

fool's PARADISE

Spring
& Summer
2021



A Big Hello & Welcome!

We have been working with our artists, preparing to return safely to streets and parks with music, colour and laughter.

This brochure is a snapshot of some of our acts, featuring new creations, old favourites and companies that have just started working with us for 2021. All are ready to perform within current guidelines and have COVID risk assessments in place.

We hope it will inspire you to check out our website and see the full range of wonderful shows, walkabouts and workshops we represent.

Have fun looking through it and, whatever your plans, good luck.

We are here to help and look forward to hearing from you.

The Fools Paradise team



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“While none of us want a virtual life to continue for much longer, this year has demonstrated what can, for some, be done successfully online so maybe we will get back in touch in the future to challenge you with our next idea!”

Matthew Faulkner, Events Assistant, High 5 Events

"The joy that people exhibited when safely interacting with the performers, who were all very well prepared and conscious of the seriousness of the situation was amazing. It didn't distract from the atmosphere created at all and in fact enhanced the shopping experience we could offer. We can't wait to book more in for 2021 and at regular intervals to continue to bring joy to shoppers and passersbys!"

Nikki Fairclough, Customer Experience & Marketing Manager, Guildhall Shopping and Dining

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Thank you so much for helping us to bring some much needed fantastic festive cheer to Aldershot and Farnborough town centres over the past few weeks. It was brilliant to be able to book professional performers and I know that many of them hadn't had a chance to perform for a long time. I really hope that they all had a lovely time with us and would like to come back next year.

Jenny Atherton, Cultural Projects and Events Manager, Rushmoor Borough Council

Amy Amelia
Bumbalina



Bumblina is Queen of the Bees, sending her loyal bee subjects out across the land to collect pollen and bring food to the world. She performs mesmerising tricks with her magical ball of pollen: her very own bee dance.

The vibrant costume can be seen from afar and the summery soundtrack creates a head-turning audio impact.

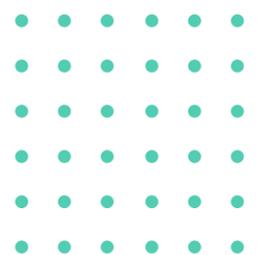


Angie Mack
Hula Hooping



Hoops, hoops and more hoops! Everything you ever wanted and never needed to know about hula hooping. From death defying stunt hooping to the straight out weird and wonderful world of mini hoop madness, the dazzling glitz of circus hula hoops and the jaw dropping giant 6ft hoop leading all the way up to the multi hooping, confetti exploding, human tower of uncertainty.

Angie Mack's hooptastic comedy show is jam packed with highly skilled hula hoop tricks, iconic music and a whole lot of heart.



An Act Above **Bluebelles**



The Bluebelles bring the delights of spring and summer meadows to your event. Based on our famous native bluebell flower, “fairy thimbles”, which represents everlasting love, the BlueBelles are magical as well as beautiful, making them perfect for spring/summer festivals, flower and garden themed events.

An Act Above **Norvil and Josephine**



Norvil & Josephine present a magical mobile variety show that is not what it first appears. This double act perform on a moveable top hat stage, with their humorous blend of variety entertainment. Magic, dance, acrobatics and music wrap together, as this comical duo turn the idea of the commanding magician and his dutiful assistant onto its head.

Artemis
Cali and Mari the Octopi



They have 8 legs, they have three hearts, they are very intelligent and very friendly. Cali and Mari are two larger than life octopus walkabout stilt characters, who have emerged from the ocean and are curious to explore the world around them. Always playful and ready to interact, they come complete with a bespoke underwater soundtrack. As evening draws in Cali and Mari light up to spectacular effect.

Bell and Bullock
Mind Your Peas & Cues/Big Bloomers



Let gardener Hugh show off his big, bright and beautiful prize-winning plants. There is a choice of either a daffodil, a sunflower or a leek to accompany him on his perambulations. Easy to see from afar and enjoy from a distance, they bring some much needed joie de vivre to events, as we start to emerge into the spring summer sunshine.

Black Eagles
Black Eagles



A troupe of totally stunning acrobats from Tanzania, now based in the UK. Set to lively African music, the show progresses through a series of powerful and graceful acrobatic, circus and dance routines.

A high impact, joyful show that will have people gasping in amazement. Very highly recommended.

