

Half Moon  
presents



Touring  
Shows  
in Schools or  
at Half Moon  
on Request



Primary  
(Early Years,  
KS1, KS2, KS3)

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## Half Moon Presents

Half Moon Presents is the producing arm of Half Moon, supporting the promotion and development of theatre for young audiences for national and international touring. In 2017/18, we toured 10 productions to 123 venues, festivals, libraries and schools. Our portfolio covers work for audiences aged 0-19, from a range of artists and companies drawn from the genres of theatre, spoken word, dance and new writing, reflecting the UK's contemporary and diverse communities.

For more details about the portfolio featured in this brochure and availability for bookings into schools, please contact Androulla on 020 7709 8908 or email [androulla@halfmoon.org.uk](mailto:androulla@halfmoon.org.uk).

## Half Moon Theatre

Half Moon is the UK's leading small-scale young people's venue and touring company. East London based, Half Moon specialises in new writing and artform development, acting as a gateway organisation that provides pathways for progression and experimentation. Our wide-ranging programme reaches 50,000 people annually and engages those who feel excluded from arts activity. Our activity includes a season of professional plays for young audiences, national touring productions and an extensive creative learning programme, including seven youth theatres. Our creative learning programme offers curriculum-focused activity, after-school and out-of-school workshops and initiatives to support young people's personal and social development. We also offer an extensive CPD programme for school staff.

We are a National Portfolio Organisation of Arts Council England and receive regular funding from the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

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# LEAF

A Tam Tam Theatre production  
for Nursery and Reception



**A leaf is born...**

**It grows and glows in the sunshine and the rain**

**Then the wind blows and it becomes colder**

**The leaf changes colour**

**In the snow, the leaf falls...**

**But when spring comes, a new leaf grows...**

Join us as we tell the life story of a very special leaf in this warm, intimate and playful new piece for under 3s inspired by nature and the seasons. Framed within an evocative soundscape, this is the perfect introduction to theatre for the very young.

At the end of the performance, children are invited onto the stage to play among the leaves and explore a landscape created by the changing seasons.

*Leaf* is another heart-warming play created by Tam Tam Theatre, whose previous shows for very young children include *Circles in the Sand* and *Curious*. The company's founder, Marleen Vermeulen, created *Leaf* in collaboration with director Joy Haynes.

**“A wonderful and all round sensory experience for babies, and a beautiful story. My 15 month old son was entranced, as we were. Thank you.”**  
*(Audience member, Half Moon Theatre)*

**Performance Length and Audience Restrictions:**

Performances last 25 minutes, followed by an interactive free-play session.

Due to the intimate nature of the production, it is designed for audiences of up to 52 (children and adults).

**This performance is only available at Half Moon. Please contact us for dates that are available.**

**Prices:**

£425 + VAT for one show, £450 + VAT for two or £475 + VAT for three (in one day).

**Creative Learning Opportunities:**

Bespoke activities for schools, nursery and family groups available on request, at additional cost.

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# Tangled Feet and Half Moon present **NEED A LITTLE HELP** For Reception—Year 3

## **A moving and uplifting show inspired by the experience of young carers for ages 2 – 7**

Joe and Ella are a great team - they make each other laugh, help each other out and tackle all the chores their busy lives throw at them. But one morning things begin to change when Joe gets all tangled up and Ella has to do things alone. What will Ella do now? Will she be able to continue as before, or will it all get too much? If only she had a little help...

Based on the experiences of young carers, the piece explores what it means to look after someone else when you are young. In a uniquely designed immersive space, the young audience will help the performers look after each other, stepping into the shoes of young carers.

Need a Little Help is a deeply moving and joyfully uplifting piece of interactive and physical theatre from award winning ensemble Tangled Feet, working in partnership with children's theatre specialists, Half Moon.

### **Performance Length:**

Performance lasts for 40 minutes followed by an informal play session.

### **Images & Videos:**

We have a range of images available for use to promote the show, a trailer and video content. Please download by using the following link:

Images: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/0o3q3o1izznlckc/AADsMzE9zVXnkcV5afYJ6bwka?dl=0>

### **Reviews**

**“A cohesive, innovative, involving piece of storytelling.” (Children’s Theatre Review)**

### **Audience Responses:**

“Rarely is children’s theatre as profound whilst joyously riveting as Need a Little Help.”

“A wonderful production full of heart and carrying a really important message! Beautifully put together!”

“Still thinking about Need a Little Help. Such clever and moving treatment of the subject matter.”

“Amazing, really touched my soul and presented in such a lovely way. Thank you.”

“A really extraordinary performance -an important show.

Very emotional and perfectly pitched to the audience. Fantastic, faultless.”

“Fantastic show! I want to see it again”

### **Available:**

In schools only 1, 8 or 9 October

### **Technical Requirements:**

- Get-In: 1 hour and 45 mins before the first performance from parking at the school and about to enter the space.
- Get-Out: 1 hour once audience has left
- Minimum of 2 hours between the start of shows (e.g. 11am & 1pm) if two shows on the same day
- Space Configuration: The performance takes place in a traverse layout in the open space with a carpet marking space with audiences sitting on either side of the carpeted area facing each other with a channel down the middle where the actors perform. At either end there is a door and some bookshelves.
- Cushions are provided for the children to sit on, but a 2nd row of benches / chairs should be provided by the hosting centre.
- Dimensions of whole space needed is 10m length x 7.5m width, height 3m
- Dimensions of the carpet is 7.m x 5.5m
- Up to a maximum of 80 audience members.
- Staff: 1 designated adult to host / assist.

### **Prices:**

£400 + VAT for one show

£450 + VAT for two shows

### **Creative Learning Opportunities:**

Bespoke activities for schools, nursery and family groups available on request, at additional cost.

