

Feast 2009 – Artist Information (A-Z)

17 Hippies (Germany)

They may sound like flower power rejects, but Berlin's *17 Hippies* are actually one of Europe's best acoustic folk groups. Imagine a mix of Eastern melodies, Balkan rhythms, French chanson, Anglo songwriting and Cajun tunes, perfectly blended to create unique and exciting pop music.

Arts About Manchester

Family Friendly Film Workshop

Help us make a massive animated film with The Family Friendly Film Festival! From 1-5 on Sunday the festival will be holding a drop in animation workshop, and the finished film will be screened at the Film Festival in August so you can see your work on the big screen.

Learn animation techniques from professional film makers, get some great tips on how to keep on making your own films at home and make a lasting record of your day at Feast! Visit www.familyfriendlyfilmfestival.org.uk for more information about the festival.

Art Yarn

Contact's Artists In Residency programme's (AIR) ArtYarn will create a knitting and crochet installation using the structure of a tree to house a series of growing tree roots made with yarn.

Each tree root will have either a crochet hook or pair of needles attached to it so that participants can try out their learned skills and contributes to the installation.

Alongside the opportunity to participate in the performance and installation piece, ArtYarn will be running knitting and crochet skills workshops throughout the day.

Ballet Boys 11

Lost in Motion

Laws of Motion is a thrilling, pulsating and fluid male quartet that pushes its dancers to their physical limits.

Filled with complex floor work and shifting patterns that snake and wind their way through the space, slow, languid phrases contrast brilliantly with breakneck paced partnering and precise movements. Laws of motion is a without walls commission.

Beingfrank Youth

Raging Skulls

Centred around a metal structure four young men struggle with keeping a guilty secret. As they avoid each other, performing gymnastic manoeuvres and movements from breakdance and parkour.

Bernie Bennett
Embarrassing Dad

The scene is set for a circus show but the artist has gone into hiding because his embarrassing dad has turned up to watch. The show will go on, however, because – true to form – his dad tries to step in and save the day. Attempting everything from escapology to tightrope walking, with dangerous and laughable results.

Bilbobasso (France)
A Fuego Lento

A love story of destiny or co-incidence told through the art of playing with fire, and movement of a passionate Argentinian tango.

Boom Dang

BOOM DANG is an internationally acclaimed, unique and innovative side-ways drumming band from Cumbria, UK.

Performing with choreography, vocals, tuned percussion and costume, BOOM DANG play an original mix of odd time signatures, Drum & Bass, Bhangra, Hip-Hop, Latin, Afro-Beat, Merengue and Moroccan Trance.

They WOW audiences where-ever they go with their heady mix of live beats, crafted rhythms, energetic dance routines and fun performances.

Bootworks

The Little Box of Horrors

Bootworks return to the UK street theatre circuit with their innovative Black Box! A playful and artfully choreographed five minute peep show for an audience of one and one hundred. Sit inside The Box and experience a terrifying nightmare from your intimate perspective and, like an old fairground ghost train, The Little Box of Horrors will have you clinging to your seat with dread. Outside The Box, watch as the performers dart, creep and shift into position bringing the sinister tale and disturbing images to life.

Bureau of Silly Ideas (BoSi)

The Fear Maker

BOSi needs your children's FEAR!!!

A mini digger has been transformed to collect pheromones of fear from small mammals! DONATE your offspring or just enjoy watching the creation of FEAR!!

Cie les Décatalogués (France)

TV (i) Monde

Three giants in overalls, carrying televisions as best they can, roam the streets and finally deliver to...the public. We can mock, venge ourselves or thank them... at least watch objectively. Unless, for once, they're watching us?

Circo Ripopolo (Belgium)

Fazzoletto

The circus tent has still not recovered from shrinking in the wash, and has now assumed the dramatic dimensions of 3 by 4 meters. The performers and the spectators have therefore been reduced to minimal proportions. Fortunately the two stable boys, Gabriel and Giancarlo, have remained normal size.

Claire Mooney

Singer-songwriter Claire Mooney is celebrating the 20 anniversary of the release of her first album in 1989. She performs across the UK at a variety of venues and events.

