



BASH STREET THEATRE Co.

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Winner of the 'Best Street Theatre Show' award at Fira Tàrrega, Spain.



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With falling buildings, dare-devil escapology, silent comedy and live piano accompaniment, CLIFFHANGER! has proved to be Bash Street Theatre's most successful and enduring street theatre show.

Inspired by Buster Keaton's short film 'Convict 13', CLIFFHANGER! is a 45-minute, silent-movie style production that returns to the golden age of the silver screen. This action-packed, family show, enjoyed by audiences of young and old alike, has recently been revised and re-worked to include three new young performers, all members of the Bash Street Theatre family.

The story 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.

CLIFFHANGER! has toured throughout the UK and extensively in Europe, with performances in France, Belgium, Holland, Norway, Germany, Poland, Romania, Hungary, Republic of Ireland, Italy, Portugal and Spain, where it won the 'Best Street Theatre Show' award at the prestigious Fira Tàrrega International Theatre Festival.

It has also been performed at Macau International Arts Festival in China, Gwacheon and Gwangju International Theatre Festivals in South Korea, and Bat Yam International Theatre Festival in Israel.

# Bash Street Theatre Co.

Bash Street is a small independent theatre company founded 25 years ago by partners, Simon Pullum and JoJo Pickering. We are now performing with our two sons, Finbar and Lochlann, and our niece, Kesha, to make the company a real 'family affair'.

Based in Penzance, Cornwall, we have built an international reputation performing fast-moving, silent-comedy, street theatre shows with live musical accompaniment.

Since our first performance, in Morlaix, France in 1991, we have created more than 20 different productions and toured to major festivals throughout the UK and 16 European countries, as well as in Egypt, Israel, Japan, Hong Kong, Macau and South Korea.





*'A very clever, witty and well thought out show, and a fantastic finale... kept young and old entranced for a full hour.'*

**Lyn Gardner, The Guardian**

*'Witty, slick and imaginative.'*

**Angus MacKechnie, National Theatre**

*'A well-crafted, well-performed, funny and engaging street theatre show...small children and adults alike were delighted.'*

**Dorothy Max Prior, Total Theatre Magazine**





## **Production Information**

CLIFFHANGER! was developed with a grant from Arts Council England. In 2016 the show was revised to include three young family performers.

**Artistic Directors** Simon Pullum and JoJo Pickering

**Directed by** David Twomlow and Mikey Martins

**Written by** Simon Pullum

**Produced by** Simon Pullum and JoJo Pickering

**Music composed by** Jim McCormack

**Designer** Helen Tiley

**Performers** Simon Pullum, JoJo Pickering, Finbar Pullum, Kesha Pullum and Lochlann Pickering.

**Year of creation** 2002

**Preferred performance time is early evening, at dusk.**

## Performer Profile

### Simon Pullum

*Company director, writer, producer and performer*

Simon Pullum trained as a journalist before joining Cornwall Theatre Company, touring throughout the UK. Later, he co-founded Jo's Jungle Band street theatre group, developing his musical and circus skills.

Since founding Bash Street Theatre with JoJo Pickering in 1991, Simon has written, co-produced and performed in 20 different shows at festivals throughout the UK, Europe, and the Far East. His skills include tightrope walking, unicycling, juggling, stiltwalking, and playing the violin.

*French speaker*



### JoJo Pickering

*Producer, performer and company director*

JoJo is one of the two founding partners of the company and is jointly responsible for managing, as well as performing with the company. She teamed up with Simon to perform at the Festival des Arts dans la Rue at Morlaix in France, and Bash Street Theatre was formed.

JoJo travelled with her parents as a child, and had sailed halfway around the world before the age of six. She lived in Spain, and also America, before moving to Cornwall in 1986.

Her artistic background is in dance, studying contemporary jazz ballet under Deloris Perlmutter and Charles Organ.

She has a degree with the Open University and also an MBA in business management.

*French and Spanish speaker*



## **Lochlann Pickering**

### *Musician*

Lochlann first started performing with the company as a stilt-walker in “The Creatures”, and also as a magician in “The Last Illusion”. He plays piano and accordion, and can also juggle and unicycle. His other interests include drawing and film making.

## **Finbar Pullum**

### *Performer*

Stiltwalker, tightrope walker, unicyclist and fire-poi specialist, Finbar has also performed for Bash Street in “The Creatures”. He is currently studying chemistry and physics with the Open University, and also enjoys chess and Ju-Jitsu.