Bread and Butter
Greenfinger Folk



Two huge topiary bushes nestled in gigantic terracotta pots – this is horticulture on a grand scale. Passers by will be surprised and delighted by the mischievous Gilbert and Norbert – the garden fairies that live within the bushes, who are waiting to solve all of your gardening problems. All Bread and Butter characters can also be delivered digitally. They can host zoom quizzes, game shows, team building / juggling workshops, as well as creating mini films for clients to encourage engagement and promote social media presence.

Carlos Airhead Introducing Carlos Airhead (formerly Bruce Airhead)



The metamorphosis of a man and a six-foot balloon in an original 30-minute comedy show. The original Bruce Airhead has hung up his lycra and been replaced by his Iberian cousin, Carlos Airhead. Carlos inflates a six foot balloon, then slides his body completely inside the balloon: first his head, then his torso, and finally the last leg slowly disappears from sight.

The show culminates in an explosive finish that has to be seen to be believed.

Circo Rum Ba Ba The Whale

To conform with COVID restrictions Circo Rum Ba Ba have re-crafted 'Plastic Ocean' to offer a show that takes place in front of their 18 metre sperm whale. The audience gathers behind a lobster net fence that surrounds the Whale. They interact with the eccentric marine biologist, Netty Northwest, who engages them with nautical repartee until the show begins.

A soundscape of waves and seagulls builds, until the performers emerge from the side and the back of the Whale with beautiful puppets made especially for the show by 'War Horse' puppet master, Jimmy Grimes.

An acrobatic diver leads the audience through the life and journeys of an ancient leatherback turtle and the threats and dangers it faces to survive. Circo Rum Ba Ba explores the tale of sea creatures and their battle to survive in an ocean full of rubbish. The audience helps save the turtle and the whale from a deluge of plastic, leaving them feeling empowered, that everyone can make a difference.



Cirq Delight
Puddle Ducks



These inquisitive friendly fowl are keen to investigate every situation with their waddling charm and big cheeky beaks.

They love parks, ponds and high streets and nautical themed events. Adorably child friendly, Mr and Mrs Puddle Duck are positively quackers and cannot wait to meet you!

Corvus Angelicus
Angelicus



Originally conceived as a COVID safe performance, bringing the arts to residential streets, these two ten feet tall luminous angels spread love and light, joy and hope wherever they go. They are accompanied, as they perambulate, by mesmerising music. A breathtakingly beautiful performance that uplifts the spirit and feeds the soul.

Creature Encounter **Teddy and Otto**

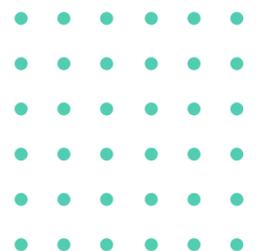
Meet Otto the Otter and Teddy the Fox. Straight out of the woodland, showbiz chums Teddy & Otto are the friendliest, funniest, furiest characters you're likely to meet. They invite anyone, who wishes to test their knowledge, in a quiz of fairytale fantasy.



● Dream Engine **Loveart**



We live in strange times and strange times need powerful creative statements to unify and remind us of what is possible. Loveart is a 12m high, vibrant red heart which frames an elegant aerial show in an image understood by all, an image that is irresistible, an image which does what it says: Love Art





Fair Play Gnomes



What with all that fishing, watering and standing around looking at things, life can be very busy for a gnome. So it's nice for them to get out, have a little break and generally get a little more animated and sociable than usual. They can share their simple tales of nature, gardening and the goings on at No. 24 with other local folk and enhance any occasion with their warmth, charm and big hats. Gentle family entertainment with deep green roots.

Footnote: If necessary, Gnomes can be excellent social distancers. Sometimes they hate anyone going too near their beards.

Fairly Famous Family Liver Cottage Lockdown Special



We have all been eating too much in lockdown so why stop now?

Our comedy chefs are masked up and ready for some socially distanced fun. The world's smallest mobile restaurant is ready to glide round your event, playing tasty beats and dispensing outdoor cookery advice 'al Tesco'.

Blurring the boundaries between "traditional" and "contemporary", "urban" and "rural", "fresh" and "best before June 1972", the Liver Cottage chefs stick to their motto: "Don't leave anyone wanting more!"

Flying Buttresses

What the Tortoise taught us



Zelva, the incredible, animatronic, giant tortoise, has walked the earth for hundreds of years, and now she wants to share her time with you. Zelva's beautiful shell becomes a magical stage, as she and her loyal companion recreate their favourite adventures together using miniature props, puppets... and a few special effects. Listen and learn from Zelva... you can ask her anything and she'll share her wisdom. She may even draw you a beautiful picture or give you her tortograph. This mindful, fantastical show is a mobile performance, comprising a series of short interactions and delightful engagements.

