



THE ASYLUM

"The most outdoors you can be indoors"

The Guardian



Welcome: a kindly greeting or reception as to one whose arrival gives pleasure

Back: to move backward

Well, one part of that greeting is true!

You are, indeed, very 'welcome' to the second season in our brilliant and beautiful Asylum!

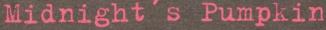
But 'back'? No! There is nothing backward looking about the delights we have planned for you! Yes, there will be the usual Kneehigh magic, laughter and joy, but beyond that, expect the new and the surprising.

We have changed the stage and seating inside our canvas cathedral so there will be gasps of astonishment the moment you step inside. Once inside, expect a menu of devilish delights and romantic revels!

This year we have two, brand-spanking new shows to thrill and involve you, not to mention music nights, workshops, children's shows and a host of other Cornish treats.

So, turn your heads towards Chiverton Cross and walk forward. There we will welcome you with open arms, great music, delicious food, tip-top theatre and the best night out imaginable! We can't wait!

Emma Rice, Mike Shepherd and the Kneehigh team



Directed by Emma Rice and Mike Shepherd / Designed by Michael Vale

A story for all. A ball for many. A family night out – whatever shape and size your family may be.

Dates: Saturday 23rd July - Sunday 7th August / Saturday

27th & Sunday 28th August (excluding Mondays)

Time: 8.00pm (site opens at 6.00pm)

Running time: 2 hrs including interval

BSL signed performance: Wednesday 3rd August

Imagine one of the greatest stories of all time being told for you, in our beautiful Asylum! Imagine Kneehigh performers doing what they do best - making us laugh, cry and cheer with pleasure. Surely, this alone would be the best night ever?

But hold tight, we are not done yet...

Imagine swinging and rocking to great music as the sun sets...

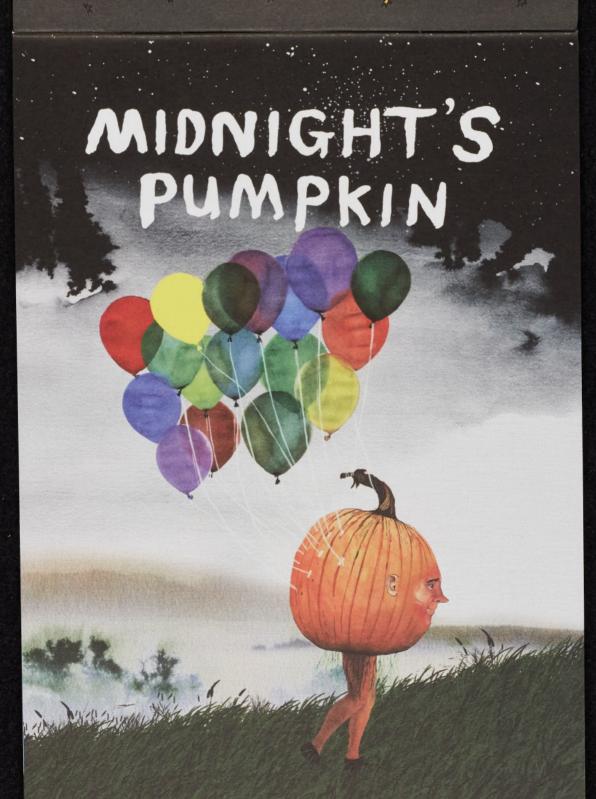
Imagine knowing the moves, feeling the beat and being able to join in...

Imagine no more... Welcome to Midnight's Pumpkin!

This is our ball, a Kneehigh ball and you are the guests of honour. As you are shown to your seat, the story unfolds... There is a girl, a step-mother and two ugly sisters - ring any bells?

As night falls, we will all be the guests at our own Royal Wedding: tipsy, tingling and remembering there is indeed magic and romance in the world, especially on this night, in this Cornish field!

Why not dress up and have a chance to impress the prince yourself? Learn the dance, be part of the story...





