



EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED IN 2014

Unexpected is back! 2014 brings a 3 day programme that takes over the city centre with street theatre shows that will amaze and cause mayhem.

The festival commission in 2014 is an artistic interpretation of a First World War Recruitment Centre. The Great Fete, featuring an Edwardian Music Hall, a Tea Dance, costumed characters including Recruitment Officers and plenty of activities; and finally Circus Sunday sees No Fit State Circus from Wales visit Exeter for the first time with their outdoor extravaganza 'Open House' and their company will be taking the lead in Exeter's own costumed circus carnival designed by Iola Weir to close the festival. For the first time in 2014, Unexpected has been able to give out small grants to local companies to support the development of work which in an 'unexpected' way does not always happen in the festival itself. In 2014 these have gone to Common Players 'Jerusalem'; Le Navet Bete 'Rumpus'; Burn The Curtain 'Company of Wolves'; Kaleider 'Ancient Sunlight'; Promenade Promotions 'Raree Man' and Conev's 'Interactive Theatre Workshop'.

Unexpected is grateful for the support of sponsors and funding from the National Lottery via Arts Council England. This support enables the festival to bring companies like No Fit State to Exeter and to commission local companies such as Promenade Promotions, Le Navet Bete, Devon Carousel and Nuts and Volts and artists such as Carnival Designer lola Weir to produce new work in the city. The festival is also pleased to work with other key city partners, RAMM and Exeter Library and Princesshay, Express & Echo and Exeter Guildhall Shopping Centres.

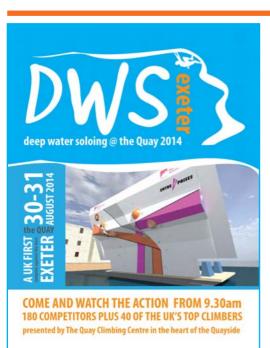
Above all Unexpected aims to make performance accessible to visitors and residents of the city, to contribute to the annual festivals that help make Exeter a great place to live and work in and visit.



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Portfolio Holder for Economy and Culture.

More information: www.unexpectedexeter.co.uk



TRAVEL & TRANSPORT:

We recommend that people use public transport. For more information:

Traveline:

www.travelinesw.com

Journey Devon:

www.journeydevon.info

For parking and park and ride in Exeter:

www.exeter.gov.uk/parking

UNEXPECTED 2014 SPONSORS

Arts Council England Exeter City Council Express & Echo Guildhall Shopping Centre Mercure Southernhay Princesshay Exeter Stagecoach South West







UNEXPECTED WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

11 - 24 AUGUST (NOT SUNDAYS)

10AM – 6PM CARNIVAL WORKSHOPS led by Iola Weir FREE Exeter Scrapstore Exhibition space, 85 South Street EX1 1EQ

Work with top carnival artists to make and decorate circus costumes for Unexpected's Grand Finale. Calling all community groups and anyone interested in costume making, make a costume to promote your group and join in carnival. Come and join us at base or have a workshop in your own community space. A free activity suitable for all ages (children must be accompanied).

More information: iolavanda@gmail.com or 01392 265200

FRIDAY 22ND, WEDNESDAY 27TH AND FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST

10AM - 12PM DEVON CAROUSEL'S POPPY AND ROSE MAKING WORKSHOPS FOR THE GREAT FETE

FREE DROP IN SESSIONS

Children's Library, Exeter Library, Castle Street, EX4 3PQ Suitable for families with young children

Make paper poppies and roses, one to wear and one to decorate the Great Fete, the Unexpected First World War event in Rougemont Gardens on Saturday 30 August! We'll also be going on a musical storytale, using stories, memories and brilliant songs from the time.

* The Carousel Project





FRIDAY 29 AUGUST SUNDAY 30 AUGUST

12 NOON – 4.30PM 12 NOON – 4PM
DOUBLE ELEPHANT PRINT
WORKSHOP CONVERSATION STATION
Bedford Square, EX1 1LR
Exeter Guildhall Shopping Centre, EX4 3LP FREE

Visit the Conversation Station for printing and a chat. Using letterpress and screen print Double Elelephant will help you to print a design onto a bag or poster whilst talking about ending prejudice around mental illness. This is a project of "Time to Change" the campaign to end mental health discrimination. We all have stories to tell, so don't be shy and take away a souvenir of your conversation.

MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

2-6PM

INTERACTIVE THEATRE WORKSHOP LED BY CONEY

Studio TS1 – University of Exeter Drama Dept, Thornlea, New North Road, EX4 4LA Theatre. Tickets: £10 full price/£5 Unexpected Artists & concessions*

Book tickets via Event Brite: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/making-interactive-theatre-with-coney-and-unexpected-exeter-tickets-12047084153

Coney make interactive theatre, where the audience is present and has scope to play. This workshop opens up some of the tactics and techniques for making interactive theatre, including game design, responsive writing and character creation. This practical workshop is open to all theatre-makers: writers, performers, directors, designers, facilitators, and more. www.coneyha.org

*Concession rate applies to full-time students, seniors, unwaged and registered disabled.

For further information contact Becca Savory on: becca.savory@gmail.com or 07787 851 029



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FRIDAY 29 AUGUST

12 NOON-4.30PM FREE XPLOSION!

Princesshay & Blue Boy Square, EX1 1QA

Produced by Fools Paradise www.foolsparadise.co.uk Compere: Goronwy Thom is a juggler, unicyclist and all round showman.

SHOWS:

TURBO JONES - RECKLESS INVENTION

This blazin' show from Reckless Invention is a totally unique comedy fusing breakdance, physical comedy, audience participation and 80's rap.

LE NAVET BETE - RUMPUS

Join Exeter's favourite clowns for a 'Rumpus' expect a high-energy ridiculous, madcap and utterly hilarious show.

ANGIE MACK - HULA HOOP SHOW

Join Angie Mack on her hula hoop journey through the ages and across the globe.

CIRCADIAN - SCHMUTTER BROS

The Brothers are hungry and in need of some food. Using nothing but their portable kitchen and a bag of the finest ingredients, they serve up a smorgasbord of culinary chaos.

UPSWING - LOVED UP

Don't miss this unique mix of dancehall, acrobatics and street dance blended with stunning aerial techniques. **WALKABOUTS:**

VAMOS THEATRE - MIDWIVES ON CALL

Our 1940s midwives hit the streets averting 'medical emergencies', delivering babies, and making sure that the public are in tip top health.

CIRCADIAN - ART CRITICS

The Art Critics are two flambovant lovies who find the beauty in everything. To them everything is a piece of art.

FRIDAY 29 AUGUST & SATURDAY 30 AUGUST

7PM

BURN THE CURTAIN present THE COMPANY OF WOLVES

Based on the stories by Angela Carter

Riverside Valley Park, Exeter, EX2 4RY The meeting point will be confirmed after booking Adults: £8 Children (U18): £5 Family Ticket: £24 (two children, two adults) Minimum age 8+

Tickets www.bikeshed.co.uk
A contribution from ticket sales will be made to
WaterAid

Join Burn the Curtain in this retelling of this dark and mysterious modern classic. Run or walk with us, and help to sniff out those who have been born feet first, who are hairy on the inside... Depending on the path you take, the journey will be between 2 miles (walkers) and 5 miles (runners) long, this mythical and spine tingling tale will be told along the way. Remember 'if you stray from the path for one instant, the wolves will eat you'.

Please wear suitable footwear and dress appropriately for the weather. The show will take place as dusk falls please bring a torch or head torch. For further details www.burnthecurtain.co.uk.

Supported through funding from the National Lottery via Arts Council England, Active Devon and Unexpected

SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST

12 NOON-4.30PM FREE

Produced by Fools Paradise www.foolsparadise.co.uk **XPLOSION!**

Princesshay and Blue Boy Square, EX1 1QA

Compere: Goronwy Thom SHOWS:

CIRCO RUM BA BA - L'HOTEL

The 'smallest hotel in the world' is shrouded but watch as it comes alive.

ANDREW ELLIOTT - JAARDU THE MAGIC OF INDIA

Drawing on his eastern & western heritage, Jaardu presents a show combining traditional Indian magic with comedy.

RECKLESS INVENTION - COMEDY WAITERS

This dinner service delight combines silent comedy and graceful slapstick to great effect.

JASON MAVERICK

High-energy shows for street events or cabaret which are set almost entirely to music, combining superb mime and robotics with a huge range of circus skills.

SATURDAY 30 AUGUST

4.30PM-7.30PM FREE THE GREAT FÉTE

RAMM Garden and Rougemont Gardens, EX4 3PT Artistic Director: Tony Lidington

Raise Morale! Do Your Bit! Exeter Unexpected Expects You! BURN THE CURTAIN
THE COMPANY OF WOLVES

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RECKLESS INVENTION COMEDY WAITERS

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In August 2014 the world will mark the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. In Exeter, like in many places across the country, the recruitment of civilians into the forces began in earnest in August 1914. These recruitment events captured the spirit of that time when nobody expected the war to last so long or for the losses to be so severe. Unexpected, with artists Promenade Promotions, Le Navet Bete, Nuts and Volts Theatre and Devon Carousel has created a reinterpretation of the enthusiastic, optimistic recruitment events which encouraged the men and boys from Exeter to enlist in 1914. The Great Fete is an opportunity to share the optimism of this time but also to reflect and commemorate.

