turn to the butcher to rid you of your heart-stoppingly beautiful red shoes? That's just what our desperate heroine is compelled to do...

Each night, we bring you a cracked cabaret where anything is possible and nothing is probable. Surreal and sensuous, bloody and bare – the menacing and profound world of the fairy story is revealed.

Adapted from Hans Christian Andersen, this freshly revived production of **The Red Shoes** is passionate, irreverent, funny and rude. Like a gust of salty sea air, this award-winning piece fuses live and recorded sound, visually and physically powerful images and a story to make your heart pound.

Kneehigh remain a weather beaten force to be reckoned with.

“ ”

Giddy, grisly and gorgeous
The Observer

“ ”

A luscious physical fairytale
The Times

“ ”

Delirious, witty, macabre
The Guardian

THE RED SHOES



Blast!

A Cornish exposé performed
by three complete idiots.

Dates: Friday 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th August

BSL interpreted: Friday 20th August

Time: 8.00pm

Running time: 1hr 30mins

Additional info: A story in one act, a treat for all
the family.

Friday night
is party Night...
After **BLAST!**
join the Kneehigh band
and special guests
for a good old
Kneehigh
Knees-up!

You may want to swim with the dolphins,
but the dolphins don't want to swim with you!

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WARNING An explosive night out!

Trevor Stuggs is Cornish and he has had enough.
He is at the end of his tether.

Direct action is the only answer!

Trevor Stuggs decides to take the law (and some
explosive saffron buns!) into his own hands taking
everyone down with him... And we all know that when
you reach the end of the line, anything can happen!

An irreverent and hilarious show combining inspired
lunacy, considerable wit and gob-smacking truth that
lasts exactly 60 minutes... unless the fuse gets damp.

Re-imagined with a cast so Cornish they would
make a pasty step aside – this is the Cornish
history that no-one was taught at school...

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I always say there's nothing like
a good Kneehigh show... and this is
NOTHING like a good Kneehigh show!

The Polmassick Gazette

“ ”

Kneehigh Theatre? I am not a fan!

Gerald's Sister, Devoran

“ ”

Not as good as Tregaeagle!

Some old ****

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The King of Prussia

by Nick Darke

We are in Cornwall in the 18th century.

There are taxes on everything. Smuggling is rife and courage, fortitude and brandy unite a desperate community.

Meet the Carter brothers. John Carter is The King of Prussia, the most notorious free trader of them all. Harry Carter is in prison in France. Eddie Carter's got lobster fever, and the business is broke – the Cawsand job must go ahead.

John Carter ruled his kingdom absolutely, until one day he met his match: Susan Stackhouse - as rich as a queen, as beautiful as a siren's song and as cruel as a Spaniard.

Revived with (almost all of!) the original cast from the 1996 sellout run at The Donmar Warehouse, Nick Darke's seminal text feels intoxicatingly fresh and even more relevant than the day it was written!

If the Law is unjust... break it!

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It seethes with life, wit and ideas... like Cornwall's coves it has many unexpected depths

Financial Times

“ ”

Boisterous, jokey, inventive... this show is a tonic, like a day at the seaside.

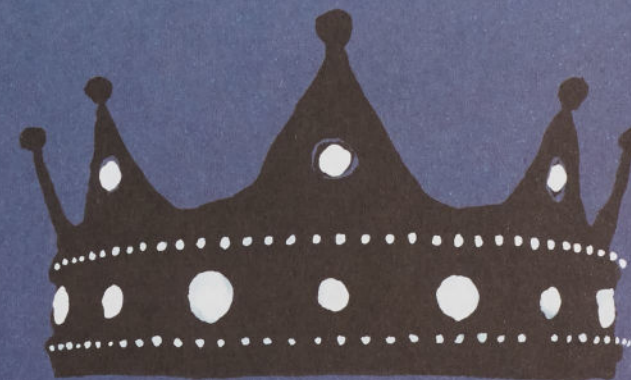
The Independent

“ ”

This much fun must be illegal

The Times

THE KING OF PRUSSIA



...Asylum Wednesdays

The **Kneehigh Asylum** isn't just for brave adults and children, we also want the little ones to have fun in our tent. That is why we have invited **Squashbox Theatre**, created by our good friend Craig Johnson, and the lovely girls from **Cscape** to entertain 4 – 8year olds during four jampacked Wednesdays in the summer.