Deli Babies

Deli Babies play a tasty mix of klezmer and Greek Music on clarinet and guitar – traditional dance melodies and improvisations- soulful, energetic and lively tunes with a twist.

A Rovescio

The show is sold out, full up, completo!

But no matter, the two stable boys can still smuggle the audience in through the backdoor. While the real artistes are performing an act in the tent, Giancarlo and Gabriele take the opportunity to show their own acts.

The Cockney Awkestra

The Cockney Awkestra are dedicated to instigating knees ups far and wide. Leading you through a series of surreal sketches with live music, they'll teach you how to be better Cockneys.

The Cocquettes

A-cappella singing sensation The Cocquettes formed in 2006 as part of the Liverpool Biennial for Contemporary Art. After their sell-out gig at the Purcell Room they now present their unique blend of barbershop, classics and show tunes to Festivals and Pride events.

Comic Character Creations

The Sovereign State of Freetannia

Newsflash! Fed up with the state of the country ex-Army officer Dickie starts his own, aided by faithful wife Daphne and the man from the BBC. Tourists welcome.

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Dirty Big Promotions

The Krape Twins

Two top-hole musicians create moments of magic to remember forever. Swing and swoon with the krape twins music, mayhem and merriment on the move.

You request it--they play it,---jazz, irish, rock& roll---,50s, 60s 70s pop but beware--you may end up doing a doris day impersonation in front of a big crowd sing--sing--sing. laugh--laugh—laugh – infectious!

Dodgy Totty

Ladies of the Wave

Now in their 72nd year, Worthing's only dry-land synchronised swimming team, the Ladies of the Waves (with the occasional guest gentleman) display their wide repertoire of strokes and moves. But watch out for predators in the choppy waters of the dry-land sea, for who knows what lurks amongst the shopping trolley reefs, or in the depths of somebody's handbag

Flights of Fondant Fancy

The year is 1940, and women all over Britain are doing their bit to keep the country ticking along nicely. Local ladies Fruiti D'Bosco and Agnes Swighandle have opened a small teashop, bringing tea to all in need...but is all as it first appears?

Dr Butlers Hatstand Medicine Band

Manchester's premier purveyors of ragtime, blues, jazz and vaudevillian music, are one of the most exciting, dynamic and certainly best dressed bands in country. Armed with their two-pronged mantra of make 'em dance, make 'em smile, the band play, what they describe as, "old-time, good-time, fun-time music.

Dream Engine

Diamond

A show with a big surprise! The Diamond blooms like a giant semi-transparent orchid as it inflates to a full height of 11m with an aerialist inside. Using lights and a specially created soundscape, the show combines a huge sculptural presence with the beauty of solo aerial dance.

Explosive Entertainments

The latest Bhangra beats mixed with urban and explosive sounds of the Dhol. Dhol players, live dancers and DJ and backing sounds tracks.

Faceless Company

Little Café

"Little Café' combines live music, magic, puppetry, mask and comedy with the eccentric characters of a life size stressed-out Maitre D' puppet and a wayward café to provide a charming walkabout with illusive wine and a flying pizza!

Fine Artistes

Moaning Lisa – Leonardo da Vinci and the Mona Lisa (wearing a canvas with her face protruding through) have arrived in the 21st Century. Unfortunately,

she is a real moaner and the public are invited to assist Leo in re-discovering that enigmatic smile.

Turner Prize Judges – straight from the world of contemporary art, two Turner Prize Judges are on the lookout for cutting edge art and fashion statements being made by the residents of Wilmslow Road, and hand out certificates and rosettes to worthy prize winners.

Exi-Stencilists – Two black-clad bohemian painters set up their easels to produce public works of art in the Banksy stencil style. The public are engaged in lively debate throughout on the merits of modern art and the finished works are put on display and offered for sale in a mock auction.

Fittings Multimedia Arts

Sputnik

A young woman seeks to live away from the earth. With a watchmaker/mechanic she creates a structure that fuses her body and spirit with a machine. The journey begins...

