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PRESS RELEASE



SCAMP THEATRE in association with **Watford Palace Theatre**
present the **UK tour of Julia Donaldson's**
Director - **Sally Cookson** Performed by – **Brian Hargreaves**
Designer - **Katie Sykes Mark Kane**
Lighting – **Elanor Higgins Emily Pollett**
Music - **Benji Bower**
At **Aberystwyth Arts Centre** on **Sunday 1 November 2.30pm**
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'A cracker of a book' **Financial Times** (on **Stick Man** the book)

'I think the quality of what Scamp do is amazing' **Michael Morpurgo, The Independent**

Scamp Theatre and Watford Palace Theatre, the team behind Michael Morpurgo's *Aesop's Fables*, *Private Peaceful* and *The Mozart Question*, are delighted to present **Stick Man - Live on Stage** on a UK tour September 2009 to January 2010. Scamp Theatre will perform **Stick Man** at Aberystwyth Arts Centre on Sunday 1st November 2.30pm.

Stick Man is adapted from the book by **Julia Donaldson** and Illustrated by **Axel Scheffler** - the creators of *The Gruffalo*. The production is directed by Sally Cookson and designed by Katie Sykes, the creative team behind the hugely popular *Aesop's Fables* and the West End hit *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*.

Stick Man is a touching and witty story featuring an unforgettable hero with real sticking power!

*'Stick Man lives in the family tree
With his Stick Lady Love
and their stick children three...'*

But one day whilst out for a jog, **Stick Man** is pounced on by a playful dog. Mistaken for an ordinary stick, he is swept far away, being used for all sorts of things: from a flag mast to a cricket bat, a snowman's arm to firewood (well almost!). As his adventure unfolds, **Stick Man** – lost and alone – wonders if he will every get back to the family tree.

Passing through all the seasons and culminating in a joyful Christmas celebration (with an appearance by a certain portly gentleman dressed in red and white) **Stick Man** will delight children and their families, no matter the time of year.

Three actors and a one-man-band combine with a host of colourful characters and animals to magically re-tell **Stick Man's** adventures. Music is played live, with a multitude of instruments.

Suitable for children aged 4+ their friends & families. Tickets for this performance are £6 (£4) CC £5 (£3) 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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Notes to editors:

Stick Man was published in 2008 and has already sold close to 200,000 copies in hardback and had a rapturous reception in the press and is released in paperback in September 2009.

Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler books are published by Alison Green Books, an imprint of Scholastic UK. **Scamp Theatre** (Producer) are award-winning producers of all types of live performance, most recently touring the Michael Morpurgo hits *Private Peaceful*, *The Mozart Question* and *Aesop's Fables*. The directors of Scamp are Jennifer Sutherland and Louise Callow.

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