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## **BACK TO BACK THEATRE: THE DEMOCRATIC SET MK** **MONDAY 23 - FRIDAY 27 JULY 2018**

**Filming in Queen's Court, centre:mk - Monday 23 - Wednesday 25 July**

**Premiere Screening at the Vagabond Cinema Dome, Campbell Park - Friday 27 July**

### **What is The Democratic Set?**

The Democratic Set is a film set that will pop up in centre:mk for 3 days in July. The 'Set' is a simple three-sided box that you are invited to create your own performance within.

Creative company Back to Back Theatre will edit your performance into a 15-second clip which will feature in a short film which brings together lots of separate performances. The resulting film will feature people from all walks of life across Milton Keynes and will be called 'The Democratic Set MK'.



### **What is Back to Back Theatre?**

Founded over 30 years ago Back to Back Theatre are based in Geelong, Australia and are a globally recognised and respected theatre company.

More details about the company can be found at

<http://backtobacktheatre.com>

### **Where will the Set be located?**

Queen's Court, centre:mk (Shopping Centre), MK9 3ES

The Set will be built in the courtyard in the middle of the shopping centre, near Café Rouge, Carluccio's and Yo Sushi.

### **Who is The Democratic Set for?**

This is for everyone, reflected by the use of the word 'Democratic' in the project title. This might be community groups, individuals, professionals, amateurs, cultural groups, musicians, dancers, poets... You do not need any experience to be in The Democratic Set. When you take part, you can choose what to do in the Set - the 'stage' is yours!

### **Will it cost me to get involved with this project?**

It is FREE to both take part and attend the premiere screening on Friday 27 July, though we advise you to book a slot to take part and you will need to reserve tickets for the screening (see the next page for tickets).

### **How do I sign up?**

You can sign up via the Festival's website: <http://ifmiltonkeynes.org/home.html>

This is the direct page link:

<http://ifmiltonkeynes.org/festival-programme/2018/07/23/back-to-back-theatre-the-democratic-set-mk.html>



### **How do I book a slot?**

To perform in the Set you will need to book a slot. These are 20 mins or 40mins, depending on the size of your group or if you perform as an individual.

### **How many filming slots are there?**

There are just 44 slots each lasting 20 minutes. Some have already been assigned to community groups and a few are held back for people who show up on the day on a first come first served basis. We would recommend that you reserve a slot to be sure you get to perform.

### **Can I bring my hobby group/friends/family? Can large groups perform in the set?**

Yes to all of these! Larger groups will be allotted 40 minutes and group size is a maximum of 15 due to the size of the Set.

### **Are there any restrictions on getting involved?**

Anyone under 18 will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian and their consent will be needed. The Set is fully accessible and will be able to accommodate wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

### **I have a short performance I have already worked on. Can I just perform that in the set?**

Yes, though to get the most out of the experience, please be prepared to adjust or try new things that Back to Back suggest.

### **Do I have to perform for the full 20-minutes?**

No, though our director and videographer may ask you to repeat the performance or test out some new ideas, just like they would on an ordinary film set.

### **Can I wear a costume? Yes! Wear what you like and/or wear what you feel comfortable in.**

### **Will I need to arrive early to prepare?**

Yes. You will arrive at least 15 mins before your allocated slot to watch the previous participants, so that you can get a feel for what will happen.

### **What will happen when I arrive to take part?**

You will need to sign in with the Project Team (we'll be wearing pink T-shirts, so you can't miss us!) and Ursula White the Milton Keynes-based project manager will introduce you to Back to Back Theatre. You will have a few minutes to set up, warm-up and get used to the space before we start filming.

### **Can I bring someone with me?**

In terms of performance, you can perform on your own or in a group of up to 15. You are welcome to bring someone with you to watch and support you during your performance.

### **Do I need to bring any equipment?**

All film equipment is provided as well as a director and videographer to help you through if you need it. You just need to bring anything which will form part of your performance such as props, costume, instruments. We will have chairs and a table available for use in the Set if you need them.

### **How do I reserve a FREE premiere screening ticket?**

If you come and take part in The Democratic Set MK, you will automatically be allocated a ticket to the Film Premiere Screening on Friday 27 July.

If you would like tickets for friends and family, please book free tickets for them by calling 01908 280800.