Half Human

Sparky the Robot

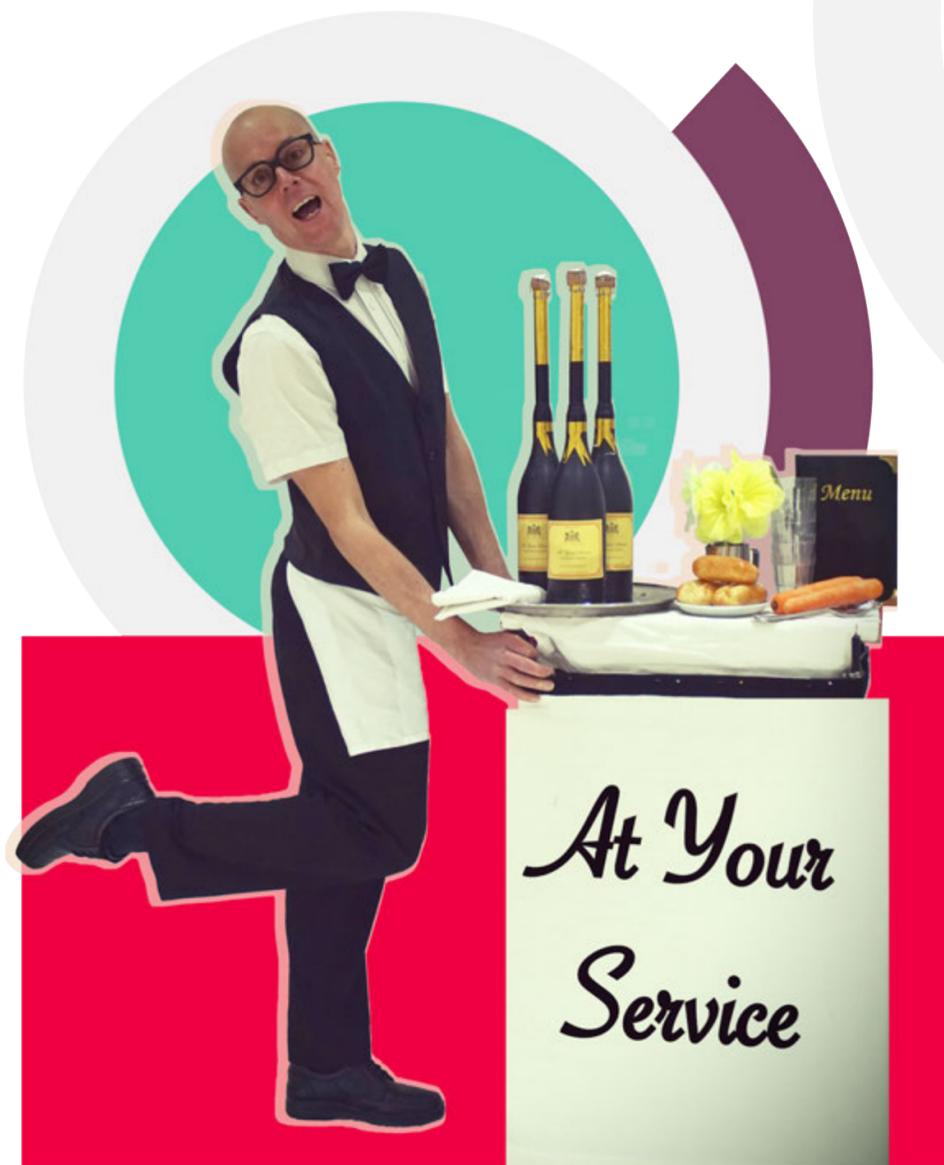


A genuine robot with no human parts and tons of personality. At two metres tall, he talks, dances, plays music, and causes excitement wherever he goes. Sparky is fully illuminated at night and is made from a fascinating array of recycled materials. Designed both to educate and entertain, Sparky is a real talking point.

Ian Marchant
At Your Service

Walter the Waiter is always "At Your Service" and ready to please.

Conjuring up feats and clever tricks with his many accoutrements, always poised to deliver plenty of fun. From the confines of his mobile serving station he'll command carrots to dance in front of your eyes, swing saturation around and around, manipulate champagne bottles as you have never seen, do things with spoons you can only dream of. You will never look at a waiter again in the same light, after an encounter with Walter.



