

HOOT!

A collaboration between Dirliebane Theatre Company and Perth Theatre

A CHILDREN'S COMEDY THEATRE FESTIVAL

8-11 Oct 2026 Perth Theatre

HOOT! is a funny theatre festival for children aged 0-12 and their families. Bursting with performances, workshops, walkabout entertainment, interaction and participation, *HOOT!* is all about silliness, laughter and shared fun.



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WELCOME TO HOOT!

Get ready to giggle, guffaw and roll in the aisles. **HOOT!**, Scotland's first Children's Comedy Theatre Festival, has landed at Perth Theatre!

HOOT! is the brainchild of Dirliebane, Perth Theatre's brilliant children's company in residence. It's built on one simple belief: laughter is for everyone.

Together, we're delighted to throw open our doors as the festival's home, welcoming babies, children and families for a programme bursting with comedy, silliness and joyful nonsense.

With something for every age from 0–12, there's fun hiding around every corner of Perth Theatre.

In the **Joan Knight Studio**, catch performances guaranteed to tickle even the most stubborn funny bone.

In **The Space**, dive into shows and join workshops designed to bring on the biggest of belly laughs.

And keep your eyes peeled in the **Foyer** where walkabout theatre, playful activities and surprise moments of mischief could pop up when you least expect them.

So come along and celebrate laughter, imagination and family fun. Your giggle is guaranteed. Come and have a hoot with us!

HOW TO BOOK:

Online: perththeatreandconcerthall.com/hoot

Telephone: 01738 621031

In Person: Visit the Box Office in Mill Street, Perth

PRICING:

Tickets in the **Joan Knight Studio** £11
(Schools & Community Groups are £6.50)

DISCOUNTS for Multiple tickets. Buy 2 shows in the studio and get 10% off, buy 3 shows get 15%, buy 4 shows get 20%, buy 5–7 shows, get 25% off.

Events in **THE SPACE** Pay what you can - £3/£5/£7

Events in **THE FOYER** Free

CÀFÉ Open both days, 10:00 – 16:00 serving delicious food, drinks, cakes and bakes.

ACCESS: We want **HOOT!** to be accessible and comfortable to all children and their grown ups. We will have BSL interpreted performances, shows and activities suitable for children with additional support needs, and we'll also be celebrating the diversity of our artists and team. We will publish an access programme for the festival to support the full engagement of our audiences. For more information e-mail info@dirliebane.org.uk or see dirliebane.org.uk/hoot

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Dirliebane Theatre Company is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) regulated by the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR), Scottish Charity Number: SCO47455



Dirliebane Theatre Company

SPACE

Thurs 8 Oct: 17:00-17:55

Joan Knight Studio

Age recommendation: 8-12

Meet Dorothy and Stella, your Modern Experts in Transition. Today they present their world-famous seminar: Transitional Experts For Life. But a surprise call interrupts their best-laid plans. Will they be brave enough to take their own advice and transition into the unknown?

SPACE is a funny show exploring what it is like to start somewhere new, make mistakes and be yourself.

"It was wonderful to see my class, many of whom are 'too cool for school' right now, laughing and having an absolute whale of a time." (Teacher, schools tour).



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Tenement Jazz Band

CABINET OF MUSICAL WONDERS

Fri 9 Oct: 17:00-17:55
Joan Knight Studio
Age recommendation: 5-12

Come and experience this interactive family show which explores the incredible music and technology of early jazz that changed the face of music forever. From Sousaphones to gramophones, this travelling museum of curiosities will wow you with rip roaring live music, comedy, songs, and instrumental stunts. The audience will get to dance, drum, sing, conduct and maybe even join the band.



Dirliebane Theatre Company

BIG

Sat 10 Oct: 10:00-10:55
Joan Knight Studio
Age recommendation: 3-6

Super and Dino are starting *BIG* school. Everyone keeps telling them they're big and ready, so why do they still sometimes feel so small? Will this new place be exciting or scary? What if they don't pack their bags with the right things? Will their friends be there too? They're definitely going to need help to be as brave as a dinosaur and a superhero!

BIG is a funny and engaging show for 3-6-year-olds exploring the excitement, adventure and trepidation of starting somewhere new.

"That was perfect. It was a perfect show. There is nothing else out there like it. The children loved it, you were the kids and they were you" (Teacher, schools tour)



TBC Improv UK

ABSOLUTE KIDPROV

Sat 10 Oct: 10:45-11:30
The Space
Age recommendation: 6-12

In *Absolute Kidprov*, the kids are in charge of the ideas! The performers from TBC Improv make up the entire show on the spot using suggestions from the audience.

