Welcome to The Homecoming ‘19!

Newcastle-under-Lyme place right here in the home of modern circus itself, returning for its fifth outing, The Homecoming. A thrilling day of outdoor circus taking place outdoors in the town centre.

Who was Philip Astley?

Who was Philip Astley? He was Philip Astley, who grew up to become the father of the modern circus.

Roll on up for The Homecoming, a day of free, pop-up contemporary performance focusing on circus, developing the 42-foot diameter ring still used in circus across the world today.

To read more about the great man visit: www.philipastley.org.uk

The Bicycle Ballet Co.

The Bicycle Ballet Co. celebrates the legacy of Newcastle BID in partnership with Appetite and Newcastle Borough Council.

Supported by Arts Council England, The Homecoming is delivered by The Bicycle Ballet Co. in partnership with Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council.

Imagine the thrill of the ride as you zoom through the town centre.

Meet the performers

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Gibbon

Gibbon are an international double act on stilts who have been wowing audiences for over 14 years. They have performed in more than 60 countries

PolaDroid

PolaDroid is a mobile photo booth! With PolaDroid, the mobile photo booth, you can have your own personal photo album! The PolaDroid team take real analog pictures of YOU, his spectators and his camera face. The PolaDroid team make sure you get a great photo every time.

Sensory Circus

Sensory Circus is a unique circus experience designed to engage all the senses. Play tents, tunnels, blankets, books and sensory toys. Join in the fun and explore the absurd and comedic connections between people. As the action cuts between hypnotic patterns and juggling movement sequences, marvel at the duo's slick technical skill and performance chemistry!

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Blazing Saddles

Blazing Saddles tells the story of a group of women caught up in the thrill of independence. With clowning, costume, cycling and cake, Blazing Saddles tells the story of a group of women caught up in the thrill of independence.

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Explore more

Explore more about this day and the performers:

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AWARD WINNING Outdoor circus spectacular

THE MODERN CIRCUS RETURNS TO NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME
Saturday 29 June 2019, 11am – 5pm
Newcastle Town Centre

High St
Ironmarket

Roots DIP
1:30pm       4:30pm
Time: Time:
Location: Location:

by Highly Sprung

A story with humanity at its heart, Roots invites you to consider how, when we embrace difference we can build a better future for us all.

A lost soul lives in a tree. In its branches they feel safe. But now someone else wants to live in the tree too. Can they live happily together? Or is there something even scarier lurking amongst the branches?

Highly Sprung presents
Roots, a bold and beautiful performance told entirely without words on a six-metre high, rotating tree structure exploring identity, belonging and how we build community. Using aerial movement, bungee ropes and dynamic dance, characters spin, leap and fly in an intriguing, entertaining and visually stunning experience for all the family.

Image: Greg Jackson Images: Alex Harvey Brown

When Jonah, Oliver and Max cross paths they decide to embark on a quest to learn about each other, what challenges them and what brings them together.

Cue light-hearted, breath-taking, air-twisting tricks and funky live tunes with a good dose of humour that gives extraordinary new life to everyday objects and conventional instruments. Through astonishing trampolining and poetic touch, dip celebrates how humans find each other in a world of isolation through cooperation, acceptance and seren...