

# The Artists

## 17 Hippies (Germany – UK Debut)

Much talked about group making a long-awaited British debut with their Eastern-European influenced world dance music.

## Artizani - Desert Island Discs

A tropical island, a gramophone, flotsam, jetsam and one hapless castaway. Twenty years pass in forty minutes as records spin and rescue never comes. Then, as the island gives up its secret, the show ends in a beautifully surreal finale.

## Bash Street Theatre – Cliffhanger!

An hour-long, silent-movie style production that returns to the golden age of the silver screen. It follows the fortunes of a love-sick café waiter as he becomes innocently embroiled in a prison escape. When the heroine is abducted by a convict, there ensues a series of hair-raising episodes as our hero strives to rescue his new-found love.

## Beleza

Three talented musicians who share a passion for Samba, Bossa Nova & Musica Popular of Brazil.

## Bernie Bennett – Tightrope

A heart-stopping tightrope performance (watch out for the transformation into a superhero!). Skitzo - a nine-foot tall, three-headed alien hits the streets of Kendal. He loves to chat, sing and argue with anyone that's passing including any one of his own heads.

## Big Rory & Co.

Meet this nine-foot loveable Scottish rascal out for a walk with his wayward mongrel Ochie.

## Boom Dang

Unique and innovative side-ways drumming street band. Performing with choreography, vocals, DJs, tuned percussion and costume, they play an original mix of Drum & Bass, Bhangra, Hip-Hop, Latin, Afro-Beat and Moroccan trance.

## Bread & Butter Theatre

Mintfest 2008's resident company bring you a whole host of characters including **Gifted the Space Cadet** - bearing gifts of yellow Y-fronts from far away galaxies, you'll find yourself in a cosmic, comic game show with a mind-bending finale. **Peat Moss** - presenting his very own Gardener's Question Time. Do you know the difference between your rose bush and Kate Bush? Plus meet **The Van Dunk Brothers** and marvel as the boys perform the routine that won them the gold medal at the Olympic Games, World Championships and Burnley Baths Swimming Gala.

## Britannia Rumba

An innovative blend of Congolese rumba, Soukouss, Manchester's music energy and modern music technology from this high energy eight-piece band.

## Le Chapeau Magique (France) - Magique Hat Workshop

An invitation to a journey through origami and an opportunity to make a great hat and stand out from the crowd. **Sponsored by Specsavers.**

## Circus Fudge – The Weatherhouse (World Premiere)

Abandoned by the sunny day woman, the rainy day man continues on alone to report the latest ever-changing weather conditions. Beset with problems of meteorological proportions his task is not a simple one...



## **Crazy Tramps – International Comedy Trampoline Show**

What it says on the tin! Trampolining tricks, unique stunts, acrobatics and comedy all whilst bouncing above the heads of the audience.

## **Curious Cargo – Lollipop Patrol**

With excessive enthusiasm the Lollipop Patrol is here. Helping and hindering, fluorescent and effervescent – cross at your peril!

## **Dot Comedy**

**Record Graveyard** - Woody takes the stage armed with a selection of LPs and CDs and in a fury of madness destroys each record in turn.

**Car Boot Sale** - Frighteningly authentic, whatever you buy you will treasure forever or at least until you sell it at a car boot sale.

## **Frolicked – Arthur the Usher**

The Brewery Theatre Company has invited Frolicked Puppet Theatre to provide one of their most efficient and service driven ushers for all your required needs.

## **Gracie Spoon**

Gracie blows in on the north wind peddling stories & dreams from the four corners of the globe. Gracie the Itinerant Wordsmith, Magician or Petit Mercier, iconic female figures who roamed the country with baskets brimming with tiny crafts bringing with them stories, magic and news of the unknown...

## **Fiddling Green Jig Machine**

A unique One-Woman-Band combining lively fiddle tunes with foot-driven percussion, hooters, honkers, and whistles, and the occasional lyric.

## **Green Door Studios - Happy Times, Smiley Faces**

Come along and express yourself with felt, paints, pens and pencils. Get involved in the creation of a fun-packed park art installation as you create your very own felt smiley faces. Wish you were here? You can be and you can let everyone else know about it! Create your own personal postcard using words and pictures. Draw upon your most memorable experience of the whole Mintfest extravaganza and be a part of the bigger picture...

## **Mike Hancock – Juke Box Tales**

A giant Wurlitzer takes to the streets . Make your choice of live songs, incredible stories and big laughs. It could be the soundtrack to your life. Plus Cabaret Heaven - described by BBC's Front Row as " a phenomenal night", Cabaret Heaven serves up a glorious mix of comedy, live music and surprises.

## **Hoodwink**

**Gastronomic** - Two waiters try to serve lunch to a solitary diner, but are thwarted by flies in the soup, exploding crab, runaway puddings and a table that walks off in disgust. **Sponsored by Lucy's of Ambleside.**

**Pleasure Garden** - an intimate performance in a formal garden. Glimpse the innocent moments of Adam's first bite of the apple, through love letters and peacocks to the thunderous age of steam.