Where should the scene happen? Who's in it? What ridiculous problem do they have? Shout out your ideas and watch them instantly turn into silly characters, surprising stories, and lots of laughs. Sometimes brave kids even get to help out from the stage!

Parents: it's fast, playful, and completely different every time.

Kids: bring your biggest imagination and your funniest ideas - because this show runs on YOU.

IN THE FOYER

Thur 8 + Fri 9 Oct: 14:00-17:00, Sat 10 + Sun 11 Oct: 10:00-17:00

During *HOOT!* the theatre foyer will be transformed into a giggle filled fun house for the whole family. Step up to The Joke Spot and share your best jokes with the crowd; Knock Knock on the door, see who answers, and tell your favourite Knock Knock joke; reveal the true Unbelievable and Ridiculous Perth Stories of famous places in and around our city; dive into The Dress-Up Box and try on some of the silliest and funniest costumes from the Perth Theatre wardrobe. Plus more....



TBC Improv UK

IMAGINATION IN ACTION - INTRO TO IMPROV

Sat 10 Oct: 12:00-12:45

The Space

Age recommendation: 8-12

Jump into the world of improv with TBC Improv! In this fast, fun 45-minute workshop, kids will play silly theatre games where imagination runs wild. We'll make up characters, invent funny situations, and see what hilarious ideas pop up in the moment.

No acting experience needed - this is all about playing, trying things, and laughing together. Everyone is welcome to join in and give it a go.

This workshop is for kids only. Parents/carers are welcome to stay and watch or wait in the café or foyer.



Caroline Mathison

JUST LAUGH! - LEARN HOW TO LAUGH FOR NO REASON WHATSOEVER

Sat 10 Oct: 13:15-13:45

The Space

Age recommendation: 3+

Laughing's good for us, so let's do more of it! Fun and silly Laughter Yoga exercises will help to get the giggles and guffaws flowing. You don't need to be funny or bendy (it's not that kind of yoga), you just need to be ready to give it a go ho ho!

This workshop is for kids and grown-ups. Everyone participates and all children should be accompanied by an adult.



Sarah Rose Graber & Ruxy Cantir

TWO IN A BARREL

Sat 10 Oct: 14:00-14:45

Joan Knight Studio

Age recommendation: 4+

One barrel, two friends, and a whole lot of rubbish!

Two in a Barrel is a clown-inspired, physical theatre performance for young audiences about the waste we create, the destructive consequences of our habits, and co-existing in an environment with limited resources.

Two lively, quirky best friends - Riri and Moku - are confined to a barrel sitting on top of an island of rubbish. They love finding treasures in the vast waste that surrounds them and making up their own world of adventure and imagination. Danger arises when the waste around them continues to pile higher and threatens to cover them altogether.

WALKABOUT THEATRE

Sat 10 Oct: Various times between 10:00-17:00: Foyer

PROM-POM QUEEN

by Kerry Cleland

The *Prom Pom Queen* and her pet Pom Pom are out for a royal roam and are ever so delighted to share everything they have ever known... Pom Pom.



DARLIN' BOTTLEBRUSH

by Bec Phipps

Darlin' Bottlebrush was exploring the hills, but she took a wrong turn and discovered *HOOT!* Now she's a little bit lost and in a bit of a pickle. If you see her, she might need some help.



Dirliebane Theatre Company

BLAST!

Sat 10 Oct: 14:30-15:15
The Space
Age recommendation:
12-36 months

BLAST! is an explorative play session for toddlers aged 12-36 months.

Inspired by *Laaaunch!*, Dirliebane's co-production with Starcatchers, Dash, Dot and Minim invite children to explore music, movement, objects and suitcases together for an interactive, joyful and relaxed session that follows the lead of your child.

This play session is for 12-36 month olds only, and they must be accompanied by a parent/ carer. Child's ticket includes entry for up to two adults.



Dirliebane Theatre Company

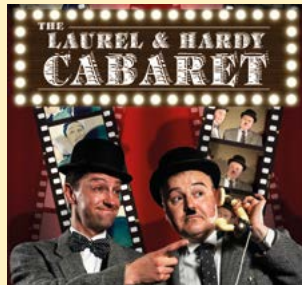
HOW TO SLIP ON A BANANA - A COMEDY THEATRE WORKSHOP

Sat 10 Oct: 16:00-16:45
and Sun 11 Oct 16:00-16:45
The Space
Age recommendation: 6-12

Trip, tumble and make them giggle! Come and learn some hilarious comedy tricks that include perfecting the art of tripping up to make people laugh. Comedy hint – it's all in how you react to it!