## **Kesha Pullum**

### *Performer*

Kesha is the founder of Disparu Theatre, performing as an acrobat, stiltwalker and unicyclist. CLIFFHANGER! is her second Bash Street production. She was also a stiltwalker in “The Creatures”. Kesha plays violin and accordion, and is planning further training at a French circus school.





# CLIFFHANGER! touring history



## 2016

Port Eliot Festival, Cornwall  
 Holifair, Cornwall  
 Torbay Children's Festival  
 Just So Festival

UK  
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 UK

## 2011

Devizes, Wiltshire  
 Sibiu Festival, Sibiu  
 Cenas na Rua, Tavira  
 Cartajima  
 Charly sur Marne  
 Anizy le Chteau  
 Moy de l'Aisne  
 Sains Richaumont  
 Chamouille  
 Montigny sur Crecy  
 Vaux Andigny  
 Festival Mouette Rieuse, Dunkerque  
 Budock Vean Hotel, Cornwall  
 The Forum, Norwich  
 Barton on Humber  
 Bat Yam Street Theatre Festival  
 Arts Fresco, Market Harborough

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## 2010

Sotteville Lès Rouen  
 Trereife House, Cornwall  
 Macau International Festival  
 Neuilly Sur Marne  
 Petit Couronne  
 Le Tréport  
 Porsgrunn Theatre Festival  
 Dublin  
 Stockton Riverside Festival  
 Barry Children's Festival  
 Thruxton  
 Gwacheon Street Theatre Festival  
 Gwangju Theatre Festival

France  
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 Norway  
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 Wales  
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 South Korea  
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## 2009

Festival of Fools, Belfast  
 Festival Kunsten Op Straat, Zwolle  
 Festival Mirabilia, Fossano  
 Land's End  
 Ahlen  
 Idar Oberstein  
 Land's End  
 Nottingham Children's Festival  
 Essex Street Diversions, Chelmsford  
 Bruges  
 European Film Festival, Segovia

N. Ireland  
 Holland  
 Italy  
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 Spain

## 2008

Haguenau  
 Belfast  
 Jersey  
 Hasselt  
 Bath Fringe  
 Veregra Festival, Montegranaro  
 Zelig Festival, Chieri  
 Heppenheim  
 Mouth of the Tyne Festival  
 Ghent  
 La Coruña  
 Kendle  
 La Rochelle  
 Genova

France  
 N. Ireland  
 Channel Isles  
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## 2007

Saverne  
 Montpellier  
 Prades-les-Lez  
 Streets of Brighton Festival  
 Du Maurier Festival, Cornwall  
 Hendaye  
 Kortrijk  
 Venhuizen  
 Festival Parades, Nanterre  
 La Théâtre Jeunes Publics, Lyon  
 Houilles  
 Tollwood Festival, Munich  
 Fête des Petits Pois, Clamart  
 Purmerend  
 Winchester Hat Fair  
 Vlissingen  
 Guernsey  
 Gdansk  
 Wevershoof  
 Stedebroec  
 Ludwigshafen  
 Mulheim  
 Via Thea, Görlitz  
 Micro! Festival, Dortmund  
 Sziget Festival, Budapest  
 Duisburg  
 Herford  
 Barton on Humber  
 Trevarno Gardens, Cornwall  
 Welttheater der Strasse, Schwerte  
 Gutersloh  
 Festival La Notte Bianca, Rome  
 Doesburg

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## 2006

The National Theatre, London	UK
Trevarno Gardens, Cornwall	UK
Clacton Pier	UK
Tête-à-tête Festival, Rastatt	Germany
Echappée Belle,Blanquefort	France
Tremblay-en-France	France
Windermere, Kendal	UK
Atherington, N. Devon Festival	UK
Bratton Flemming, N. Devon Festival	UK
Redhouse JMI School, Walsall	UK
Newhampton Arts Festival	UK
Ayr Field Community Project, St Ives	UK
Ballymena Festival, Co. Antrim	N. Ireland
Eisteddfod, Llangollen	Wales
Summer Festival, Swindon	UK
Summer Festival,Norwich	UK
Caen	France
Bagnoles De L'Orne	France
Granville	France
Le Havre	France
Notre Dame de Monts	France
La Tranche Sur Mer,	France
Fontenay Le Comte	France
Gloucester Festival	UK
Taunton Weir, French Park	UK
Penlee Park, Penzance, Cornwall	UK
Royal National Theatre, London	UK
Beaumont La Hague	France
Voelklingen	Germany
Dillingen	Germany
Fête des Artistes de Chassepierre	Belgium
Aylesbury Festival	UK
Fira de Teatre, Tàrrega	Spain
Cergy Soitl, Cergy Pontoise,	France

