



Theatr
Genedlaethol
Cymru

TOURING PACK



Yr Hogyn Pren (The Wooden Boy)

THEATR GENEDLAETHOL CYMRU

Movement, puppetry and music

For the whole family and people of all ages

100 audience members max

20 minutes including promenade at start and end

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Yr Hogyn Pren (The Wooden Boy)

“Driftwood from the top of his head to the tips of his toes, he goes wherever the wind blows...”

Life can be tough when you're made of driftwood. As the magical wooden boy searches for his heart, a mother finds a piece of boat washed up on the shore. Will their unexpected encounter bring fresh hope or will memories from the past overwhelm her?

A magical adventure for the whole family, **Yr Hogyn Pren (The Wooden Boy)** is inspired by a poem by the renowned Welsh poet I.D Hooson.

After captivating audiences at the 2023 National Eisteddfod, this wonderful production for children and families combines intricate puppetry, a gripping story and ethereal music. Created by Owain Gwynn (*War Horse, Life of Pi*), the Welsh-language national theatre (nominated for The Stage Awards 2024) presents an inspiring story about the power of unexpected connection.

Directed by Artistic Director **Steffan Donnelly** with **Owain Gwynn** as Puppetry Director and puppeteer, alongside **Fred Davis** and **Chris Milford**. Our team of expert puppeteers have worked on world-renowned theatre shows such as *War Horse* and *Life of Pi* in London's West End. Welsh BAFTA award winner Rhian Blythe completes the cast as the character Y Fam / Mother.

Broc, the captivating puppet, takes centre stage in this production. The eco-friendly puppet was developed with acclaimed company Small World Theatre and it is made from natural Welsh driftwood. The performance includes a magical soundscape and music by **Lisa Jên Brown** and **Martin Hoyland** and an original script from Wales' foremost fantasy author **Elidir Jones**.



Film of an outdoor performance at the national Eisteddfod 2023:

<https://vimeo.com/868314834/8a63c2b952?share=copy>

General Features





Title	Yr Hogyn Pren (The Wooden Boy)
Company	Theatr Genedlaethol Cymru (Welsh-language national theatre)
Premiered at	The National Eisteddfod of Wales, 7 August 2023
Genre	Performed outdoors or indoors
Duration	20 minutes including promenade at top and end of show
Audience	All ages
Language	Welsh
Company based in	Carmarthen, Wales
Original Idea	Owain Gwynn and Steffan Donnelly
Direction	Steffan Donnelly and Owain Gwynn
Writer	Elidir Jones
Puppeteers	Owain Gwynn, Chris Milford, Fred Davis
Cast	Rhian Blythe
Puppets	Created and built in an eco-friendly way by Small World Theatre
Set and costume designer	Luned Gwawr
Sound Design	Lisa Jên Brown and Martin Hoyland
Onstage technician	Gareth Roberts
Workshops	Held pre- or post-performance

THE COMPANY

BIOGRAPHY:

Theatr Genedlaethol Cymru

Creating exceptional Welsh-language theatre for all

Theatr Genedlaethol Cymru (Theatr Gen) is the Welsh-language national theatre.

We make theatre for Wales, touring bold theatrical experiences across the nation and beyond, to entertain and inspire people of all ages. Our mission is to create a place of connection for the well-known and the unexpected, for Welshness and the world, for the big conversations and the joyful moments.

We don't stand still. Our productions - created for and in collaboration with the people of Wales - respond to the world around us and reflect the experiences of contemporary Welsh life, providing a platform for a multiplicity of voices and stories.

We embrace classics and new writing, devised and experimental work, musicals and unexpected collaborations, and theatre for children and young people. We also deliver education, well-being and participatory projects for people in all parts of Wales to experience the transformative impact of creativity in their lives.

Born from decades of protest for Welsh language rights, we believe the Welsh language belongs to everyone. We want to see a flourishing and welcoming Welsh-language culture and lead the way with development opportunities that nurture and inspire the next generation of Welsh theatre artists, creating pathways to the language and experimenting with language in our work.

