

**PLAYMAKERS**

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# Hat Fair Carnival 2020 Teachers Pack

## We've transformed!

On 1 September, Live Theatre Winchester Trust, the arts and education charity that runs Theatre Royal Winchester and Hat Fair, was renamed Play to the Crowd.

We believe that this name better represents the charity's vision to 'Delight and Unite' and our commitment to the belief that the arts should be for everyone and everyone should have access to them – whether that be watching shows at the city's Grade II listed theatre; enjoying street performances at Hat Fair, the UK's longest running Outdoor Arts festival; or taking part in the charity's youth and adult projects.

As an organisation we work extensively with schools, colleges and universities; older people; communities, families and young people. We think it's important to bring this area of our work to the fore, and celebrate it at the heart of what we do. Therefore, all of our creative learning and community engagement programmes will now sit under a brand new name - **Playmakers**.

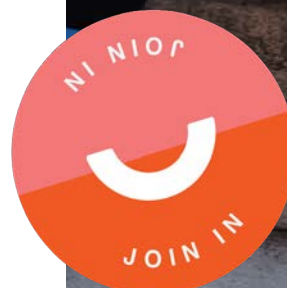
## Hat Fair Carnival 2020

Hat Fair is an Outdoor Arts festival that takes place every year during the first weekend of July across the historic city of Winchester. The festival takes its name from the busking tradition of throwing money into a hat at the end of a performance.

Hat Fair opens with a burst of riotous colour and costumes as hundreds of children from local schools parade along Winchester's High Street in our Hat Fair Carnival.

We have an amazing opportunity for 10 schools to take part in Hat Fair Carnival 2020.

We have once again teamed up with The New Carnival Company, a pioneering arts development organisation based on the Isle of Wight specialising in carnival and outdoor public celebrations, to deliver this project. They have a team of highly experienced carnival artists and producers, teachers and trainers, project managers and outdoor event specialists who believe that carnival and other forms of celebratory arts, can make a real difference to people and places.





## Training & professional development

This year we are offering two different workshops from The New Carnival Company for teachers and practitioners to take part in:

- **Introduction to Carnival costume making skills**  
Wed 27 November 2019, 9am-5pm  
(limited places available; deadline for application Sun 10 November)
- **Backpacks for Carnival**  
TBC January/February 2020

Note: These are both standalone workshops, you do not need to attend both if you do not wish to do so.

In addition to the workshops schools will receive the following sessions:

- **An Introduction to Carnival and initial design**  
1 x 2 hour session in your school, led by Playmakers
- **Prototyping your Carnival costume**  
1 x 3 hour session at Theatre Royal Winchester, led by The New Carnival Company
- **Dance and choreography workshop**  
1 x 2 hour session in your school, led by Playmakers
- 1 x trouble shooting/support visit
- Teachers will also receive support throughout the process from Playmakers

The making sessions (approx. 6-8 hours) can be delivered in a number of different ways to fit in with your school's timetable. They could be a 1 day session, weekly sessions or weekly after school sessions. Whatever works best for your school.

What will pupils achieve?

- Pupils will have the opportunity to produce costumes and take part in the Hat Fair Carnival 2020.
- All pupils will have the opportunity to work towards and achieve an Arts Award Discover qualification.
- Pupils will have the opportunity to develop their creativity in the design and making of their costumes.

## Artsmark

Taking part in this project will help schools who are working towards Artsmark accreditation.

We encourage the integration of Carnival and Outdoor Arts activities into mainstream areas of the curriculum.

## Arts Award

Arts Award is a personal learning programme which develops and assesses both arts-related and transferable skills, such as creativity, communication, planning and teamwork. Young people aged up to 25 can achieve Arts Awards.

Theatre Royal Winchester is a registered Arts Award Centre and we have 2 trained assessors working with Discover, Explore, Bronze, Silver and Gold level awards. We aim to embed Arts Award delivery and accreditation into the Hat Fair Carnival.

## Carnival theme

Participating schools will receive an illustrated narrative guide with examples to inspire you with your costume design. Each school is asked to choose their top 3 themes from a list provided. Playmakers will then allocate you one of your chosen themes, to inspire your costume design.

If your school would like to take part or if you would like further information please contact Kat Henderson, Engagement Producer at [kat@playtothecrowd.co.uk](mailto:kat@playtothecrowd.co.uk) or call **01962 673 751**.