## 2005

Henley-on-Thames Festival	UK
North Devon Festival	UK
Polperro Festival, Cornwall	UK
Sotteville Lès Rouen	France
Cardiff Bay Festival	Wales
Ballymena Festival	N.Ireland
Hayle Summer Fun, Cornwall	UK

## 2004

The National Theatre, London	UK
Mai des Arts, Plounéour-Ménez	France
Les Vieilles Charrues, Carhaix	France
Paignton Children's Festival	UK
Les Juedis du Port, Brest	France
Festival Les Nocturnes, St Briec	France

## 2003

Streets of Brighton	UK
Manchester Street Arts Festival	UK
Craft In The Bay, Cardiff	Wales
North Devon Festival	UK
Glastonbury Festival	UK
Bracknell Streetlife Festival	UK
Harrogate International Festival	UK
Lark in the Park, Portsmouth	UK
Waterford Spraoi, Ireland	Ireland
Nottingham Market Days	UK
Paignton Children's Festival	UK
Polruan Regatta, Cornwall	UK
Penlee Park, Cornwall	UK
Lostwithiel, Cornwall	UK

## 2002

Land's End, Cornwall	UK
FEAST in Park, Manchester	UK
Cornwall Fun Days	UK
North Devon Festival	UK
Glastonbury Festival	UK
Devizes Festival	UK
Trevithick Day, Cornwall	UK
Cambridge Summer Festival	UK
Golowan Festival, Cornwall	UK
Cardiff Children's Festival	Wales
Aylesbury Festival	UK
Trevarno Gardens, Cornwall	UK
Oxshott Festival	UK
Bodmin Festival, Cornwall	UK
Gloucester Festival	UK
Bromsgrove Festival	UK
Exeter Festival	UK
Portsmouth Festival	UK
Penlee Park, Cornwall	UK
Imperial War Museum, Manchester	UK
Paignton Children's Festival	UK

## Promotional Information

The promoter is responsible for all advertising and publicity for the performance.

The company will supply the following publicity materials:

- 25 A3 colour posters
- Text + photos, downloadable from the company website - [www.bashstreet.co.uk](http://www.bashstreet.co.uk) then click <Promoter's Info>
- Username and password will be provided at confirmation of contract

The use of photos is free only to advertise the specific performance, with the photographer credited. Any further use (including posters) must be agreed upon separately in advance.

After the performance the promoter will kindly send original or high quality copies of all published press reports to the company.

CLIFFHANGER! is suitable for all ages, using live music and written signs that can be translated into any language.

## General Technical Information

The promoter will make the performance area available in a state suitable for performance. Dressing rooms should be heated, clean, well lit, lockable or guarded.

The company requires a parking place, free of charge, at the performance area. The van must be positioned close to the set.

There will be a responsible technician at the performance area.

The following documents can be downloaded from the Promoter's Info site on our website.

- \*A comprehensive technical details document
- \*Risk Assessment
- \*Public Liability Insurance Certificate

Technical contact for Bash Street Theatre is: **Simon Pullum +44 7773337784**

## **Basic Technical Requirements**

- Performance fee plus travel, accommodation and subsistence.
- Preferred performance time is early evening, at dusk.
- Level performing area of 14m x 10m, with a height of at least 7m.
- Access to performing area for unloading, and parking facilities beside the set.
- Access to mains electricity power supply two hours before and after the performance.
- 24 meters of safety barriers, to be supplied by the promoter.
- At least one steward to be supplied by the promoter.
- Show running time 45 minutes approx.
- Get-in time is 3 hours.
- Get-out time is 2 hours.
- We have public liability insurance (Indemnity £10,000,000)