## **In2Nation**

Michael Colley plays PANArt hang. Rare and magical, the hang is a new revolution in the acoustics of metal with infectious grooves and mystical melodies.

## **Kendal Youth Jazz Orchestra, Batida! and Songhai**

The Brewery Arts Centre's home-grown bands feature in an exciting music line-up in 2008.

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## Kookaburras

Ever-popular Staveley-based samba band with a growing reputation and huge local following.

## Ku-Da-Mix (UK Debut Tour)

A new fusion featuring award-winning composer Kuljit Bhamra (Bend it Like Beckham, Bhaji on the Beach) and David Braun-White (MD Les Miserables, Sunset Boulevard). An exciting celebration of diversity and harmony through music.

## Meczla

From the foothills of the Andes to the Drumlins of South Lakes Meczla bring you authentic and captivating Chilean Panpipe sounds.

## Pete Moser

'The Fastest One Man in the World' in a celebration of co-ordination demonstrates the evolution of the One Man Band from the 'Spirit of the Andes' via the Knick Knack Man to the disco dancing steps of...

## Nakupelle (Finland/USA)

**Monkey Business** - Italo's got lots of ideas, an antique street organ and a badly behaved monkey. Will she play? Will she dance? Will this monkey ever get funky?

**Baggies** - two mysterious, curious and mischievous characters who like to play.

**Bon Appetit** - culinary slapstick and absurd acrobatics, challenging you with food for thought and laughter for the belly.

## Nicole et Martin (Switzerland)

Nicole & Martin conjure magic out of nothing. Using music, storytelling and simple props they re-tell traditional fairy stories from central Europe.

## Northern Belly Dancing Company

Join them for a Middle-Eastern 'hafa' party featuring exotic belly and Arabic dancing to authentic live music.

## Pa-BOOM

This company of artists, sculptors, designers and technicians produce stunning work animated by fire, light and pyrotechnics. They bring their creative genius to Mintfest 2008 by providing the firework finale to our opening spectacle.

## Pickled Image

**The Marvellous Box of Peeps and Delights** - are you daring enough to peer inside? Will you be one of the lucky passers by to peep inside and catch a glimpse of Deloris the Devine? You won't be disappointed!

**Bernard's Puppet Bonanza** - An old time puppet man is the last of a dying breed. Bernard's a true entertainer who will carry on regardless of technical nightmares and his own total incompetence.

## Pif Paf

Launch into the future and land in...HONEY! There's no time to lose, enter the HIVE and help bring the last Queen Bee back to life...the world is in your hands.

## Plunge Boom

**The Vegetable Nannies** - wheeling an ancient Victorian pram laden with a prize collection of vegetables, the Nannies are out for the day showing off their allotment cherubs and telling many a tale like every proud parent would.

**The Microscopic Animal Enthusiasts** - a cross between Indiana Jones and David Bellamy, these animal lovers are on a mission of miniature proportions! Come grab a magnifying glass and a specimen jar to examine the obscurest of beasts.

## Joe Sature (France) – Operation Beta

Peter Smith throws himself with alacrity into the hunt for the evil John Bad. Will he manage to defeat Bad's plans and save the world? Glorious slapstick comedy from one of France's leading outdoor performance companies.

## Singing Mountain Choir

A dynamic and vivacious group dedicated to performing songs from the Republic of Georgia and other countries, celebrating some of the world's great singing traditions.

## The Strangelings

**Tandem** - Two men, two wheels and some unfeasibly long shoes. Daredevil trick cycling, achingly beautiful acrobalance and a never before attempted escape finale.

**The Photographers** - meet Henry Burns and George Entwistle, gentleman photographers. They will pose you, dress you, and provide you with suitable props backdrops and facial hair to ensure your photograph is a perfect work of art, ready to take pride of place in anyone's parlour.

**The Gaiety Engine** - a wolf boy, a squeamish fakir, the world's only feline escapologist, and a mermaid named Terence – half woman, half fish... and half man!

## Goronwy Thoms

His street show spectacular includes clowning and circus skills of the highest calibre.

## Tuig (Netherlands)

Salto Vitale - a poetic strip cartoon in which fire, air, water and human power slowly lift a man 14 metres into the air to achieve an alchemic transformation! **Supported by the Netherlands Fund for Performing Arts.**

## The Grand Theatre of Lemmings

"The amazing mechanical dancers show" is the story of two crazy people fighting against the odds to create a bizarre dance spectacle with giant puppets. The show begins with fast moving comedy as their costumes get tangled and they entertain the crowds with various stunts that involve getting onto stilts and other wonderful comic antics.

## Whalley Range All Stars

**Pig** - a 30-foot long sleeping sow in a pen. You can see her snuffles, you can hear her snores. A farm-hand offers you the opportunity to act like pigs and take a peek at a 10 minute show that takes place inside her belly.

**Pig sponsored by Lucy Cooks.**

**Compost Mentis** - be led up the garden path by a large compost heap and the gardener who looks after it. Their relationship slowly begins to break down when it's discovered that the compost heap has a life of its own and harbours thoughts that are fermenting within.

## The Team

**Director:** Julie Tait

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