## Using Carnival in the curriculum...

### English

Storytelling, creative writing, poetry, calypso, carnival language, carnival plays

### PSHE

Understanding different cultures, diversity, working as a team, citizenship, religious festivals

### Music

Soca, chutney, calypso, reggae, African drum, samba, steel pan, call and response, making instruments, junk percussion, music technology

### PE

Carnival dance, flag waving, stilt walking, circus skills, martial arts

### History

European traditions, colonialism, slavery, diaspora, The Commonwealth, post war migration

### Science

Properties of materials, food technology, environmental awareness

### Geography

Carnival roots in Africa, Europe, Asia and America, The Caribbean basin, Festivals of the World, migration, anthropology, study of distant environments

### ICT

Researching themes, using computers to design costumes, documenting and recording work, carnival newsletters

### Arts & Design

Costumes, masks, large sculptures & puppets, textiles, dyeing, pattern cutting, drawing, printmaking

### Maths

Calculating quantities, measuring, dimensions scale, geometry, pattern and symmetry

### Design & Technology

Experimenting with new materials, technical drawing, creating structure, balance and movement

## The Schedule

Date/Time	Item	Details	Content
Wed 27 November 2019	<b>Introduction to Carnival Costume Making Skills Training workshop</b>  1 full day  Delivered by: <b>The New Carnival Company</b>  Location: <b>Theatre Royal Winchester</b>	A friendly, hands-on, fun course to learn basic Carnival skills to help you support costume making with children and young people.  No prior experience necessary.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief history of Carnival</li> <li>Planning and managing your costume production</li> <li>Explore costume making</li> <li>Learn No-sew</li> <li>Learn how to create a variety of Carnival headdresses</li> <li>Learn how to create Carnival accessories</li> </ul>
January/ February 2020 TBC	<b>Introduction to Backpacks for Carnival Training workshop</b>  1 full day  Delivered by: <b>The New Carnival Company</b>  Location: <b>Isle of Wight</b>	A friendly, hands-on, fun course to learn Backpack skills to help you support costume making with children and young people.  No prior experience necessary.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief history of Carnival</li> <li>Planning and managing your costume production</li> <li>Explore costume making</li> <li>Learn No-sew</li> <li>Learn how to create Backpacks for Carnival</li> <li>Learn how to create a variety of Carnival headdresses</li> <li>Learn how to create Carnival accessories</li> </ul>
December 2019 - March 2020	<b>An introduction to Carnival and initial design session</b>  2 hour session  Delivered by: <b>Playmakers</b>  Location: <b>In school</b>	A friendly, fun, hands-on session with a member of the Playmakers team.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to Hat Fair Carnival and this year's theme.</li> <li>Brief history of Carnival</li> <li>Initial design ideas</li> </ul>
March 2020	<b>Prototyping your Carnival Costumes</b>  3 hour session  Delivered by: <b>The New Carnival Company</b>  Location: <b>TBC</b>	The New Carnival Company's artists will be available for 2 days to assist group leaders with transferring your costume design ideas into reality.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create one example of your costume design</li> <li>Create patterns and templates ready for your workshops</li> <li>Experimenting and problem solving</li> <li>Help and guidance with ordering material for costumes</li> </ul>
March - June 2020	<b>Making sessions</b>  Approx. make time 6-8 hours  Delivered by: <b>Teachers</b>  Supported by: <b>Playmakers</b>  Location: <b>In school</b>	Making sessions can be delivered in different ways to suit your individual schools needs and timetable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will have patterns and templates to work from</li> </ul>
June 2020	<b>Dance and Choreography</b>  2 hour workshop  Delivered by: <b>Playmakers</b>  Location: <b>In school</b>	Learn simple Carnival dance steps and routines.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carnival music</li> <li>Carnival dance steps</li> <li>Carnival dance routines</li> <li>Learn how to travel during a parade</li> </ul>
May - June 2020	<b>Trouble shooting/support visit</b>  Delivered by: <b>The New Carnival Company</b>  Location: <b>TBC</b>	The New Carnival Company and Playmakers will be available for advice and support with any issues/problems with your production.	
Fri 3 July 2020	<b>Hat Fair Carnival</b>	More details to follow	

For further details about how you can join in and get creative visit [playmakers.org.uk](http://playmakers.org.uk)