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PRESS RELEASE

Home of the Wiggler
Theatre by Stan's Cafe
7.30 pm, Friday 19 June 2009



Stan's Café theatre company present **Home of the Wiggler** – a lo-fi sci-fi docu-drama - at Aberystwyth Arts Centre on Friday 19th June, 7.30pm.

Leading European theatre company Stan's Cafe have taken inspiration from the people behind the Midlands' motor industry to create their latest performance: **Home of the Wiggler**.

Stan's Cafe have been out on the streets of Longbridge to research **Home of the Wiggler**, talking to the people behind the motor industry and finding out who made the sandwiches, cleaned the clothes, cut the hair and taught the kids of those who shaped the parts, that made the cars, that filled the Midland's roads. The show is set in 3006 at a time when an investigation into pollution and global warming is underway and the legends of the people of the West Midlands are under the spotlight. With a mix of research and speculation this is an intriguing drama that examines the stories that, for good or ill, bind us to our motor industry.

In a disused factory, far away from the raging weather, a team of investigators unearth the legends of a city, the fragmented stories of the people who lived there, and the mythical things they made called cars. Full of humour, and with a haunting conclusion, **Home of The Wiggler** examines how personal fates are entwined with an industrial heritage, in a volatile global economy, on a warming planet.

"A Kaleidoscopic collage of impressionistic fragments which evoke the lives of generations touched by the manufacture and use of motor cars."
The Birmingham Post

This is a show with a difference: the cast is charged with generating all the power used in the performance through a range of intriguing and improbable mechanical devices created using cogs, wheels and dynamos. Performance company Blissbody has created these ingenious mechanisms especially for **Home of the Wiggler**. Director James Yarker comments "It's a tough show for the performers. Physically they have to work hard generating power for the show."

Described in *The Independent on Sunday* as "one of the UK's most innovative and exciting theatre companies" Birmingham-based Stan's Cafe has been devising inventive, amusing and thoughtful theatre since its formation in 1991. Fifteen years on and the company is at the forefront of European experimental theatre, performing worldwide and receiving enthusiastic public and critical acclaim.

Tickets for this production are £8 (£7) and can be booked by contacting the Arts Centre ticket office on 01970 62 32 32 or online at www.aber.ac.uk/artscentre

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