

Press release

Giant in association with Platform presents...

The Songbird

*A tone poem**

Conceived and Directed by Katrina Caldwell
Music and Libretto by David Paul Jones

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
The Fletcher Building

Thursday 19th – Saturday 28th August 2010
Running time of 50 minutes (Performance times below)
For everyone 8 years and over.

Leading Scottish arts organisation Giant, join forces with acclaimed composer David Paul Jones as they make their Fringe debut, as part of the Made in Scotland showcase, surrounded by 70 acres of stunning landscapes at the Royal Botanic Garden.

The Songbird tells the tale of an extraordinary exotic bird captured in the solitude of the forest by a ruthless logger who is captivated by her song. The connection between the performance and the garden offers a complete audience experience: the sensory backdrop of the garden reinforcing the themes of the tone poem before and after the show.

Influenced by how children listen, engage with and react to music and theatre the piece integrates live music and a specially developed language of sound poetry* as together musicians and singers perform this tale of changing environments, beauty and loss.

This original score and libretto by David Paul Jones compliments Giant's sensory theatre approach galvanising the inherent connection we have with music, sound and nature.

-To book review tickets for this show please contact the Pleasance Press Office:
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Extra information

***A tone poem:** A story and imagery told through music using 'sound poetry'

***Sound Poetry:** using the phonetics of words that have no literal meaning but that are pure and communicate an emotion tapping into human understanding. Free from the limitations of language it allows all children to approach this piece on a level playing field.

- Video clip available at www.giantproductions.org
- Publicity shots available

Cast

David Paul Jones (Pianist), Judith Williams (The Songbird), Rachel Hynes (The Figure) and Robin Mason (Cellist). Full biographies available.

Performance times

19, 23, 25	16:30
20-22, 26-28	13:30 & 16:30

Giant Company Vision

To create inspiring, curious and unexpected arts experiences for children under 12 and their families.

These experiences will involve a combination of artists: musicians, dancers, performers, sculptors and writers in a variety of locations. They can take place in a workshop space, on the street, at the beach, in a park, through an arts venue or inside specially created environments. They take both children and artists together on a journey that is off the beaten track and between imagination and reality.