

Collectif and then... On a boat

Message Pour Dire



The Show

“Good evening ladies and Gentlemen!

We are the DSBM, better know as the Delivery Service of Bottled Messages.

Our job consists of navigating oceans, seas and rivers searching for bottled messages that have lost their initial trajectory. After meticulous inspections we have discovered who they were addressed to and this is why we are here with you tonight, yes ladies and gentlemen here tonight we have messages for you, you, YOU!”

“Message Pour Dire” is a 45 minute aerial and acrobatic street show that takes place on top of our Canal Barge. The show is based on the story of a crew that spends their days searching for lost ‘messages in bottles’ and delivering them to their intended recipients. During each show, the crew present the messages (which come in the form of song, text message and telepathy as well as the more traditional hand written form) to the audience in the hope that the intended recipients are present (there are usually one or two).

On the original tour along the Canal Du Midi, France, there was a fixed cast of 3 performers, and between 1-8 ‘guest performers’. The base of the show remained the same, but was adapted for each place and each new performer.

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The Captain: Rob D'Arcy (driver)

Extra duties include sound and light operating

The Crew: Francesca Hyde (double cloud)
Lucie N'Duhirahe (double cloud)
Stephanie N'Duhirahe (corde lisse)

(Extra duties include entertainment, acrobatics, movement and delivering messages)



Canal Du Midi, Sete July 2010



Canal Du Midi, Bram, August 2010

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Previous Audience Quotes:

“Thank you for this little moment of happiness, simple and intense. Well done for your work.”

“My daughter and I had the chance to see you in Carcassonne, she wanted to come every day (and I didn't mind)!”

“blew me away. So touching, and fun.”

“Coming to Trebes was worth it just for this!”

“The highlight of our trip!”

“Thank you for your magical show in Bram! Well done!”

Quotes from people who have been involved in the project:

“A beautiful dream became reality, congratulations”.

“Thank you so much for the adventure, it was amazing.”

“Thanks for a great time. The best bits for me were the show, the people and of course, the chickens foot!”

“There's no words to explain how grateful and happy I am”

The Boat



Length: 13 metres

Width: 3 metres

Draught: 0.6 metres

Height (without rig): 2.75

Height (with rig): approx 7.5 metres

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Technical Requirements

Overview:

The 45 minute piece takes place on top of a boat. A timber stage is laid out on the roof of the boat, and a self-contained 6 meter steel aerial rig is erected.

General Requirements:

Mooring Space:

A mooring alongside the bank for a boat of 13 meters in length, with mooring rings or soft ground for mooring pegs.

4 meters clearance space on the bank side to erect the structure. This can be done at the performance mooring space, or at a mooring spot close by, providing there is 8 meters height clearance between the place where we erect the structure and the performance space (i.e. no low bridges/cables etc.)

Space on the bankside for the audience to stand (audience should be between 30 to 200 people)

Get In:

The get in time is a minimum of 2 hours from arrival on site. This includes an hour for erecting the structure and additional time for a warm up, sound check etc.

Wherever possible, we should be able to moor at or close to the performance space the previous day.

Barriers:

During get-in and get-out, we require the area to be cordoned off with barriers to ensure the safety of the public and the company.

Staffing:

If we have less than 3 hours get in time, we will require 2 x competent crew to assist with the erecting of the structure.

For safety reasons we require a minimum of 1 steward during the get in and get out.

The final amount of stewards necessary to comply with the promoters Safety Plan rests with the promoter.

One steward is required to monitor the set where there is a gap between performances.

Images of performances on the Canal du Midi (France)



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