The Sea Show

Dates: Wednesday 18th August

Time: 2.00pm & 4.00pm

Running time: 50mins

Price: £5.00 per ticket, plus one free adult ticket per booking

Additional Info: Suitable for families and children aged 5+

The Sea Show is a fantastic mix of puppet show, storytelling, natural history programme and comedy cabaret.

Meet crazy characters like Morwenna the 'beautiful' Mermaid, Ruan the Reformed Seagull and salty sea-dog Captain Pemburthy, as well as a cast of mischievous sea squirts, anemones, limpets, crabs and pilchards!

Come and celebrate the sea with tall tales, fascinating facts, rhymes, riddles, live music and songs - unmissable fun for children and adults of all ages!

Skillywidden

Dates: Wednesday 25th August

Time: 2.00pm & 4.00pm

Running time: 50mins

Price: £5.00 per ticket, plus one free adult ticket per booking

Additional Info: Suitable for families and children aged 5+

Legend has it there are five types of faery in Cornwall: the Small Folk, the Piskies, the Knockers, the Brownies and - most mischievous of all - the Spriggans. Come on a journey through the Cornish landscape as we search for these elusive creatures in ancient stone circles, old mine workings, fields, farmland, hedgerows and moors.

Meet Skillywidden the mischievous Pisky, watch the dance of the 'beautiful' Faery Queen, laugh at the antics of Brian the amazing mind-reading pig, and marvel at the incredible Book Of Nature as it literally comes alive before your eyes!

Cscape

If that wasn't enough, there is also a chance to do some dancing with one of Cornwall's leading dance companies.