Running time: 1hr 50mins including interval

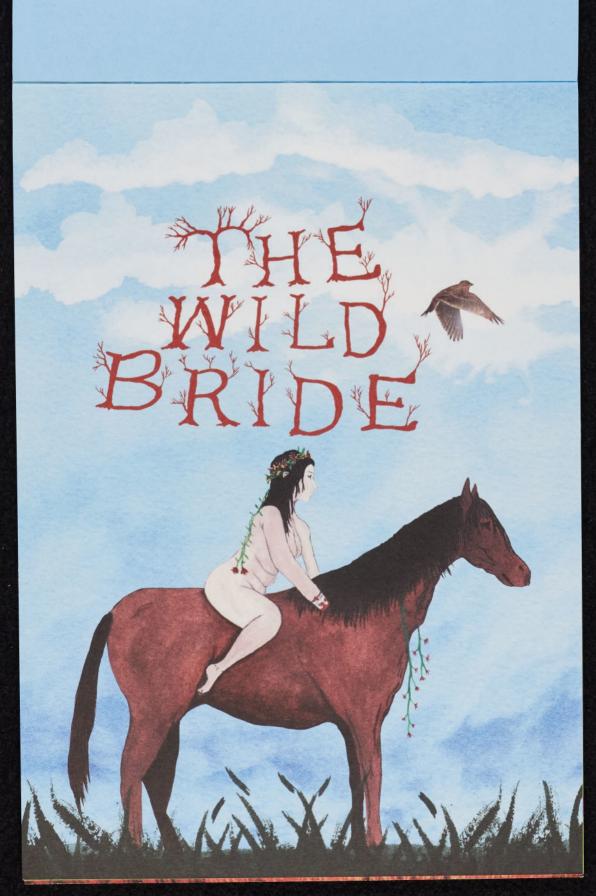
BSL signed performance: Wednesday 17th August

In a stunning elemental world of dust, clay and fire, here is a red hot story with a brutal edge and a beating heart... The story of what happens when your father accidentally sells you to the Devil.

Betrayed by her father, our heroine has those cross-road blues. She chooses to walk into the wilderness, rejecting not only the Devil, but her home as well. In the wild she meets a Prince and becomes pregnant, but when he is called to war, her heart breaks. She finds herself at those pesky cross-roads again. In the cool green of the forest, she brings up her child, and -wonder of wonders - her broken heart grows back. Perhaps this is 'happily ever after', perhaps there is even more joy to come...

This epic and poetic Wonder Tale is classic Kneehigh stuff. Charting a life, from child to adult. You can expect instinctive storytelling and a heady mix of live Blues music and devilish humour.

The Wild Bride is a grown-up, spring bud, dustball of a romance for adults and brave children alike.





An evening with the Kneehigh Band

Dates: Monday 15th and 22nd August
Time: 8.00pm (site opens at 6.00pm)

Running time: 1hr 50mins including interval

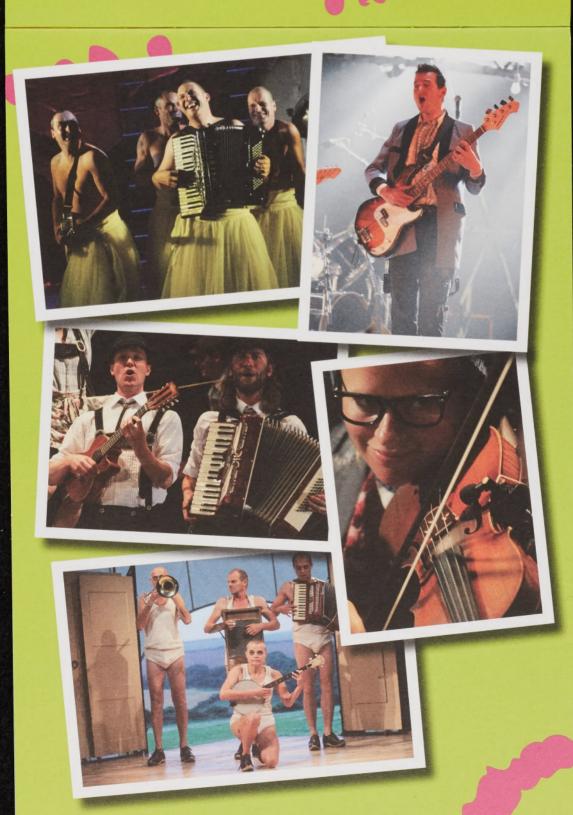
How many times have you found yourself dancing by mistake, laughing at some forgotten joke or humming along to a tune that no-one else can hear...