Enter the recruitment zone. Be examined by the Sergeant Major, grab an enlistment pass, participate in games and activities designed to be fun as well as informative about the practical realities of military life. including an obstacle course, map reading skills, agility tests, show of strength; interact with characters of the period, recruitment sergeants, enlisting nurses and more presented by Le Navet Bete, Nuts and Volts Theatre and Promenade Promotions. For families with

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NOFIT STATE OPENHOUSE

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VALUE THEATRE MIDWIVES ON CALL

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young children come along and help the Suffragettes to make poppies and roses for our let's remember garden, decorate a shortbread biscuit with a poppy or a rose to eat and join in a musical singalong, celebrating popular songs from the day.

Fancy a break from all the action? Get a cup of tea and take to the floor with the Tasty Music Palm Court Trio! Or join in a sing song on the Music Hall Stage – a contemporary look at this popular entertainment including many of the songs that suggested joining up to fight was every man's duty. 'We don't want to lose you (but we think you ought to go)' (1914) 'Goodbyeee (1917)

In partnership with RAMM, Exeter Library and Exeter Phoenix

www.prom-prom.com; www.lenavetbete.com; www.nutsandvoltstheatre.co.uk; www.thecarouselproject.org.uk

ALSO OPEN DURING THE GREAT FETE:

We Will Remember 1914-18 RAMM Courtyard

This embroidered hanging is the creation of artist and

embroidery tutor Adrienne Howells. The six foot high black and white artwork depicts scenes from the trenches, with red silk poppies appliquéd onto banners either side, honouring those who died in the First World War.Poppies are available for visitors to write the name of a family member who served; each poppy will be sewn around the main image. All donations will go to support the work of the British Legion.

ACROSS THE LINES

Exeter Library

An exhibition of items related to the First World War drawn from the Library and Heritage collection. Plus café

Exeter Phoenix

Archive film footage and café/bar Part of First World War Centenary, the national partnership of commemorative events www.1914.org

SATURDAY 30 AUGUST

7.30PM FREE BLOOD ON THE STREETS

Mr Fred's Barbers, South Street, EX1 1EE

Blood on the Streets is a public performance lecture

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situated withinthe window of a barbershop. The lecture explores the history of bloodletting as a medical practice, tracing its roots in ancient medicine, the rise of the barber-surgeon and the current understanding of blood within modern medicine. There's a new Sweeney Todd in town, but this one's not out to kill!

www.newsweeneytodd.com

Supported through funding from the National Lottery via Arts Council England and The Wellcome Trust.

Burn the Curtain present THE COMPANY OF WOLVES 7pm (see Friday 29 August)

SUNDAY 31 AUGUST

11AM-12.30PM & 2PM-3.30PM FREE OPEN HOUSE NO FIT STATE

Princesshay. EX1 1QA

Directed by Orit Azaz, Open House is an immersive, ever-evolving large-scale circus installation where anything can happen and everything becomes an excuse for performance and spectacle. Flowing through the town, setting up in a city square, unfolding washing lines, flags, umbrellas and piles of bric-a-brac, there is no big top but a colony of musicians, acrobats and aerialists exploding out of caravans - a joyous menagerie of circus chaos setting the town alive. www.nofitstate.org

Supported through funding from the National Lottery via Arts Council England and from Arts Council Wales and The Welsh Government.

12.45-1.30 PM CAN'T SIT STILL -A SMALL CHANCE OF SHOWERS

Blue Boy Square, Princesshay A journey of rain and storms, weather reports and wellies!

www.cantsitstill.net

12.30-2.30PM PROMENADE PROMOTIONS UNCLE TACKOS IMAGINARIUM

Exeter Guildhall Shopping Centre
Enter the exotic world of Uncle Tacko's Imaginarium
where any extraordinary act might be on show!
www.prom-prom.com

GRAND FINALE:

THE UNEXPECTED CIRCUS PARADE Designed by Iola Weir Music: Samba Marcianas

Leaving Exeter Guildhall at 3.45pm

Did you ever dream of joining the circus? If you haven't done so yet, now's your chance - you won't look back! Wear your beard with style, bounce on the back of an acrobat and hide behind a ferocious lion ... it's all yours for the taking - and the making! Unexpected Carnival costumes, made by local people throughout the summer, will parade with No Fit State and live music to provide a colourful and stunning finale to Unexpected 2014.

Come and join in! The Express & Echo are media sponsors for the UnExpected grand finalé.