Dates: Wednesday 4th and 11th August

Workshop for 4 – 6yr olds

Time: 2.00pm

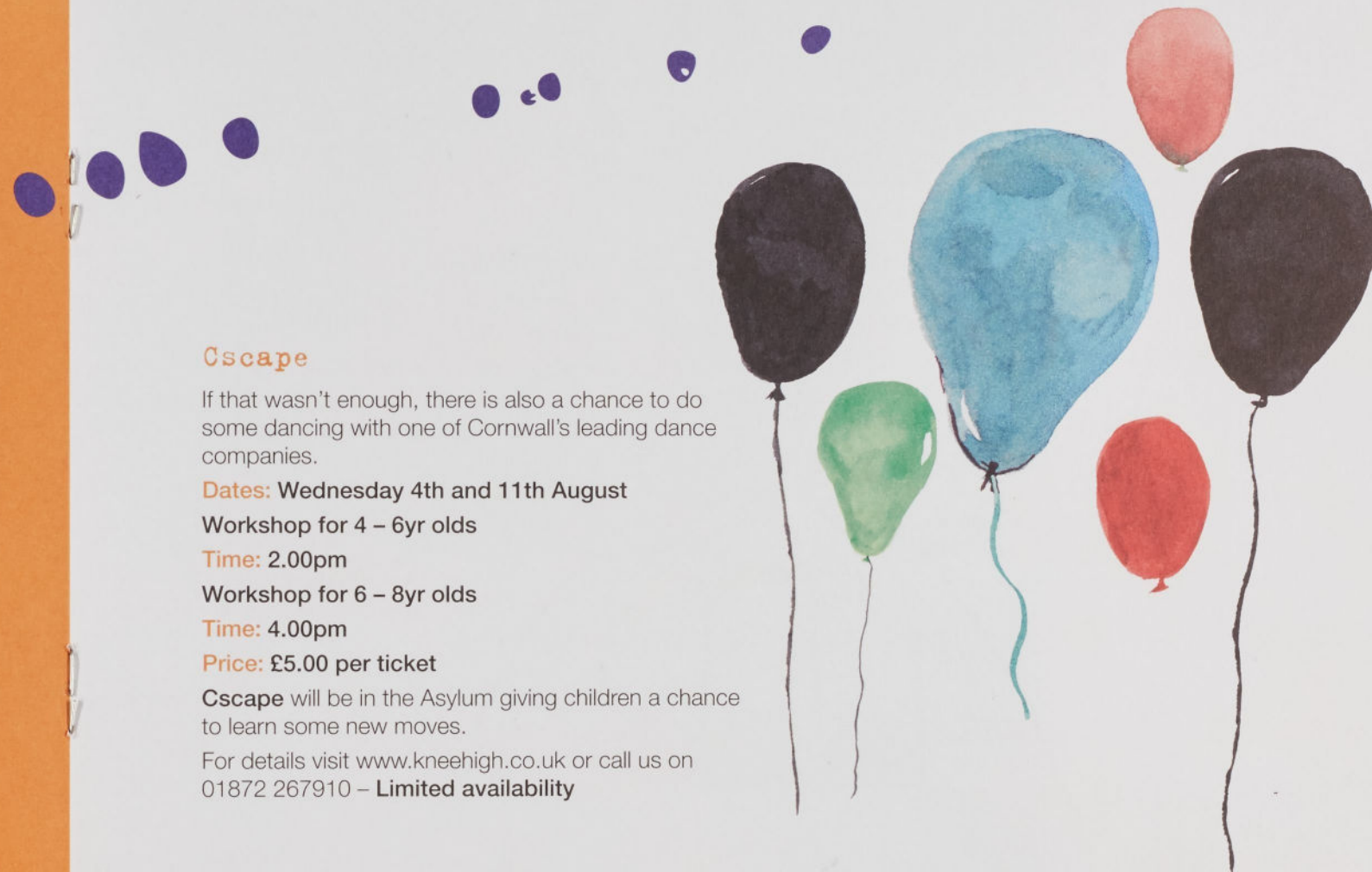
Workshop for 6 – 8yr olds

Time: 4.00pm

Price: £5.00 per ticket

Cscape will be in the Asylum giving children a chance to learn some new moves.

For details visit www.kneehigh.co.uk or call us on 01872 267910 – **Limited availability**





The Asylum...

It's more than just a show...

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For us, the Asylum is more than just a tent.

It's an opportunity for us to invite you into our world. A world of absolute, unadulterated, pure (and anarchic!) entertainment. A world in which we have put together all the ingredients that we think make for a good night out.

It's about more than just the show, it's about immersing yourself in live music and dancing the night away. Join us from 6pm then stick around after the show – soak up the atmosphere. Eat, drink, dance and be merry.

As well as talking, dancing or watching, you can taste the delights of locally produced food, 'clinking' and sipping locally sourced wine, relaxing with friends and family, new and old. The Asylum is about a complete night out.

With that in mind, we have found for you what we feel to be some of the greatest food suppliers in Cornwall. Whether it's a large slice of Homity Pie from Archie Browns, 'real cheese for real people' from The Cheese Shop or even a tasty dish hot off the bbq – there will definitely be great food for you to enjoy.

It's not all about food though, you'll be able to enjoy a drink too. How about Cornwall's answer to champagne with a glass of Polgoon Aval; or perhaps a pint of Betty Stogs from the Skinners Bar is more your thing? Alternatively, a nice mug of tea, coffee or hot chocolate may tempt you – the main thing is it's all here. You won't have to worry about a thing.

We hope that by working with good, local suppliers we can bring you the finest of food, at the best prices. Whatever you fancy, we want you to be inspired to let us do the catering so you can relax, enjoy and soak up the atmosphere of our beautiful new tent.

Kneehigh FRIENDS

The generous support of our Friends has helped us to realise our dream of the Kneehigh Asylum!