Frolicked

The Boggart

This little leaf goblin firmly believes everyone else is in his territory. He'll interact with anyone who crosses his path and he'll wreak a small amount of havoc in the process... No picnic is safe!

Grammophon Salon

Take your seat at one of the parasol-topped tables and a bevy of lovely, kimonoed Japanese girls will serve you green tea while playing you proper old 78rpm shellac records on wind-up gramophones. Unique, quirky and pleasurable.

Helen Kane

Frankie Chalet

Welcome to the world of Frankie Chalet, where everything can be just a little bit French! Expect high brow literature, chanson's d'amour and the truth about poodles. Romantic, atmospheric and very, very French.

Hoodwink

Leap of Faith

A celebration of the human aspiration to fly: paper wings, balloons, feathers, flying monks and aerobicycle displays. Elegant comedy, music and extraordinary visual effects. An uplifting show suitable for all ages.

Jelly & Co.

Tree Treats

Exotically dressed tree spirits wonder through the picnickers they wonder why people have not invited their woody relatives to the feast. Pan and the dryad get the public involved and sing and play tree themed songs.

Jo Bithume (France)

La Belle Abondance

A mother and her five children set to work creating a culinary experience like no other, with lively and ludicrous antics their cookery incapacibilities are overcome by their love of food.

Joe Sature & ses joyeux osselets (France)

Hors Service

Three waiters and one waitress, dressed up to the nines, have been waiting in vain for clients to arrive... Screwball situations and double whammies, off cue songs and improbable choreography – everything becomes a pretext to kick boredom into touch and keep it there. From sticky moments to moments unstuck, you will no longer wonder why this bunch of lunatic waiters have been declared “out of service”.

Kazzum Art Project

The Paper People

Two paper sellers tell stories as they manipulate newspapers into characters and landscapes. Once the stories have ended the Paper People wheel off their stand to tell their stories, elsewhere....

Kawa Circus

Kawa Circus tells about a story of an itinerant troupe of artists from a circus of Rajasthan (India) in rhythms and music, with the tyrannical director, the mesmerized traditional dancer charming everyone, the joyful acrobat and funambulist acting like a film star, the naïve but concerned acrobat and pole-vaulter and the musician always laughing at his colleagues.

The Kingsize Five

Critically acclaimed, genre straddling outfit, with a take on the Blues that throws in jazz, swing, 50's rock 'n' roll and punk with a strong melodic sensibility, dark lyricism and massive egos!

Larkin About

Go Gran Go

Anarchic Grannies riding on top of souped up shopping trolleys. These pensioners have seen and done it all - wars and rationing, moonwalking and Elvis, punk and pop tarts – and they refuse to keep their zest suppressed.

THE LINGUA FRANCA WORLD MUSIC SHOWCASE

Manchester's very own world music agency joins FEAST Picnic in the Park on Saturday afternoon to introduce some of our best emerging global acts.

Cosmopolitan Nights Djs - DJ Geli (UK/Peru)

DJ/ broadcaster (Cultural Collage on ALL Fm) Geli will be co-hosting the Lingua Franca showcase and playing a wide variety of world beats.

Jali Nyonkoling Kuyateh (Gambia)

A jali is a storyteller and our Jali is somewhat of a legend in the North West for his haunting vocals and Kora playing.

Mitali Dev (Malaysia)

Artistic director of dance ensemble Nrityakunj, Mitali Dev is a leading exponent of the classical South Asian dance form, Odissi.

Olivia Moore (UK)

A classically trained violinist, Olivia Moore's distinctive world music style reflects her personal journey through many different musical genres.

Diene Sagna (Senegal)

Diene is internationally renowned for his expertise in traditional West African dance styles, including the Senegalese Sabar and the Djembe.

Calaita (Spain/UK)

Chico Pere (voice), Glenn 'El Afilaó' (guitar), Araceli 'La Catagenera' (dance) and Pepe 'El León' (cajón) infuse FEAST with Flamenco fire.