Jon Hicks and Scott Walker
Feets of Wonder



A new collaboration between renowned festival and outdoor artists, this pair will reference comic books, illustrated maps, tattoos, town crests and club badges to create art trails, art treasure hunts or even elaborately designed large outdoor games: hopscotch, a maze, snakes and ladders.

A new project aimed to produce artworks that will enliven environments, whilst respecting any current restrictions.

Jones and Barnard **Variety Spectacular show**

A totally fresh approach to the presentation of comedy classics.

This show is a satirical exploration, examining the eccentricities of the collective British character through the universal language of unconventional dance, circus skills, classic song and variety routines, entwined with an original funky soundtrack and intimate comedy.



Joy Magnet **B-Boys**



These big, bouncing, b-boy breakers and their beat blasting boom box are sure to bring out the funk in everyone.

Heads will turn as they bounce along to their sound system in their massive high tops. This high-energy fun act might even teach you their secret handshake.



Markmark Edmund and Hillary

Markmark have developed their acts for socially distanced street theatre specifically aimed at cheering up communities and town centres, whilst keeping the public and performers safe. Edmund and Hilary are just the ticket! These two gentlemen explorers will survey your event and try to work out why they are so darn lost. Dressed in tropical kit, and covered in cobwebs and memories, they amuse and bemuse whomever they meet on their roving adventure.



Matt Pang Happy Heart Bike

The HappyHeartBike is a cross between a giant marble run and a kinetic sculpture, hand crafted and built onto the back of a bike, to create a mobile piece of street theatre.

Onlookers can marvel at the intriguing cycling sculpture and follow the balls, as they take their journey around the bike. When conditions allow, the rider dismounts for an impromptu juggling skit as an extra little treat. The audience don't need to leave their doorsteps as the #Happy-HeartBike pedals by and delivers a little bit of joy to everyone who sees it.



Musical Ruth **Elton Wrong**



Elton Wrong comes to a street near you, driving a white piano and belting out classic songs just like a rocket man, in a light-hearted take on the culture of tribute acts and of the great man himself.

You'll be laughing like children and living like lovers as Elton brings an instant stadium gig to your town. A sneaky peek into the crazy world of pop music, super stardom, world domination and.....the Lion King, with songs you'll know and plenty of comedy too. Are you ready for love?

Pif Paf **Moths at Work**



Moths At Work: Two disco-obsessed moth electricians and a beautiful inflatable light bulb. Ray and Flash love light - and disco. They travel on their magical light bulb mobile in illuminated costumes, investigating and gathering light of all shades, through fun and games and then move on to share it with the next people. Expect clowning, silliness and energy from this high impact mobile light extravaganza.

Puppets with Guts The Lips

A dazzling and surreal big puppet mix-tape walkabout spectacle.

The Lips are a chorus of delightfully deviant divas, whose mouths have broken free from their bodies. Highly expressive, they change colour at night-time and are best performed after sunset, as a show-stopper finale to your festival or event.



Scott Walker Art Trail



Once again Scott invites you into his madcap world of characters and comic book colour. For 2021 he has adapted his normal Pentagon and Cube into separate boards, which can be placed several metres apart, creating a (free) ticketing system for bubbles to work on their own board.

Scott can also work with you, to create specially commissioned pieces, such as shop window trails. Large posters can be commissioned with the logo and letters spelling out something positive, such as 'Better Days Ahead'. A QR code can also be added so that participants can find and scan all the letters to win prizes.

Sid Bowfin **Sid Bowfin Walkabout - The Violin Jukebox**

Performer Adrian Garratt has adapted his show during the pandemic to create a new act delivering a series of small, fun, socially distanced personal interactions, with members of the public. Adrian surprises and delights with his incredible skill and a huge repertoire. His undoubted ability to put people at ease leads to rich, genuine interactions, driven by the audience who can request any music they like: ACDC? Match of the Day? Vivaldi Summer? Come on Eileen? Done!

DOORSTEP CONCERTS:

Even in these Covid times, you CAN still hear live music - with a fun, personal, mini Doorstep Concert. Professional violinist and entertainer Adrian Garratt will take any musical request and spread his joyous take on live music to create wonderful memories.



Songsmith Solar **Flat Cap 3**



The Flat Cap 3 play good time tunes from right now to way back when. A wide selection of music with fun chat between songs, provides lots of opportunity to interact, dance and sing along.

The solo show is guitar and vocal, the duo adds saxophone and the trio adds double bass or snare/percussion. The band can stroll, play fixed street shows or play on stage. They're happy to play a combination of these to add variety and they love an unexpected location. Great fun for all!

