

Media Release



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Attention: News

Subject: Box Clever confirms Lincolnshire school and venue tour with Esmée Fairbairn Foundation funding.

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Box Clever's innovative touring project in Lincolnshire will continue for a further two years with £85,000 support from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation.

The theatre company and their partners, Louth Playgoers Riverhead Theatre and East Lindsey District Council, will work with schools and theatre venues across Lincolnshire to give young people in the area exciting opportunities to experience theatre of high artistic quality.

Following the successful pilot project in 2013, supported by Arts Council England's Strategic Touring Fund, Box Clever has secured funding from the Foundation to continue the project into 2014 and 2015. The company will expand on the activity developed this year to reach more young people and increase the number of opportunities for them to be involved in their schools and at local venues.

The project will begin with a residency at a venue in Lincolnshire, during which young people will have the opportunity to participate in rehearsals. The Company will tour to schools and venues in the area.

Michael Wicherek, Artistic Director of Box Clever said:

"The Arts Council England supported us with the first year of this project through the strategic touring fund, helping us make vital partnerships in the region and highlighting the need for increased cultural opportunities for young people.

Through the funding we have received from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, we are now able to develop these relationships further over the course of 2014 and 2015. The aim of the project is to develop lasting partnerships between venues, schools and young people in Lincolnshire which will enrich cultural activity in the county. We are incredibly grateful to the Foundation for their support and acknowledgment in our project and look forward to working with them."

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Notes to Editor

Box Clever is a London-based, independent, professional theatre company with an established reputation in theatre and in education for original writing, for the quality of productions and for imaginative approaches to teaching, learning and to the making of plays.

Full details of the first phase of Box in LOV can be viewed at:

http://www.boxclevertheatre.co.uk/?page_id=1280

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation

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Image attached:

Images from previous Box in LOV project.

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