

# *Twisted Willow Theatre*

# **Show**



# *Tell*

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**Show and Tell is a new variety show where anyone can perform. We welcome people from all disciplines and skill levels. Tonight we present to you an eclectic mix of music, theatre, poetry, stand-up, improv comedy and martial arts. So sit back and enjoy as we **show** you our talents and *tell* you a story. Proceeds are going to our chosen charity, Arts and Minds.**

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**Twisted Willow Theatre is a new theatre company based in Cambridge. As well as hosting Show and Tell, Twisted Willow will be bringing you enticing full-scale theatre productions and short films that are sure to be thought-provoking and moving.**

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**Your host tonight is Twisted Willow Theatre's Artistic Director, Richard McNally. Richard has acted in and directed many productions both professional and amateur. This, however, is his first experience as a compere.**

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**The technician for tonight's show is Will Feeley. Will has seven years of experience as a sound technician and is one of the Portland Arms' resident technicians.**

# The Acts:

The Entertainment Starts at 7.15pm

Music

Kate Vowles



Growing up around the heart of American folk and bluegrass scenes in the mountains of Colorado, Kate Vowles brings freedom and passion to her songs. She began playing on her mother's old guitar, teaching herself with the help of books and the internet. Many years and guitars later, she has been sharing her music with people on three different continents, with albums in over seven countries. Kate has been delighted by the response, and finds song writing a terrific outlet. It has been such a joy to share music with others in so many places.

Kate's abum, *Small Town Girl* is available to buy at the entrance for £6

Improv Comedy

The Youthful Exuberants

The Youthful Exuberants is a brand new comedy group made up of talented teenagers from around Cambridge. Although some have been working together, and practising improvisation, for years, tonight is their first show to members of the public - who we know you will be as supportive and generous as they are good-looking and kind. Here's to the first, hopefully, of many amusing performances.

## Poetry

## J.S. Watts



J.S. Watts is a local writer and poet. Her poetry and short stories appear in publications worldwide. She has had two poetry books , *Cats & Other Myths* and *Songs of Steelyard Sue*, published by Lapwing Publications and a novel, *A Darker Moon*, published by Vagabondage . All of which are available to purchase at the entrance.

## Stand-Up

## Simon Jones



Simon trained at East15 Acting School, London. Simon has only recently ventured on the comedy scene so this all very new and exciting for him. This will be his 2nd performance as Martha Dench Mirren. He has performed at The Lions Den Comedy club and Proud Cabaret in London. He hopes you have a great night, as in his opinion variety performances are the most fun!

## Martial Arts

## Sylvie England



Sylvie is a martial arts enthusiast, and will be giving a martial arts performance, based on kung fu forms that she learnt while attending a martial arts academy (Kunyu Shan Mountain Academy) in China for a few months. Sylvie is also part of a stage combat fight team with Independent Drama ([independentdrama.com](http://independentdrama.com)). Sylvie is predominantly a professional actress and later in the evening will be performing a comedic monologue.

# The Acts:

There will be a brief interval at approximately 8.30pm.

**Short Play**

**King Prawns and Apple Pie**

Written By- Rani Drew of *Making Good Theatre*

Starring- Miriam Kmetova, Priyanka Joshi, Michal Szpak and Dinesh Kapur

## The Writer:



**Rani Drew** has written more than forty plays and staged over twenty in the U.K., Hungary, China, Romania, Macedonia & Spain. In 2009, during the Darwin Centenary Festival in Cambridge, she staged two plays on Darwin: *1859 – A Meeting of Poets & Scientists* & *The Man Behind Evolution*. *The Great Wall of Adhamiya*, a play about the Iraq War, was staged in March, 2012. She is also a poet, short story writer and novelist. In 2010, her first novel, *The Dog's Tale*, was published by Whyte Tracks, Denmark.