We are a charity, and a donation through the **Kneehigh Friends Scheme** will help us continue to make bold, brave and brilliant work that we can share with audiences locally, nationally and internationally.

You can become a Friend from only £30 and enjoy a treasure trove of benefits, including regular updates, priority booking for Asylum seasons and exclusive access to **Kneehigh** treats and events.

For more information please visit our website or contact Matt Armstrong (Development Officer) on 01872 267917 / matt@kneehigh.co.uk



Ticket Prices

All seats are unreserved

Full Price **£20.00**

Over 65 **£17.50**

Concessions (Students, Benefits, U16) **£10.00**

Family Option 1 (2 Full price & 2 Conc.) **£50.00**

Family Option 2 (1 Full price & 2 Conc.) **£35.00**

Asylum Wednesdays **£5.00***

Ticket deals

If you fancy coming to see all three of our shows this summer, why not take full advantage of the following ticket deals. Hurry though, there are a limited number available – perfect for those early bird bookers.

Book for two shows in the season and pay **£35.00**

Book for three shows in the season and pay **£45.00**

* One free adult ticket per booking

Order food in advance

We are working with local suppliers of gorgeous food and drink to ensure that you can make a night of your evening at the Asylum. When we send you your tickets, we will also send you a menu for food and drink that you can pre-order from one of our lovely suppliers, then you won't have to worry about a thing!

The Small Print

Concessions apply to those under 16yrs, students with a valid NUS card, those in receipt of jobseekers allowance or income support or those in receipt of incapacity benefit. One free ticket can be made available to essential carers. Proof of status may be required. Offers are subject to availability and may be withdrawn.

All information is correct at time of print.

How to Book...

There are a number of ways you can book your tickets, please note that booking fees may apply.

If you want to book by phone

Call 01726 879500

Phone lines close at 5pm on the day of each performance. You can call from Monday to Saturday, between 9.00am and 5.00pm.

If you prefer to book in person

The box office is open from Monday to Saturday, between 9.00am and 5.00pm. Cornish Riviera TIC & Box Office, St Austell

Southbourne Road, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 4RS
(by JET Service Station on A390)

Alternatively you could book by post

Cornish Riviera TIC & Box Office, St Austell
Southbourne Road, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 4RS

Or in the luxury of your own home, online

Visit www.crbo.co.uk

You can book tickets online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Please note that...

Reservations

Reservations may be made for up to 5 days, or for large groups. Please enquire with the box office if you need to reserve tickets and send payment afterwards.

Exchanges & Refunds

Whilst we aren't ordinarily able to offer exchanges & refunds on tickets, we do understand that situations can change unexpectedly. Where possible we will try to accommodate your needs.

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How to get to the venue

The Asylum can be found on a field belonging to the Tywarnhayle Farm (often used for the annual St Agnes steam rally), just off the Chiverton Cross roundabout in mid Cornwall. There is plenty of parking on site, with a number of dedicated disabled parking spaces close to the entrance of the tent.

How to get to us by Car:

Head for the Chiverton Cross roundabout on the A30 (the one with the large Starbucks). Take the exit signposted St Agnes (B3277).

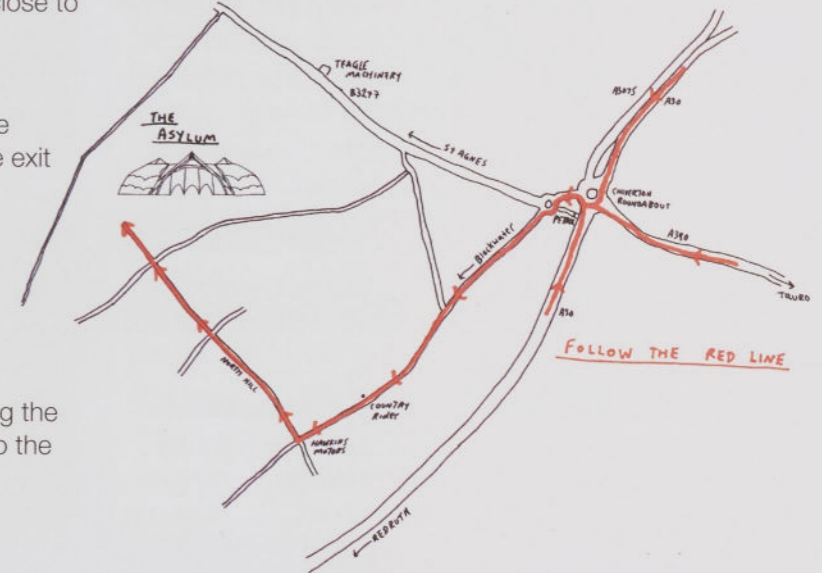
At the next mini roundabout take the first exit, signposted Blackwater.