These playful tricks will help you surprise your audience, boost your confidence, and have loads of fun making people laugh.

This workshop is for kids only. Parents/carers are welcome to stay and watch or wait in the café or foyer.



The Lucky Dog Theatre
Productions

THE LAUREL & HARDY CABARET

Sat 10 Oct: 17:00-17:55
Joan Knight Studio
Age recommendation: 7+

Lucky Dog Theatre Productions are generally regarded as the best Laurel and Hardy re-enactors in the world. Award winning, they have played to full houses and standing ovations throughout the UK and America, Germany and the Czech Republic since 2013. *The Laurel & Hardy Cabaret* is a bumper package of Stan & Ollie's routines, songs and dances from The Boys' 30-year career. Take a seat and have some hard-boiled eggs and nuts washed down with soda... soda... soda... and what will you have, Stan?



DASH, DOT AND MINIM

by Dirliebane Theatre Company

Dash, Dot and Minim are musical explorers on a joyful quest to discover everyone's name. Each name is unique, special and delicious to sing and they can't wait to meet you.



PERTH YOUTH THEATRE

Comedy theatre walkabout, devised and performed by *Perth Youth Theatre* to make you giggle, chortle, snigger, smirk and hee-haw.



Indepen-dance

FOUR GO WILD IN WELLIES

Sun 11 Oct: 10:30-11:00

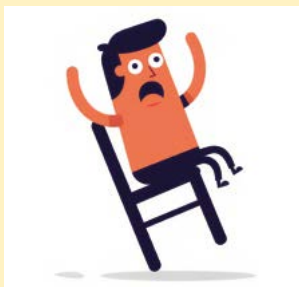
Joan Knight Studio

Age recommendation: 3-8

Four Go Wild in Wellies is a whimsical adventure featuring bobble hats, scarves, tents that have a life of their own and, of course, lots of fun in wellies! A playful look at the joy of inventiveness and curiosity, the negotiation of social structures, and how friendships are built, broken and mended as play emerges from interaction with each other and with the world around them.

From Indepen-dance, Scotland's inclusive professional dance company.

After the performance – Stay and Play in the Foyer



Dirlebane Theatre Company

HOW TO FALL OFF A CHAIR - A COMEDY THEATRE WORKSHOP

Sun 11 Oct: 10:45-11:30

The Space

Age recommendation: 7-12

Whoops! Come and learn some hilarious comedy tricks and playful routines centred around chairs, that include mastering the skills of falling off a chair to make people laugh. Comedy hint – it's all in how you react to it!

These playful tricks will help you surprise your audience, boost your confidence, and have loads of fun making people laugh.

This workshop is for kids only. Parents/carers are welcome to stay and watch or wait in the café or foyer.



Think Circus

GAME, SET AND JUGGLE

Sun 11 Oct: 12:30-13:00

The Space

Age recommendation: 5-10

Meet Keith, Antonia and Bob. These world class performers are back in Scotland and ready to play! Equipped with Tennis Rackets, Footballs, Hula Hoops and more, they ask themselves: Do you need to know the rules to play the game? Win or lose, these performers just want to play!

A colourful, fun and energetic spectacle about fitting in, standing out and having fun together.

WALKABOUT THEATRE

Sun 11 Oct: 10:00-17:00: Foyer

WINDBAGS

by Ronan McMahon

Windbags is a walkabout musical band of idiots. At multiple points of high emotion, their elaborate costumes inflate and they transform into large, awkward and beautiful shapes.



THE REFS

by Sarah Rose Graber and Ruxy Cantir

Do you have what it takes to be a champion? Two referees, Tank and Bogie, are searching for the most valuable player and it could be you! Kitted out in full referee attire, Tank and Bogie will get the crowds going with waves, chanting, and clapping.



Think Circus

CIRCUS WORKSHOP

Sun 11 Oct: 13:00-13:45

The Space

Age recommendation: 5-10

Come explore the world of Juggling, Hula Hoop, Poi, Plate Spinning and many other tricks, while developing balance, co-ordination, confidence and fun! All equipment will be provided and experienced tutors will share skills in a playful, imaginative environment.

This workshop is for kids only. Parents/carers should wait in the café or foyer.



lovebug + worm

TOAST WITH LOTS OF BUTTER

Sun 11 Oct: 14:00-15:00

Joan Knight Studio

Age recommendation: 8-12

Toast with lots of butter is a comedic theatre show all about food. It's about trips to the big supermarket, the wonder of chocolate fountains and very important questions like what is the right way to eat a cheese string?

Toast with lots of butter follows the busy day of two dinner ladies, all glammed up in their pasta necklaces and pop rings. In between ambitious dance routines and reheating cups of tea, this performance highlights the never-ending job of caring and cooking for people.