At Kneehigh, music is at the heart of all we do. We listen to it, dance to it, play it and make it. Our stories would be nothing without it. On this stolen Monday night, join Emma Rice, Mike Shepherd, Stu Barker and the Kneehigh band for an evening of sweet sounds and beating hearts. An evening in which we will explore and revisit the music we've created together over the last ten years.

This is a rare chance to listen to the songs you have loved over the years, hear some behind the scenes tales of how they were written and revel in some knock-out Kneehigh musicianship.

For one summer only...

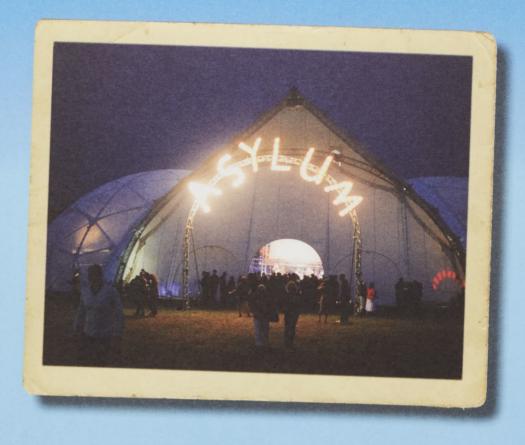






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Stones and Bones

For children aged 5+ and their families

Bones SOUASHEOX families theatre

Dates: Tuesday 2nd, 16th and 23rd August

Time: 2.00pm and 4.00pm

Running time: 60mins approximately

This summer, come on a journey to ancient Cornwall...

A land of fiery volcanoes and strange prehistoric creatures...

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A land of ancient stone circles and mysterious monuments...

A land of Stones and Bones...

Squashbox Theatre's new show is a marvellous mix of history and mystery!

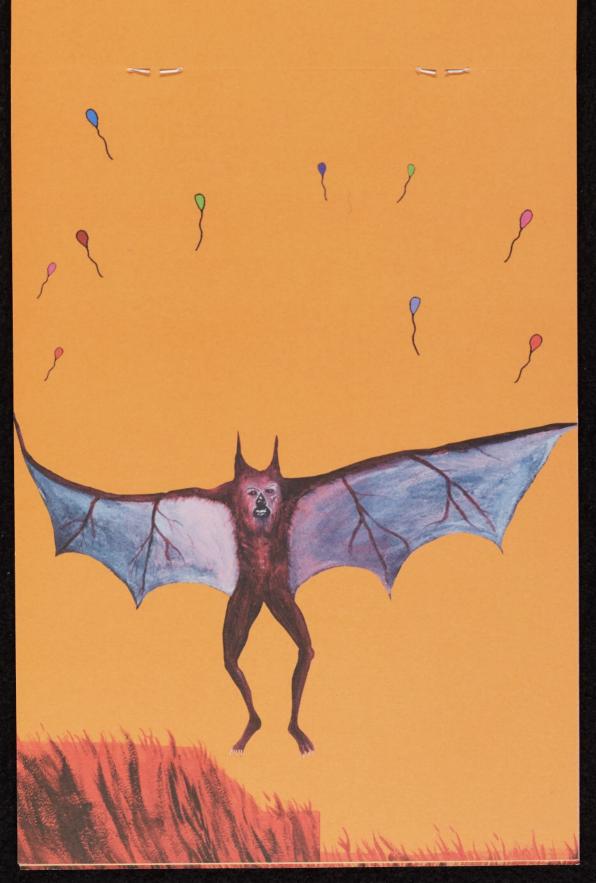
Find out all about archaeology and fossils, say hello to one of your stone-age ancestors, hear stories of giants and wizards, see a volcano erupting before your very eyes, and maybe even glimpse a dinosaur or two...