Serge Tebu Band (Cameroon/UK)

Multi-instrumentalist, and composer, Serge Tebu introduces a Cameroonian sensibility to the world jazz scene with his multinational band.

Cosmopolitan Nights DJs - Yasin (Kashmir)

Producer and Presenter of Riddim and Raag (All Fm), Yasin is also known for his role in the Freedom Masses Sound System.

Lo'Jo

Lo'Jo seamlessly blend French and African styles, embracing traditions from the past and the present. The Independent called Lo'Jo "the best live band in the world", and they continually add to their show, absorbing influences from the artistic collective based at their communal home in Angers.

Mancunian Steam and Pressure Navigation Co.

The Galvonium

A mysterious musical artefact, The Galvonium is a classic example of genius pushed to the edge by the Vexations of Love; you are invited to take this rare opportunity to acquaint yourself with what must surely be one of the world's most surreal and entertaining musical whimsies.

MarkMark

Zigmund & Froyd Present 'The Dreams of Astonishment

This show a pastiche of Las Vegas style magic shows and has been created in association with the Royal National Theatre. It is a static comedy performance where the tricks start going wrong and the magicians start to panic. Very visual and funny.

Maynard Flip Flap**Rubadubdub**

The eccentric Admiral and his sanitised Butler set forth in their 'Wheeled Bathing Facility'. Songs, stories and hilarious audience interactive moments arise as they steer their fascinating contraption back home.

Metro Boulot Dodo**Hansel and Gretel Audio Tour**

Press play on your mp3 player, pick up the pebbles, watch out for the witch and don't get lost as you follow Hansel and Gretel's footsteps on this surreal and magical performance tour.

Mike Hancock**Bar Ha Ha**

A heady and hilarious family cocktail of comedy, live songs, magic, circus and audience participation all served up at the last chance saloon!

Mimbre**Until Now**

Until Now is a beautifully improbable acrobatic adventure Directed by Leandre Ribera. A poetic universe is fashioned from flips and balances to speak of journeys, good-byes and the astonishing feats of friendship.

Molly Orange**Spit Spot**

Two wayward litter pickers are let loose on the streets, scavenging what other people throw away. Everyday rubbish is transformed as the pair go on their surreal adventure.

Moutrey Productions**Rickshaw Airship**

The renowned Aristocratic Norse explorer and adventurer Sir Erik Phileus Fogg of Finchley and his faithful manservant Olaff Treebob are off on their audacious attempt to travel around the block in their patent Rickshaw Airship.

Mundo Jazz

Mundo Jazz are a spoof World Music band whose mission is to teach us about peace, the environment, racial harmony and love. This they do with all the subtlety of a brick hitting butter, through their ridiculously catchy songs, awful dancing and thunderously crass philosophizing.

Noisy Oyster**Lady Lucinda Harrington Carrington**

Lady Lucinda Harrington-Carrington, a distinguished guest at any event, mingles and mumbles her way through the public accompanied by her ever-vigilant bodyguards, Ben and Beverley. Amazing life sized puppetry.

Ordsall Community Arts

Singing Trees

Felled from the Great Forests of Ordsall, the Singing Trees are laden with fruit nurtured and home-grown by local young people and adult volunteers at Ordsall Community Arts. Ordsall Acapella Singers accompany them on their overnight voyage to market.

Paprika Balkanicus

Described as masters of great atmosphere, Paprika Balkanicus play a fiery blend of Balkan, Eastern European and Gypsy music. From UK and Europe to Australia and Japan - their electrifying show of fantastic musicianship and irresistible tunes makes every one sing, dance and call for more!

Pete Moser

ROLL UP FOR THE MUSIC

ROLL UP FOR THE SHOW

For the first time in history you can see 4 one man bands in ONE SHOW.

Pete Moser demonstrates the art of one man banding

A Diversity of dexterity

An Enthusiasm of entertainment

A Munificence of musicality

Witness the evolution of the one man band in a new 30 minute street show.

Pif- Paf

Honey

Join Bombus and Borage in the Giant Hive for a tragi-comic journey into the centre of the fragile world of man's oldest friend. Trademark performance, props and music meet you on this unforgettable 15 minute journey, will the bees make it? will Bombus and Borage make it? and where are a bee's ears? join us and find out...

