



bridge

'The Rezzy', Breeze Hill, Millennium Green, Liverpool L4 5QT

Thur 5 – Sat 7 August – 'Under The Bridge' 10.00am – 5.00pm Fri 6 – Sat 7 August 2021 – evening performance 8.45pm – 9.45pm

A bridge appears at 'The Rezzy', Breeze Hill, Millennium Green, Liverpool and becomes the setting for an exhilarating live performance. Gravity-defying circus acrobatics, dance, comedy, theatre and live music, inspired by local people's stories, creating a thrilling and moving montage of the courage, compassion and humour needed to bridge a divide.

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Liverpool City Council and its Culture Liverpool team are delighted to welcome Bridge and Imagineer Productions to 'The Rezzy', Breeze Hill, Millennium Green.

The project has been months in the making and is an exciting way for us to engage with the local community in the safest possible way during the current climate. We are also delighted that such an uplifting event will shine a spotlight on such a close-knit, north Liverpool community.

The concept of building bridges is something we can all identify with, and as we move towards normality after such a challenging and unsettling year, this event sends out positive messages around a community coming together and sharing in this wonderful experience.

Local people play a key role, with a number of opportunities for people to get involved across the three days. We'd like to thank residents, local councillors and council staff for their work on making the Bridge happen, and we hope as many people as possible get stuck in in what is set to be a real celebration of Walton and Liverpool.

Councillor Harry Doyle, Liverpool's Cabinet Member for Culture and Visitor Economy

Welcome to Bridge in Liverpool! We have been waiting a long time for this moment and it is our great privilege and pleasure to invite you to join us at 'The Rezzy', Breeze Hill, Millennium Green, for our Bridge performance.

Bridge was conceived in 2017, as a creative response to the divisions in our communities and neighbourhoods after the Brexit referendum. The theme of bridging divides and connecting across difference feels even more relevant today as we venture out of lockdown and navigate our new realities.

We have taken inspiration from stories of bridge-building and bridge-burning collected as part of the Bridge tour during 2020. We can't wait to meet and collaborate with the amazing creative artists and communities here, and celebrate the bridges being built daily at this extraordinary point in human history!

Orit Azaz, Artistic Director

Following our successful bid for the County Road High Street fund, I asked the council's Culture Liverpool team for help publicising and supporting the regeneration of County Road High St. I don't know what I was expecting but I shouldn't be surprised when the team that brought the 'Giants' to Liverpool come up with 'Bridge'.

I want to thank them for helping to stage this event and for ensuring it is taking place outside of the city centre.

Despite the horrendous impact that the Covid pandemic has had upon local business and communities, we will emerge as a stronger, more knowledgeable city. Bridge is a reminder that we can cross any divide and is a message to come together and celebrate the things that have made our diverse city the great place that it is today.

As a County Ward councillor and chair of the Culture and Visitor Economy Select Committee I extend an invitation to residents not only in Walton, but across the entire city and the city region – come and spend time in our unique community and enjoy everything this fantastic event has to offer.

Clir Roy Gladden, Ward Councillor and Chair of Culture and Visitor Economy Select Committee

The Bridge Team

Bridge was first created in 2019, produced by **Imagineer Productions** and created by artistic director **Orit Azaz** in collaboration with a creative team that included designer **Dan Potra**, choreographer **Corey Baker**, writer **Nick Walker**, composer **Peter Reynolds** and circus director **Paul Evans**.

Bridge 2021 is a reimagining of the 2019 story in a time of people coming together as we begin to emerge from the Covid pandemic. The creative team is led by artistic director **Orit Azaz**, working with choreographer **Corey Baker**, associate choreographer **Nathan Johnston**, writer **Nick Walker** and composer **Peter Reynolds**, with circus direction from **Sean Kempton** and the Bridge company.

Creative Team

Orit Azaz Artistic Director Corey Baker Choreographer Nathan Johnston Associate Choreographer Nick Walker Collaborating Writer Peter Reynolds Composer & Music Director Arnim Friess Lighting Designer Andy Moore Graphic Design & Photography

Producing Team

Claire Maddocks Creative Producer Lou Lomas Associate Producer Lauren Fallon Project Coordinator Clelia Furlan Assistant Producer and Digital Bridge Co-ordinator Rosie Clements Onsite Facilitator

Cast

The 2021 company includes: **Tiago Fonseca Laura Moy Louiseanne Wong Sean Kempton Michaela O'Connor Grace Neville-Evans Kevin McIntosh Charlotte Greenstock Miranda Kent**

Performer/Riggers Tarn Aitken Lee Scott Tinnion

Musicians Gemma Fuller Chris Cundy

MC (Under the Bridge) David Ford

Production Team

Simon Byford Production Manager Katy Stone Deputy Production Manager Lauren Fallon Production Assistant Hannan Finnegan Company Stage Manager Colin Eales Technical Stage Manager Maya Tinapp Assistant Stage Manager & Costume Shanti Freed Wardrobe Supervisor Pete Storor Production Sound Paul Milford Production Electrician

Crew

Ed Collins Hannah Green Edel Izquerido Fernandes Daniel Pearson Brown Cody Lewendon Telehandler Driver

Digital Bridge Team

Tim Dollimore, Media Workshop Digital Producer Aaron Howell, Howl Creative Digital Artist Joseph Potts, Richard Hyde, Corey Gordon Digital Capture Pilot Theatre Live Stream Tara Rutledge Social Media Manager

For Imagineer

Jane Hytch Chief Executive, Imagineer Helen Stallard Marketing & Communications Manager Helen Annetts PR Manager Kevin Isaacs Marketing & Communications Consultant

For Liverpool

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Culture Liverpool Artists & Facilitators

Thanks to all the community groups, organisations, performers and partners who have contributed to the arts and participation programme. We have worked together, built bridges and a lasting legacy:

- Breeze Hill Millennium Walton Youth Project Green Trust SOLA Arts Lifestyles Alsop Writing on the Wall Bombay Baja Brass Band Black-E Youth Circus Movema Katumba Hung Gar Kung Fu Windows Project
- Walton Youth Project Liverpool Military Vets Brighter Futures Merseyside Police St Marys Church Walton Sport Alive Strawberry Fields Design Laser Play Spellow Library Fabarooney Face Painters

Thank you to Ali Williams, Mish Weaver, Nia Catrin Thomson, Kerry Harvey and Catherine Butler.



Meet the bridge-builders!

Local people around Walton and Liverpool have been making their own bridges, including a self-supporting bridge inspired by Leonardo da Vinci's design. Visit **www.cultureliverpool.co.uk/bridge** for pictures.

Imagineer

Imagineer is a live events production company, specialising in making theatre and outdoor performance that link artists with engineering.

Culture Liverpool, Liverpool City Council

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