There will be thrills and spills galore, but also lots of laughs, plenty of puppets, songs, slapstick, tall tales and crazy





Concessions apply to those under 16 years old, 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 tickets are subject to a $\mathfrak L1$ Connections contribution PER BOOKING. See our Connections page to find out what this contribution supports. All information is correct at time of print.



How to Book

If you want to book by phone

Call 01872 262466

Lines are open Monday to Saturday, 9.00am – 6.00pm. Please note: Phone Booking close at 5.00pm on the day of each performance. We cannot guarantee availability of tickets on the door so advise you to book in advance.

If you prefer to book in person

The Box Office is open Monday to Saturday, 9.30am – 5.00pm Go to the Box Office at Hall for Cornwall, Lemon Quay, Truro, TR1 2LL

Or in the luxury of your own home, online

Visit www.thekneehighasylum.co.uk for links to buy tickets for all shows online.

Please note that...

Reservations

Reservations may be made for up to three 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 do not ordinarily offer exchanges or refunds on tickets, we do understand that situations can change unexpectedly. Where possible we encourage the Box Office to try and accommodate people's needs by offering a transferal of tickets to another night.

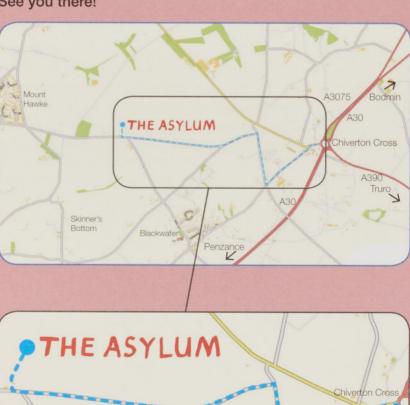
Access

There is no denying it, our tent is pitched in a field. We have made every effort to make it as easy as possible for those with Access difficulties to get on site which include specific seating and parking close to the entrance, but it is worth considering what extra support you may need from us – particularly in adverse weather. Please get in touch if you think we might have missed anything here!

We have programmed a number of signed performances for those with hearing difficulty. Details of these can be found on the show information page.

Below is the advised route to Tywarnhayle Farm, if you have the luxury of Sat Nav though, use the postcode TR4 8BE.

See you there!



Chiverton Cross



Connections Programme

To celebrate the launch of the Asylum last year, writer, performer and long time Kneehigh adventurer Anna Maria Murphy walked the length and breadth of Cornwall. Her trusty walking boots covered over 300 miles and she met doctors, travellers, war veterans, cared-for children, a vintage lady surfer and young mums (amongst many others) along the way.

This year the intrepid Anna Maria sets off on three 3-day-long adventures. In June, she'll walk from Polperro to the Kneehigh Barns in Gorran Haven, in July she'll travel from Padstow to Launceston and August will see her trek from Mousehole to the Asylum where she'll be a special guest at our evening with the Kneehigh band on Monday 22nd. Each walk will start with breakfast on the harbour and the latest brilliant invention from Rob Higgs (he made the contraptions in Hansel & Gretel), and end with a celebratory Kneehigh knees-up.

There will also be daytime workshops at the Asylum for special groups whose members fancy learning dances, discovering design, constructing kites, baking or playing with poems.

Last year's **Connections Programme** also included an 'almost free' ticket scheme for the organisations and individuals we met, and we'll be continuing that this year!

We plan to offer some of our **Connections** workshops to everyone. Cookery, kite-making, den-building and dancing are all on the menu.