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# Half Moon presents YOUNG HERBERTS HORRORS

A Justin Coe production  
for Year 1 to Year 5



## A swashbuckling pirate adventure with a twist

Young Herbert is a little horror. Living on a boat should be the ideal life for a wannabe pirate, but the boat's grounded until Herbert can learn to tidy his cabin, eat his greens and be more polite. A big storm brews up when Herbert is sent home from school and Mum calls on Great Uncle Albatross - navy captain and scourge of all pirates - to warn him of the dangers of rebellion.

But who is Great Uncle Albatross and do his cautionary tales really have the power to make Young Herbert behave? Or will they just give Young Herbert the horrors? Featuring swashbuckling verse, jaunty music, gallows humour and the obligatory parrot, *Young Herbert's Horrors* is Justin Coe's brand new spoken word show for children, following the highly popular *Big Wow, Small Wonder*.

**“Bravo! Fabulous, funny and the children were mesmerised”**

**(Audience Member, Half Moon Theatre)**

## Performance Length and Audience Restrictions:

Performances last 45 mins (no interval). For an audience of up to 60-120 (2-4 classes).

**This performance is available at Half Moon or at your school. Please contact us for dates that are available.**

## Prices:

£450 + VAT for one show, £550 + VAT for two or £650 + VAT for three (in one day).

## Technical Requirements (if in schools)

- 1 hour before start time for set-up and 30 minutes to clear away
- Ground floor location
- Hall or large space suitable for performance
- Staff member to look after/welcome company

## Creative Learning Opportunities:

Justin has over 20 years of experience of working as a creative professional in schools, venues and community settings. He can provide a range of bespoke creative learning and enrichment activities to complement the performance. Please enquire for availability and prices.

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# BOYS DON'T

A Papertale production

For Year 5 - Year 8



**Who picks up the pieces when boys hide their feelings?**

From the playground to the classroom, from home to the uncharted waters of online, boys learn that displaying their feelings is a no-no. But what happens to emotion that can't be let out?

*Boys Don't* explores through spoken word what happens when boys show their feelings, written from real-life experiences of the diverse male cast. Through a series of funny, familiar and sometimes heart-breaking stories of boys in the emotional spotlight, the show delivers insights into male experiences of growing up, and offers the possibility of more open communication for us all.

*Boys Don't* was live streamed from the Brighton Festival on 21 May, 2017. This recording of the full production can be watched again at any time via this link:

<https://vimeo.com/223319992/80c9749742>

...better than any other thing I have ever watched. It's good because boys don't talk about their emotions. They are worried that people take the mickey...  
(Yr 7, St Leonards Academy, Hastings)

**Performance Length and Audience Restrictions:**

Performances last 50 minutes (no interval).

For an audience of up to 60/90 (2—3 classes)

This performance is available at Half Moon or at your school, available until 2 December 2018 only.

**Technical Requirements (if in schools):**

- 1 hour before start-time for set up and 30 minutes to clear away.
- 2 matching chairs.
- Ground floor location
- Hall or large space suitable for performance
- Staff member to look after/welcome company

**Prices:**

£710 + VAT for one show

£785 + VAT for two shows (in one day).

**Creative Learning Opportunities:**

The performance can be immediately followed by a short interactive talkback session. In addition (and at additional cost) these performances are supported by a poetry workshop package for schools (Years 5-8) exploring young people's emotional literacy through creative writing and performance. The workshops are tailored to the needs of the particular school, and supported by online resources. This programme is suitable for both boys and girls.

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# Creative Learning

Last year, Half Moon worked with around 24,000 young people in over 1,500 workshop sessions. We regularly work with children's centres, schools, colleges and community and youth organisations on a range of engaging projects. Our creative learning programmes include curriculum-focused activity, after and out-of-school workshops to support young people's personal and social development, including encouraging young people to independently get into theatre and explore the options available for a career in the arts.

## Early Years Programmes

Our bespoke programmes for Early Years include introductions to a performance at our theatre. We also deliver specialist sessions for Early Years Dance and Drama, Creative Play and Messy Play sessions which encourage parents to bond with their child through play.

## Primary Programmes

Our Primary Creative Learning programmes include curriculum-focused activity such as Dramatic Maths (maths learning through stories and real-life examples which can be delivered in mainstream or special school contexts); art subject-specific programmes such as Drawing to Drama (exploring the Gallery @ Half Moon where children can make their own artwork or explore art through drama and literacy work), and initiatives to support young people's personal and social development, including Speech Bubbles which develops speaking, listening and attention skills for children in KS1 and a transition programme for Year 6 children using forum theatre.

## Secondary Programmes

Our Secondary Creative Learning programmes includes a Summer School, 'Play in a Week' programme which brings together new Year 7s ahead of their transition from primary to secondary. Careers in Theatre, for KS3/ KS4, gives participants the opportunity to work alongside theatre specialists culminating in creating a performance piece over just one day.

## CPD Sessions for Primary and Secondary Staff

Half Moon offers an annual programme of Continuing Professional Development for all school staff – teachers, TAs, Learning Mentors. Sessions aim to support staff to extend the quality and breadth of drama being used within the core curriculum, both as distinct subject delivery and as a tool for cross-curricular work and behaviour management. Sessions are free for staff in Tower Hamlets but a fee of £90+VAT for full day sessions and £45+VAT for twilight sessions applies for staff working in other boroughs. We offer key sessions throughout the year, delivered by theatre and drama professionals and planned in partnership with a drama specialist at one of our local secondary schools. We also create bespoke packages for schools keen to have sessions delivered in their settings for all their staff.

***For more information on our Creative Learning programmes and to find out how your school can get involved, please contact Androulla on 020 7709 8908 or email [androulla@halfmoon.org.uk](mailto:androulla@halfmoon.org.uk)***