Nominated as Producer of the Year in The Stage Awards 2024, Theatr Genedlaethol Cymru was described as one of the 'most exciting theatre companies in the UK' (BBC Front Row).

"Theatr Genedlaethol Cymru has given us hope for a better theatrical future for Wales"

Buzz Magazine

Website:

www.theatr.cymru

Social Networks:

[@TheatrGenCymru](https://www.instagram.com/TheatrGenCymru)

Financial Information

ARTISTIC FEES 1 Day, up to 3 performances £2,100 + VAT or 2,453 euro
2 Days, up to 6 performances £4,000 + VAT or 4,672 euro
3 Days, up to 9 performances £6,000 + VAT or 7,008 euro

TRANSPORT By van (land) or plane
A specific technical rider will be provided in each case

TRANSPORT COSTS City of origin:
Carmarthen, Wales

Transport by van/road: 1 van from origin (Carmarthen)

SET/PROPS:

- 1 x Wooden Cart 1130mm (L) x 99mm (W) x 700 (H)
- 1 x Fireproofed thick canvas cover 1000mm x 700mm
- Pile of dried driftwood
- 1 x Puppet (Driftwood, small timber pieces, leather strapping, webbing, fixings & clips/carabiners)
- 1 x Headpiece (Hard Hat, Metal tube, driftwood)
- 1 x Messenger Bag (Canvas)
- 1 x Small Hardback Book

Total Weight = Approx. 50kg

If travelling internationally, all items can be transported in a single road trunk.

Estimated Cost = £200 - £1,500 depending on Location

TECHNICAL KIT:

- Sennheiser LSP 500 System
 - Including Rackmount receiver x 2
- Sennheiser SK300 G4-RC Bodypack transmitter x2
- K&M Loudspeaker stand
- Microdot to mini jack adaptor x3
- Apple iPad with rugged case
- Engenius EAP1250/EWS330 dual band WAP
- Various Chargers & Power Bank

All Items will be transported in solid travel cases (Peli Style).

Total Weight = Approx. 40kg

Estimated Cost = £200- £1,500 depending on location

Per diems:

Travel time payments per person (5 people) per day:

For 8 to 12 hours £24.00

For 12 to 20 hours £59.00

For over 20 hours £78.00

LIVING EXPENSES

Per diems: as per UK Theatre/Equity Overseas Touring Agreement Rates (from 8.01.2024)

<https://uktheatre.org/overseas-touring/>

UK:

Full Per Diem: £65 per day on the company's arrival until departure

Per Diem for accommodation only (at 90%): £54

Per Diem for accommodation and Breakfast (at 75%): £45

Europe:

Full Per Diem: 63 euro per day on the company's arrival until departure

Per Diem for accommodation only (at 90%): 57 euro

Per Diem for accommodation and Breakfast (at 75%): 47 euro

Accommodation: 5 people (single rooms)

TAXES

VAT: Process given without 20% VAT

Only added if you are not registered for EU - VAT

Reg https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/vies/#/vatvalidation

Royalties: 10% of box office

ADMIN VISA

Any admin costs related to Visas will be charged on top of the fees.

Technical Information

CAPACITY

Dependent on venue capacity. Max 100 people.

Audience can gather around standing, sit on the floor or on benches/unconventional seating.

Preset chairs in rows are not necessary for this production.

Audience members are invited to come and watch the performance as it begins.

SPACE

A performance space of minimum: 16' x 16' / 4.8m x 4.8m

If performed outdoors or a large open space, the performers will use a larger span of the space available.

The cast set out a boundary for the playing space using pieces of driftwood which is part of the productions design.

A clear, stair-free route from a pre-set area to the playing space is required as a cart is pulled by the cast members when they enter the playing space.

All tech (content listed below) is preset prior to show start, usually Upstage.

WORK SCHEDULE

Set-up time upon arrival to venue:
Max 30 minutes

Pre-Show Set Up:
Max 5 minutes

Post-Show and de-rig timings are similar to Arrival and Pre-Show.

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