For further details and dates of walks, workshops and tickets contact Shakera Ahad: shakera@kneehigh.co.uk / 01872 267910.

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Kneehigh FRIENDS and Kneehigh FAMILY

Kneehigh is a charity, and a donation through our **Friends Scheme** will help us to make even braver work – and to share it with even more people through the Connections Programme.

You can become a **Friend** from just £2.50 a month. Whether you want regular updates, invitations to special events this season, priority booking for next summer's Asylum, cream tea with the Artistic Directors on opening night or tickets to premieres, there are plenty of treats to tempt you to join us...

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



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We've tried our very best to make sure we use local produce and suppliers as much as we possibly can. This isn't just because we want to support local business; we also think it's the best you can get (and we're sure we're not biased).

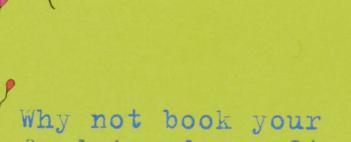
With that in mind, food will be provided by Truro-based food wonders Archie Browns, who will be there for the whole season. You could enjoy delicious vegetarian treats such as Homity Pie, frittata, delicious nut and energy filled salad boxes, or - if you don't want to book your food in advance - you could enjoy one of the daily specials that will be on offer. Why not top it off with a scrumptious homemade cake washed down with warming hot drinks?

Alongside Archie Browns, we'll have special guests each week: check out the website for details.

It's not all about the food. Our wonderful friends and sponsors at Skinner's Brewery are returning with their thoroughly delicious, thoroughly Cornish ales. The Skinner's at the Asylum bar will also delight your taste buds with a glass of Polgoon Aval or award-winning Camel Valley Brut.

We hope that by working with good, local suppliers we can bring you the finest food and drink, 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 in our beautiful tent.





If you want to, the lovely team at Archie Browns can have your tea ready and waiting for you on arrival at the Asylum.

food in advance?!

Just check out the menu below, make your choice and put a call into their Penzance shop to pre-order your food. Judging by last year's take up on this offer, you won't be disappointed!



Homity Pie £3 Farinata£3 any of the above can be served with a small salad for an extra £2 Houmous and salad filled pitta £3 Salad Box (salad selection with toasted seeds) . . £4 Daily Specials Cakes..... from £2 Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate

Gluten-free and vegan options always available - please ask.

Food can be pre-ordered at Archie Brown's Penzance on 01736 362828 or email hello@archiebrowns.co.uk

No pre-orders can be taken on the day.

Please note: we do not have credit/debit card facilities on site.

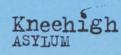
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Thursday 28th July	Midnight's Pumpkin	8.00pm
Friday 29th July	Midnight's Pumpkin	8.00pm
Saturday 30th July	Midnight's Pumpkin	8.00pm
Sunday 31st July	Midnight's Pumpkin	8.00pm
Monday 1st August		
Tuesday 2nd August	Stones and Bones	2.00pm / 4.00pm
	Midnight's Pumpkin	8.00pm
Wednesday 3rd August	Midnight's Pumpkin	8.00pm
Thursday 4th August	Midnight's Pumpkin	8.00pm
Friday 5th August	Midnight's Pumpkin	8.00pm
Saturday 6th August	Midnight's Pumpkin	8.00pm
Sunday 7th August	Midnight's Pumpkin	8.00pm
Monday 8th August		
Tuesday 9th August	Section 1985	

Wednesday 10th August		
Thursday 11th August	The Wild Bride	8.00pm
Friday 12th August	The Wild Bride	8.00pm
Saturday 13th August	The Wild Bride	8.00pm
Sunday 14th August	The Wild Bride	8.00pm
Monday 15th August	So Good at Love	8.00pm
Tuesday 16th August	Stones and Bones	2.00pm / 4.00pm
	The Wild Bride	8.00pm
Wednesday 17th August	The Wild Bride	8.00pm
Thursday 18th August	The Wild Bride	8.00pm
Friday 19th August	The Wild Bride	8.00pm
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