Funded by Creative Scotland's Open Fund, supported by Dirliebane Theatre Company and Platform.



Tim Licata

CREATIVE PLAY WITH BABIES

Sun 11 Oct: 14:30-15:00
and 15:15-15:45

The Space

Age recommendation:
babies under 12 months

A gentle session exploring different avenues of creating a playful engagement with babies through sound, movement and letting the babies take the lead. The workshop takes inspiration from Dirliebane's performance *Laaaunch!*, a performance created for babies by Dirliebane Theatre Company and Starcatchers which toured Scotland in 2025.

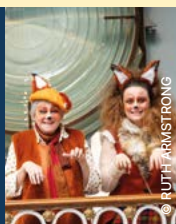
This play session is for babies, and they must be accompanied by a parent/carer. Baby's ticket includes entry for up to two adults.



WHERE ARE YOU?

by Marion Geoffray

Harry Hedgehog needs your help! His friends have travelled from far and wide to reach Scotland - but now they're lost, confused, and longing to fit in!



PERTH YOUTH THEATRE

Comedy theatre walkabout, devised and performed by *Perth Youth Theatre* to make you giggle, chortle, snigger, smirk and hee-haw.

	Age	Start	Finish	Where
Thursday 8 October				
SPACE (Dirlebane Theatre Company)	8-12	17:00	17:55	JKS
Friday 9 October				
Cabinet of Musical Wonders (Tenement Jazz Band)	5-12	17:00	17:55	JKS
Thursday 8 + Friday 9 October				
Knock Knock Door	All	14:00	17:00	Foyer
Unbelievable and Ridiculous Perth Stories	All	14:00	17:00	Foyer
The Joke Spot	All	14:00	17:00	Foyer
The Dress Up Box	All	14:00	17:00	Foyer
Saturday 10 October				
BIG (Dirlebane Theatre Company)	3-6	10:00	10:55	JKS
Absolute Kidprov (TBC Improv UK)	6-12	10:45	11:30	The Space
Imagination in Action - Intro to Improv (TBC Improv UK)	8-12	12:00	12:45	The Space
Just Laugh! - Learn How To Laugh For No Reason Whatsoever (Caroline Mathieson)	3+	13:15	13:45	The Space
Two In a Barrel (Ruxy Cantir & Sarah-Rose Graber)	4+	14:00	14:45	JKS
BLAST (Dirlebane Theatre Company)	12-36 mths	14:30	15:15	The Space
How to Slip on a Banana – a Comedy Theatre workshop	6-12	16:00	16:45	The Space
The Laurel & Hardy Cabaret (Lucky Dog Theatre Productions)	7+	17:00	17:55	JKS
Prom Pom Queen (walkabout – various times)	All	10:00	17:00	Foyer
Darlin Bottlebrush (walkabout – various times)	All	10:00	17:00	Foyer
Dash, Dot and Minim (walkabout – various times)	All	10:00	17:00	Foyer
Perth Youth Theatre (walkabout – various times)	All	10:00	17:00	Foyer
Sunday 11 October				
Four Go Wild in Wellies (Indepen-Dance)	3-8	10:30	11:00	JKS
Four Go Wild in Wellies – Stay and Play (Indepen-Dance)	3-8	11:00	11:30	Foyer
How to Fall off a Chair – a Comedy Theatre workshop	7-12	10:45	11:30	The Space
Game, Set and Juggle (Think Circus)	5-10	12:30	13:00	The Space
Circus Workshop (Think Circus)	5-10	13:00	13:45	The Space
Toast with lots of butter (lovebug + worm)	8-12	14:00	15:00	JKS
Creative Play with Babies (Tim Licata)	0-12 mths	14:30	15:00	The Space
Creative Play with Babies (Tim Licata)	0-12 mths	15:15	15:45	The Space
How to Slip on a Banana – a Comedy Theatre workshop	6-12	16:00	16:45	The Space
Windbags (walkabout – various times)	All	10:00	17:00	Foyer
The Refs (walkabout – various times)	All	10:00	17:00	Foyer
Where Are You? (walkabout – various times)	All	10:00	17:00	Foyer
Perth Youth Theatre (walkabout – various times)	All	10:00	17:00	Foyer
Saturday 10 + Sunday 11 Oct				
Knock Knock Door	All	10:00	17:00	Foyer
Unbelievable and Ridiculous Perth Stories	All	10:00	17:00	Foyer
The Joke Spot	All	10:00	17:00	Foyer
The Dress Up Box	All	10:00	17:00	Foyer