## The Actors:

**Miriam Kmetova** has been involved in several theatrical productions in Slovakia and received Slovakian awards. She has taught Creative Drama following on a theatre project run by UNICEF and the Royal National Theatre in London. She "likes to explore the creative process of staging meaningful ideas that matter & thus giving the audience a glimpse of the importance of 'Love for the World'.

**Priyanka Joshi** has worked with Nichestagekraft, a theatre company in India, acting in their street plays and writing scripts. A travel enthusiast and an amateur photographer, she is at present working on a Ph.D. in chemistry at Cambridge University.

**Michal Szpak**, also doing a Ph.D. at Cambridge University, has been involved in theatre activity as an actor for 8 years. He was associated with many student theatres in Poland, trained at the Polish National Theatre in Warsaw and more recently has had experience working as a Polish language coach in the USA.

**Dinesh Kapur** is currently studying the MPhil in Engineering for Sustainable Development at the University of Cambridge. An Engineer by training, he is an accomplished orator with various victories in debating competitions and sports. He has worked as a Voice-Over artist, and a Script Writer in multiple documentaries on environmental issues.

## *Buddhist Reading*

## *John Drew*



John Drew is a would-be poet, tonight he will be reading mostly verse fables from his book, *The Buddha at Kamakura*, which has been translated into several languages, including Japanese. He runs the Cambridge Poetry Workshop ([cambridgepoetry@hotmail.com](mailto:cambridgepoetry@hotmail.com)).

## *Poetry*

## *Leanne Moden*



Leanne Moden is a performance poet, whose work has been described as 'surreal' and 'unexpected.' Performance poet Kat Francois was kind enough to call Leanne's poetry 'hilarious', and she's been riding on the crest of that wave ever since. Leanne blogs at [www.tenyearstime.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.tenyearstime.blogspot.co.uk)

# The Acts:

## *Music Theatre*

## *Clarise Mbombo*



Clarise is in her final year of university studying performing arts. She has performed in productions such as: Richard III, The Tempest, Romeo and Juliet. She writes her own stage plays, and is trained in radio acting, stage acting and wants to experience acting for TV. Tonight she will be singing Out here on my Own from Fame.

## *Poetry*

## *Poppy Kleiser*



Poppy Kleiser is Twisted Willow's resident writer. Poppy is also a classically trained actress, and has a number of leading acting credits to her name. In her gap year Poppy was commissioned by the government to write several plays about young people's issues. Poppy now has a degree in English Literature and Drama and is focusing on writing new plays for the company to perform. She also writes poetry and fiction and is a member of Cafe Writers in Norwich.

## **Improv Comedy**

## **The Cambridge Impronauts**



The Cambridge Impronauts are a skilled team who create comic sketches from your suggestions. Everything is made up on the spot, allowing our highly trained performers to dazzle you with their skill and wit. Your suggestions drive the show, so be prepared to join in! No scripts, no rehearsals, no problem!

## **Theatre**

## **Sylvie England**



After showing us her martial arts prowess, earlier in the evening, Sylvie will now demonstrate her acting talents. Sylvie is a professional actress, based in Cambridge and recently has been working closely with Write-On on a number of projects. She will be performing her comedy monologue 'No Personality' from the play 'Vital Signs' by Jane Martin.

There will be a brief interval at  
approximately 9.45pm.

# The Acts:

<b>Music &amp; Spoken Word</b>	<b><u>Patrick Widdess &amp; Tom Adams</u></b>
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**Patrick Widdess** is a published poet known for his surrealism and deadpan humour. He was a finalist in the Hammer & Tongue 2012 poetry slam and presents a music and spoken word show on Cambridge 105 called Headstand.

[patrickwiddess.co.uk](http://patrickwiddess.co.uk)

Tom Adams is a multi instrumentalist composer, producer and songwriter based in the UK. He also releases music as Toma, The Mountaineering Club Orchestra, and Hollow Mountain. Tom is currently doing a PhD in live electronics at the University of Huddersfield and regularly performs live in the UK and occasionally in Europe.