Swank
Be Prepared Girl Guides



Be enthused by the terribly terribly jolly girl guide duo Val Keen and Babs Eager. With their jangling kit and 'be prepared' PMA (positive mental attitude), Val and Babs engage the public in achieving their SWANK badges. Whether 'Ging Gang Goolying', 'Fit for Anything' or simply 'Doing My Best', everyone is a badge winner and enjoys the hilarious badge presentation ceremony. These strong female characters, inspired by Bunty and the best of British, are adaptable and flexible, easy to understand and everyone gets the game and loves to play. Bespoke SWANK Guide badges can also be made for your theme or event.

The 2 Men
The Wardens



The Wardens are completely dedicated to their jobs and are ideal for keeping crowds in order. In fact they are such sticklers for the rules that as well as wearing protective full face visors and gloves, they are armed with tape measures to ensure that people keep the correct distance apart. The Wardens are loud, bold and colourful and will cause much mirth as they administer their ridiculous rules and regulations in their own ridiculous way.

The Show Globe Sea Sphere

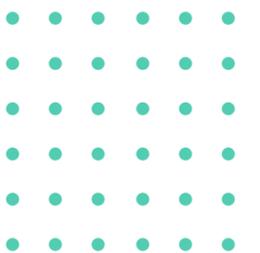
Beauty and enchantment surround the mermaid as she glides around you, sheltered safely in her Sea Sphere. Released from the sea only long enough to bring smiles to the faces lucky enough to look upon hers, this curious mermaid comes complete with dancing seaweed and other creatures of the deep.



Thingumajig Plucky



Meet Plucky, a very big, very friendly and possibly over curious chicken, accompanied by her hen-pecked sidekick. Plucky guarantees to bring fun, farmyard frolics, music and song to everyone.





Upper Level Rainbow stiltwalkers



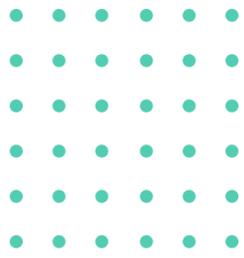
If you want to bring brightness and fun to your event, then these colourful rainbow stilt walkers will definitely do the job. The stilt walkers are over 2 metres high and wear face and hand coverings as part of their costume, to make them safe for encounters with the public.

With their bright outfits and sunny personalities, these stilt walkers are guaranteed to make everybody smile. They will engage audiences and passers-by with delightfully cheery conversation that fills young and old with joy.

Urban Canvas Italian Chalking Art

These workshops create beautiful and engaging floor art designs with the public, passers-by and participants of all ages, using poster paints, artist chinks & pastels. All materials are water soluble, and do not damage the fabric of the site in any way. Workshops are tailor-made to fit any theme or scale. They can be set-up as standalone small scale socially distanced events, designed to engage the local community in the creative art of street-painting.





Why book with Fool's Paradise?

Are your acts Covid-safe?

All these acts, along with every other act on our website, is expert in adapting to a variety of performance settings, including during the constrictions of the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic. The performances will be tailored to the event and location to ensure that all interactions are socially distanced without compromising the joy and spectacle

Book with confidence

During this Covid pandemic, all our acts have reviewed the way they perform so they go above and beyond ensuring a safe and fun experience for everyone. We will provide risk assessments, a checklist and work with you to ensure a safe working environment before your event takes place.

We care about local communities

We want our performers to share their passion with your community and we will recommend acts to suit your brief and situation.

Can I book local acts?

Yes! Travelling less makes sense for everyone right now. We can give you a list of performers based as close to you as possible.

Will the act draw a crowd?

It goes against everything our industry stands for but in the words of Albert Einstein: 'In the midst of every crisis, lies great opportunity'. We have seen many successful examples where performances have taken place on people's doorsteps or street corners. These performances bring theatre to people rather than asking them to congregate in crowds. If you would like to explore new locations and ways of presenting work, then give us a call.

Can I book last minute?

Yes! Our acts are packed and ready to go.

What if I have to cancel?

We understand goal posts are constantly moving so we can be flexible and postpone your booking to another date, if local or government restrictions prevent an event from going ahead

I have chosen some acts I like, how do I book?

Send us an email with your selected acts, a brief description of your event including date and location and one of our friendly team will get in touch with you to chat through the next steps. If you're not sure where to start, we can send you ideas for a selection of available acts to choose from.

You may understandably have questions about our approach to these issues, so please do get in touch with us with any concerns.

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