

extraordinary bodies WEIGHTING

Weighting is a large-scale outdoor circus spectacle brought to you by Extraordinary Bodies, a professional integrated circus company and a partnership between Cirque Bijou and Diverse City. Combining circus, dance and theatre, Weighting tells the story of an Extraordinary family who make new discoveries in the face of love and loss. The show celebrates risk-taking, transformation and questions the right time to let go.



'I saw your show today and was completely bowled over. It was visually compelling, alive and full of emotion. The performers were incredible and the music was so hauntingly beautiful it brought me to tears. Thank you so much for this amazing experience.' Audience member, premier show in Exeter 2013

Weighting fuses music, circus, dance and theatre into a 45 minute show with beautiful musical score written by Dom Coyote (Kneehigh, BAC) and Ted Barnes (Beth Orton). The music is played by a five-piece band and includes a finale song sung by a 100 strong integrated and locally recruited choir who are engaged as part of an integrated participatory programme.

The cast includes 7 extraordinary performers who take to the air in a joyful exploration of equilibrium and balance, of departures, journeys, of risk-taking and transformation. The show takes place on a 12m by 12m rig from which a simple and transformative set is suspended, swinging and lifting our company high into the air from bridge to staircase, from safety into the unknown.

The creative team behind the show includes celebrated writer Hattie Naylor, Circus Director Billy Alwen, of Cirque Bijou, and Theatre Director Claire Hodgson, of Diverse City. Lead artists include Jamie Beddard and Karina Jones.

Weighting can perform to large audiences of 5,000 upwards we also provide audio description with audio head sets, and BSL interpretation of the show.

Extraordinary Bodies is a professional integrated circus company. It is a partnership between Cirque Bijou and Diverse City, who worked together on the launch of the Sailing events in Weymouth for the London 2012 Olympic Games creating a show for 11,000 people. Extraordinary Bodies is the UK's only professional integrated circus company. We make circus for every body. Our company is made up of performers of every age and every type of body, including circus artists, musicians and actors.

Links

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