[tomadams.bandcamp.com](http://tomadams.bandcamp.com)

Patrick and Tom began working creatively together this year, although have been friends for considerably longer. This is their second performance.

<b>Stand-Up</b>	<b><u>Harry Wright</u></b>
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Harry Wright is an effete autistic Yorkshireman in exile at university in Cambridge. It's probably for the best. Tonight Harry will be performing his stand-up comedy routine.

There will be a brief interval at  
approximately 10.15pm.



## Music – Headlining Band

### The Statue Thieves

Formed in January 2012, The Statue Thieves are based in and around Cricklewood, North West London, currently playing the London gigging circuit continuously in promotion of the forthcoming EP *Statues of Realisation*.

The Statue Thieves' intentions lie in a laboratory--esque cooking of Mod rock, roots rock and roll, soul, folk, psychedelia, and mellow funk.

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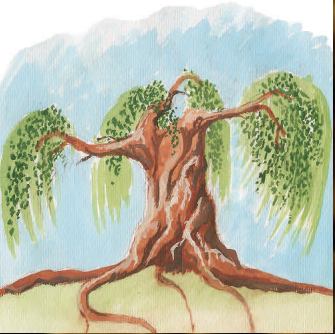
The four piece also finds space to be inspired by hip hop instrumentation in specific ways, as seen with the number Movie Queen. Lyrically, an existential reflection is dealt alongside a peeping commentary and the world we live in. Syria, David Cameron, and the London 2011 riots are reported on next to a look at lovers, relationships, strangers, drugs, and the overlooked beauty of this world.

The band, in alphabetical order, consists of:

Craig Ingham: Vocals, Acoustic Guitar, and Harmonica

Ryhan Lovell: Percussion, Chime Tree and Cajon

The entertainment will end and the venue will  
close at 11pm



# *A Midsummer Night's* *Dream*

In several beautiful locations in the East Anglian countryside, *Twisted Willow Theatre* present their enchanting version of Shakespeare's classic play *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Delve into the realm of the faery kingdom, and be caught in the turbulence of the faery King and Queen as they throw nature's peaceful bounty into disarray. Watch the festival-going Lovers as they fall victim to the mischief of the faeries, and are plummeted into a state of tears, turmoil and comical confusion. Laugh with us at the ridiculous antics of the country bumpkin Mechanicals as they bring the show to an explosive finale with their hilarious version of *Pyramus and Thisbe*.

A festival of fun and frolics, this is a chance to enjoy a Summer picnic in the beautiful surroundings whilst enjoying one of Shakespeare's most well loved plays. Complete with original score, elaborate costumes and live music, this promises to be a midsummer masquerade for all the family. Enhanced by our sublime settings, even the Shakespeare novice will be entertained whilst the children are swept away into the land of magic and malevolence. *Twisted Willow Theatre* are passionate about providing professional-quality theatre at affordable prices.

If you'd like to audition for the project or you would like to come and see the show then please send an email to:

*info@twistedwillowtheatre.com*

We will add you to our mailing list!

# **Special Thanks:**

Twisted Willow Theatre would like to thank each of the artists for contributing their talents to the evening. We would also like to thank The Portland Arms for the use of their venue and for supporting a charity event. Most importantly we would like to thank each of you, the audience; for coming tonight, supporting local arts events, donating money to charity and lastly, buying a programme. We hope to see you all at the next **Show** and *Tell!*

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## **The Charity: Arts and Minds**

**“Arts and Minds aim to include people of all ages with all forms of mental illness and learning disabilities and to offer arts participation as a preventative as well as a rehabilitative experience. Arts & Minds works across all age groups from children to the elderly, across hospitals, community settings and multiple art forms.”**

*From "www.artsandminds.org.uk"*

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**[www.twitter.com/TwistedWillow0](http://www.twitter.com/TwistedWillow0)**

**Or you can email us at *info@twistedwillowtheatre.com***