Follow the signs through Blackwater, past the car sales showroom (on your left) and turn right up North Hill (in front of the pub).

Keep on this road, over the crossroads, following the signs until you come to the end. The entrance to the Asylum car park will be right in front of you.

Alternatively, you could choose Public Transport:

There are buses running regularly to and from St Agnes arriving in plenty of time for you to have drink and a bite to eat before the show. The latest bus leaves around 11.20pm so you can stay for a few drinks after the show too if you wanted. The buses you need are 85 / 85a / 304 from Truro city centre. For full details visit www.firstgroup.com or search 'first buses, cornwall' on the internet for a link straight to the timetables.



Our Access commitment

It's always been important to us that wherever possible, everyone enjoys a good night out when they come to see us play.

Physical Access

The Asylum will be sited on a slightly sloping green field site. We will ensure that access onsite and within the tent for those with limited mobility and wheelchair users is as easy as possible. Please contact CRBO/us for more information about parking, surfaces, seating, wet weather provision and any other questions that you may have.

Access Performances

We have planned signed performances for each production. Please contact the Box Office for more information.

For patrons who are unable to attend performances unless accompanied, upon purchase of a ticket an additional seat is available free of charge.

If you need a large print or audio version of our brochure, please call us on 01872 267910 or email info@kneehigh.co.uk

Alternatively, if you have any specific requirements that you think we may not have considered, please get in touch.

The Asylum Performance Schedule

Monday	26/07/2010	
Tuesday	27/07/2010	The Red Shoes
Wednesday	28/07/2010	The Red Shoes
Thursday	29/07/2010	The Red Shoes
Friday	30/07/2010	The Red Shoes
Saturday	31/07/2010	The Red Shoes
Sunday	01/08/2010	The Red Shoes
Monday	02/08/2010	
Tuesday	03/08/2010	The Red Shoes
Wednesday	04/08/2010	Cscape workshops
Wednesday	04/08/2010	The Red Shoes
Thursday	05/08/2010	The Red Shoes
Friday	06/08/2010	Blast!
Saturday	07/08/2010	The Red Shoes
Sunday	08/08/2010	The Red Shoes
Monday	09/08/2010	
Tuesday	10/08/2010	The Red Shoes
Wednesday	11/08/2010	Cscape workshops

Wednesday	11/08/2010	The Red Shoes
Thursday	12/08/2010	The Red Shoes
Friday	13/08/2010	Blast!
Saturday	14/08/2010	The Red Shoes
Sunday	15/08/2010	The Red Shoes
Monday	16/08/2010	
Tuesday	17/08/2010	The Red Shoes
Wednesday	18/08/2010	Squashbox Theatre
Wednesday	18/08/2010	The Red Shoes
Thursday	19/08/2010	The Red Shoes
Friday	20/08/2010	Blast!
Saturday	21/08/2010	King of Prussia
Sunday	22/08/2010	King of Prussia
Monday	23/08/2010	
Tuesday	24/08/2010	King of Prussia
Wednesday	25/08/2010	Squashbox Theatre
Wednesday	25/08/2010	King of Prussia
Thursday	26/08/2010	King of Prussia
Friday	27/08/2010	Blast!
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The Goldsmiths' Company



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