

hello stranger

national exhibition of performance design 2019 - 2023

South West Regional Event - Call For Participation

20-22nd March 2023

The *Hello Stranger: National Exhibition of UK Performance Design 2023* is commissioned by the SBTd, who hold a four-yearly national exhibition of UK performance design alongside the UK Prague Quadrennial (PQ) exhibit. Events will be held across thirteen different UK regions and the work presented will be documented as part of the UK's entry at PQ.

South West based performance designers Charlotte Cooke and Joe Price are excited to be presenting a multi-faceted event as part of the Hello Stranger regional exhibition for the South West. This will involve a range of activities including an exhibition, workshops, discussions and opportunities for socialising. We have secured the rehearsal space at Bristol Old Vic to host the events between 20-22nd March 2023.

We are asking if any designers in the region have model boxes/design work/sketches etc of any projects from 2019-2023. We are particularly interested in unrealised, postponed or streamed/online shows as a result of the pandemic. These will be displayed to create an exhibition of work looking at the impact Coronavirus has had on the industry.

We are also reaching out to find designers that would be willing to give up a few hours to either host a meeting or run a workshop during this week. We would like our discussions to focus on:

- How we can improve our environmental impact, making more sustainable shows.
- How we can improve conditions concerning workload, mental health, child care and job sharing.

On the Wednesday evening of the event week we aim to create an immersive experience in the form of a performative walk. Generating an eye catching medley of lighting and sound using recycled materials to build illuminated puppets, props, costumes and more made during workshops earlier that day. We would welcome additional ideas and support surrounding this concept.

The overall aim is to design a sustainable exhibition and give people from all walks of life a chance to come together and socialise, interact, engage and celebrate art and culture.

Key Dates:

Get-in: Saturday 18th March

Event: Monday 20th - Wednesday 22nd March

Get-out: Thursday 23rd March

Deadline for expressions of interest: Sunday 26th Feb

If you are interested in getting involved in any way then please get in touch via the two email addresses below. We are particularly interested in hearing from artists from backgrounds underrepresented within the industry and wider society.

We look forward to hearing from you and many thanks for your time.

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