Hanuman

Straight out of the verses of the Ramayana, HANUMAN the Monkey God! A giant mechanical being, jumping and flying through the air, led by music and his small but faithful monkey army. Come and meet the cheeky giant as he glows through the night.

Pret-a-porter (France)

Le diable au corps

A couple are magnetised in a moment of playful violence and passionate insanity. This acrobalancing duo invite the spectator to share their petit voyage of extravagance and breathtaking physical exchange.

Punchdrunk

The House That Jack Built

I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down.....

The House That Jack Built is a quirky dance theatre work in which three characters create a world made from straw.

Stuff and Things

Futters Child

Lovable child-minding misfit Mr Futter does his utmost best to look after his charge – a rather challenging baby called Horace – in a bizarre world of love and horror.

The Lost Funeral

Ernest Potts and Reginald Fowler have become hopelessly lost en-route to a funeral service, and worst still their coffin is emanating an ever increasing cacophony that threatens to reveal their secret skulduggery...

Edmond Tahl

Using only an amplified suitcase Edmond explores his self-absorbed world of misfortune and adventure, in this hilarious high energy comedy mime act.

Carpet Man & Lino Boy

Visionary fashion gurus Carpet Man and Lino Boy bring their inimitable 21st century couture creations to the catwalks of the pavements – seeking sales opportunities and market research.

Swank

Swank / Be Prepared – Girl Guides Camp

Be Prepared – Jamboree is a fully interactive Swank Camp installation, complete with bivouacs, flagpoles and of course the camp fire for good old sing songs. Join the pack in their natural habitat, learn skills you never knew you needed- play silly games and win an exciting range of new badges. Come along, its jolly good fun!

Tanante

Manchester's most dynamic West African drumming troupe bringing you traditional rhythms, song and dance!

The Recyclists

Kicked off the Tour De France and banned from the Velodrome, these lycra clad bicycle nuts are on a mission to entertain and educate (educainment). Will they save the World, or end up in a Critical Mess.

The Sneakers

Streetlights

New for 2009. The Streetlights take music and comedy just one step further with songs and routines for any situation. Non stop laughs and music on the move.

Thingumabob and the Thingumajigs

A Salfordian vaudeville cabaret musical entertainment show. Our shows are about getting everyone involved and audience participation. We play a mish-mash of different musical styles blended with a show tunes good time sing-along vibe.

El Tanbura (Egypt)

The acclaimed veteran Egyptian musicians El Tanbura, a collective of singers, fishermen and philosophers, are custodians to some of Egypt's oldest folk songs and a powerful repertoire of resistance anthems from the 1950s. Based in Port Said, at the Mediterranean gateway to the Suez Canal, their music is driven by the seductive call of the Simsimiyya - an ancient lyre dating back to the times of the Pharaohs.

Walk the Plank

Heavens Above

A mobile of heavenly proportions, a beautiful night-time spectacle.

Wet Picnic

The Dinner Table

The Dinner Table is a foodilicious extravaganza of exciting foodiliciousness. Ursula Harrington Carrington Barrington Farrington Larrington takes you on a 20 minute crash course in how to behave at the table. A surreal and fun show where all the guests learn a little something

Whalley Range All Stars

Brain Wave

A new show by the WRAS. Take a peak into the 'art of thinking' with ideas that flow through the mind and get you thinking outside of the box. Expect sudden flashes of inspiration, day-dreaming, mental blocks, and a drifting mind. This is a 20 minute long vivid experience, which opens the eyes and flash-fries the frontal lobes!

Wynndebagge

Mixing medieval street music on hurdy-gurdy, bagpipes, crumhorns and drums with ad lib stand-up, wynndebagge creates a spontaneous masterpiece of comic participation.

YoHaKyu

Mariachoo!

'A giant charro on Ukulele with a hopeful romantic on Guitar, this couple of unlikely Mariachi wild things cajole and serenade el publico, while still competing for lead songster.. MariachoO!'