## **Description of Set and Show**

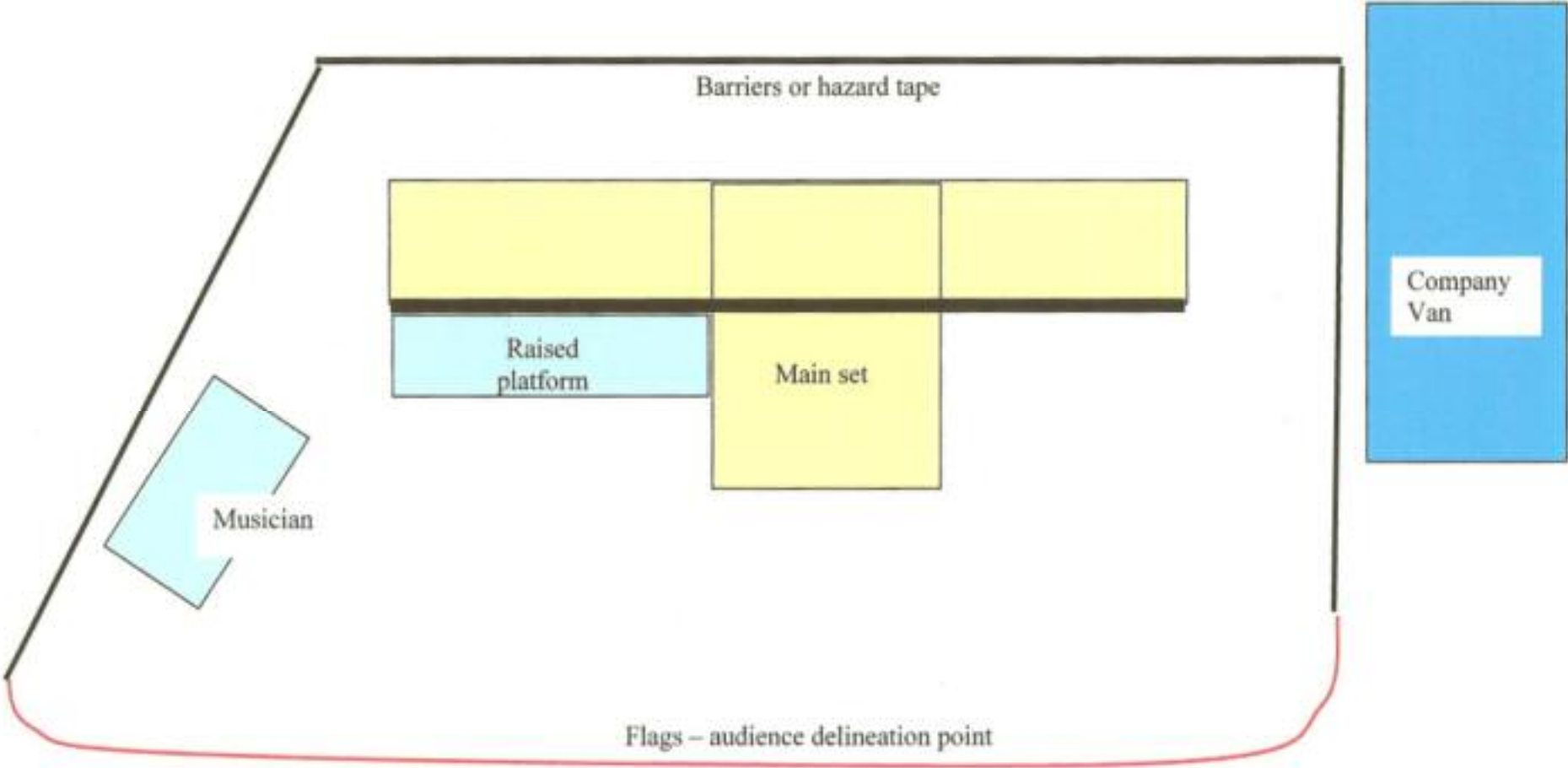
CLIFFHANGER! is an outdoor theatre show involving four performers and one musician. The show contains a series of acrobatic and comic routines, during which two pyrotechnics are detonated. The show is accompanied by live music played on electric keyboard with related PA equipment.

The theatrical set is built from aluminium scaffold poles fixed with Kee Klamps. Hardboard flats are secured on to this to form a backdrop, with one raised platform securely supported (there are no fixings to the ground). The method of set building has been used by the company in previous touring shows and has proved to be very safe. The set has been constructed in collaboration with a local specialist who helped to reduce all risks.

The performance area stipulated in the technical requirements includes the area of the theatrical set, the performance area in front of the set, backstage area and the audience safety zone.

- The ground width of the set is 7 meters.
- The ground depth of the set is 4 meters.
- The total height of the middle flat is 5 meters.

# Floor Plan



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