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PRESS RELEASE



Agor Drysau / Opening Doors
Gwyl Theatr Ryngwladol Cymru i Gynulleidfaeodd Ifanc
Wales international Festival of Theatre for Young Audiences
Mawrth 16 – 20 March 2010

Watch, hear, make and play with your family and friends as Agor Drysau / Opening Doors, Wales' International Festival of Theatre for Young Audiences, returns to Aberystwyth from the 16th to 20th March for a five fun-packed days of theatre, dance, music, visual art and spoken word.

The five day fun fest is set to surprise and excite kids and adults alike with drama, puppets, laughter, and dance from around the world. Welsh companies who specialise in producing work for young audiences will be performing alongside companies from France, Austria, Germany, Ireland and Russia. From Minatours to refugees, highwaymen to Adam and Eve, Agor Drysau / Opening Doors offers a whole host of performances for all the family.

Austrian company Two-in-One return to Aberystwyth with a dazzling new work, *Bodyparkour*, and will be testing their street dance and parkour skills on Aberystwyth promenade and at Aberystwyth Arts Centre. St Petersburg State Bryantsev Theatre for Young Audiences invite you to journey back to the beginning of time to join the Angels as their daily routine is turned upside down by the arrival of the screaming baby Adam. Children and brave adults can join Meibion Dance Theatre as they enter the fifth dimension in *Paranormal*. There is also the chance to visit *The Garden of Possibility*, sing, dance and knit with *Milly and the Minatour*, search for the words that open doors and much more.

With eighteen different shows, as well as readings by up and coming playwrights, the launch of Wales Arts International's new directory of *Theatre for Young People and Storytellers from Wales*, seminars, receptions, and other events taking place at Aberystwyth Arts Centre, Canolfan Arad Goch Centre, Ceredigion Museum and local schools the beautiful seaside town will be buzzing with excitement as this festival for all the family gets under way.

2010 is the 6th bi-annual festival being held in Aberystwyth. Cwmni Arad Goch have been organising the festival for the past 12 years with the support of Aberystwyth Arts Centre, Arts Council of Wales and Ceredigion County Council.

Tickets for *Bodyparkour*, *Beginning* and *Paranormal* can be booked by contacting the Arts Centre Box Office on 01970 62 32 32 or online at www.aber.ac.uk/artscentre

For more information about the festival programme and to book tickets for all other events please visit www.agordrysau-openingdoors.org

Agor Drysau / Opening Doors Performances March 2010

Tuesday 16th

9.30am	A Word's a Word	Schools performance
1.30pm	Boy With a Suitcase	Aberystwyth Arts Centre
1.30pm	Queen of Colours	Canolfan Arad Goch
2.00pm	Jac and the Golden Box	Schools performance

Wednesday 17th

9.30am	Milly and the Minatour	Aberystwyth Arts Centre
10.00am	Queen of Colours	Canolfan Arad Goch
10.15am	Boy With a Suitcase	Aberystwyth Arts Centre
1.45pm	Milly and the Minatour	Aberystwyth Arts Centre
2.00pm	Queen of Colours	Canolfan Arad Goch
2.00pm	Martha Drafferthus	Schools performance
7.30pm	Bodyparkour	Aberystwyth Arts Centre

Thursday 18th

9.30am	Martha Drafferthus	Schools performance
10.00am	Farewell Benjamin	Aberystwyth Arst Centre
10.30am	Le Jardin	Canolfan Arad Goch
11.00am	Jac and the Golden Box	Aberystwyth Arts Centre
1.30pm	Farewell Benjamin	Aberystwyth Arts Centre
1.30pm	'Gofynnwch I Wallace'	Amgueddfa Ceredigion Museum
2.00pm	Le Jardin	Canolfan Arad Goch
2.30pm	A Word's a Word	Aberystwyth Arts Centre
4.30pm	Le Jardin	Canolfan Arad Goch
7.30pm	Cwmwl Tystion	Morlan

Friday 19th

9.30am	The Ugly Truth	Schools performance
9.45am	Le Jardin	Canolfan Arad Goch
10.00am	Beginning	Aberystwyth Arts Centre
10.00am	'Jac a'r Blwch Aur'	Schools performance
11.00am	You Should Ask Wallace	Amgueddfa Ceredigion Museum
1.30pm	Beginning	Aberystwyth Arts Centre
2.00pm	The Ugly Truth	Schools performance
4.30pm	Le Jardin	Canolfan Arad Goch
7.30pm	Twm Sion Cati	Morlan

Saturday 20th

10.00am	Le Jardin	Canolfan Arad Goch
11.00am	Beginning	Aberystwyth Arts Centre
1.30pm	Le Jardin	Canolfan Arad Goch
7.30pm	Paranormal	Aberystwyth Arts Centre

Please note, the performances in schools are not available for the general public.

Performances in other theatres:

Friday 12th

11.00am	Le Jardin	Canolfan y Celfyddydau Pantardawe
1.30pm	Le Jardin	Canolfan y Celfyddydau Pantardawe

Saturday 14th

1.30pm	Le Jardin	Borough Theatre, Abergavenny
3.45pm	Le Jardin	Borough Theatre, Abergavenny

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Notes to editors:

For more information about Agor Drysau / Opening Doors please visit the website www.agordrysau-openingdoors.org or contact Carys on 01970 617998 or carys@aradgoch.org

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