



Ladies and Gentlemen

Lea Anderson's beguiling and jocular soirée of magic, music and dance returns in 2017



“a delightfully surreal theatrical gem ★★★★★” Guardian

“the whole experience is both intriguing and uplifting from beginning to end.” Dance Tabs



Inspired by Music Hall, **Ladies and Gentlemen** is a witty and absorbing visual spectacle in which choreography (Lea Anderson), music (Steve Blake) and design (Tim Spooner) conjure the all but forgotten stage show of six has-been performers. Besieged by ever shifting, inscrutable and enigmatic props, Man, Woman, the Twins, Pet and the Other One present misremembered routines and hazily recollected punch-lines in a complex and tightly knit choreography of objects accompanied by sound and music they perform themselves. The result is an eccentric, surreal and often hilarious theatrical experience where regret and failure meet.

***“Lea Anderson is a one-off, in a league of her own ...
Take your inner child with you and you’ll love it.”***

Theatre Guide

Ladies and Gentlemen grew out of work originally commissioned for Blysh Festival, Cardiff, 2012. It was made for a company of six performers (Gareth Clark, Bert Van Gorp, Makiko Aoyama, Belinda Neave, Marega Palser and Caroline Sabin) uniquely along 3 democratic artistic strands – choreography, music and design. The full length show was performed to critical and audience acclaim at Chapter Arts in February 2014, and presented for a short tour in England in autumn 2015, when again it was well received by audiences and the press.

The intention is to present a longer run of performances that will re-engage existing audiences with Anderson’s work after a six-year absence from the UK touring circuit.



Multi-award winning Lea Anderson is an independent Choreographer, Filmmaker and Artistic Director who has led The Cholmondeleys and The Featherstonehaughs, two of the UK's foremost contemporary dance companies, for over 25 years. She created over seventy works for the companies, including the films Flesh and Blood and Cross Channel, which have been set studies for GCSE and A-level Dance. As recognition for her prolific impact on the dance industry, Lea was awarded an MBE in 2002.

Demonstrating the reach and breadth of her work, Lea has been Artist in Residence at Circus Space, has an Honorary Doctorate of Arts from Dartington College of Arts, and Honorary Fellowships of LIPA and Trinity Laban. She has made hundreds of works, with many collaborators, and was Artist in Residence at The Southbank Centre in 2015 and Regents Professor at the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA), where she recently created a new stage work, Hidden Choreographies and led a symposium in Los Angeles entitled The Performed Exhibition.

Other recent work includes Dada Quadrille, a film commissioned by York Curiouser Festival; Miniatures, a theatre work for Candoco; and Re-wind, a work for Verve, the postgraduate performance company of Northern School of Contemporary Dance. Collectively, the work has toured the UK extensively, as well as throughout Europe, the USA, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand.

BOOKING DETAILS

Touring	autumn 2017
Performers on stage	6
Number on the road	7
Get in	Get in on the day
Performing Area x 7m)	8 metres deep x 10 metres wide preferred (minimum 7m
Running time	55 minutes
Staging	Black dance floor preferred (painted black or simply clean acceptable). No wings preferred (black box acceptable). Bare back wall preferred (otherwise flat black drape). No set, lots of props, two of which are flown.
Lighting	Simple white cover as minimum, but some variety is ideal.
Sound	No recorded or amplified sound.
UK touring	£1600 plus VAT (including travel and accommodation)
Overseas touring	upon request
Education	Dance workshops available
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	Whole show in 3 bits from Chapter Arts https://vimeo.com/88531446 https://vimeo.com/88548583 https://vimeo.com/88573301
	Fragments https://vimeo.com/88745207
	Cones CU https://vimeo.com/88578640
Production website	http://www.ladiesandgentlemen.eu/