

UNITY



GORILLA
CIRCUS
PRODUCTION



'An interesting blend of powerful political theatre
and extraordinarily skilled circus'
Total Theatre Magazine

Concept

UNITY is a large scale production that merges immersive theatre, circus and community stories in a powerful but intimate way whilst remaining adaptable and affordable to promoters.

Using cables strung between truss masts spread over a large area, UNITY allows audiences to experience the show up close as hair hanging artists, dance trapeze and high wire walkers travel overhead. The show's soundtrack is an original composition by Peter Buffery, featuring a recording of a poem by a local writer that is commissioned as part of the project.



Concept continued....

In each location a local poet is recruited to work with the community to create a unique piece of text which is mixed into the existing music to create the soundtrack for the show.

The poem and show are divided into 3 sections:

1. Looking at the past, what struggles have communities faced or overcome? Do people feel listened to? What positive or negative outcomes have there been?
2. A call to action, what kind of society do we want to live in? What needs to change and how can we achieve it?
3. Celebrating the positivity of unified communities striving for a common goal, what makes people proud of their area? What is their vision for the future?



Requirements:

Performance space:

- Ideal dimensions are 50m-x30m however the structure can be adapted for smaller spaces and to accommodate buildings or other obstacles.
- The audience are free to move amongst the structure during the performance.
- Ground anchors/stakes will need to be inserted. If this is not possible concrete ballast can be arranged

Infrastructure:

- 1x 14m tele handler for build and break days
- Parking for 1x 18t truck
- 1x FOH gazebo
- 1x warm and dry dressing room/warm up area.
- 1x 63x3 power supply
- 1x time code enabled PA system to suit area and audience size
 - LX rider as specified. Gorilla Circus can also hire and transport this at cost
- Fencing or barriers for performance area

Logistics:

- Accommodation and food for team of 5x artists and 4x technical crew
- Travel expenses for team of 9
- Security and stewarding for performance area



Further Information

Run time: 40 Minutes

Maximum audience size: 5000

UNITY is available to book as a daytime or nighttime performance (lighting costs incurred)

Video Links:

[Promotional video](#)

[News video](#)

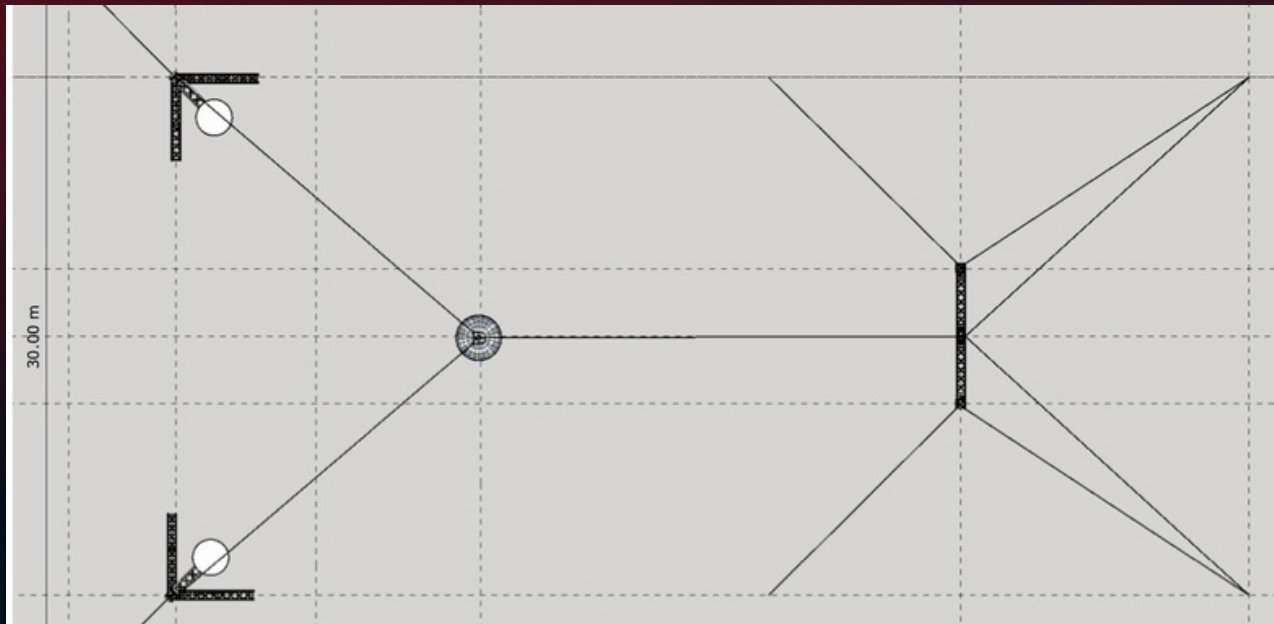
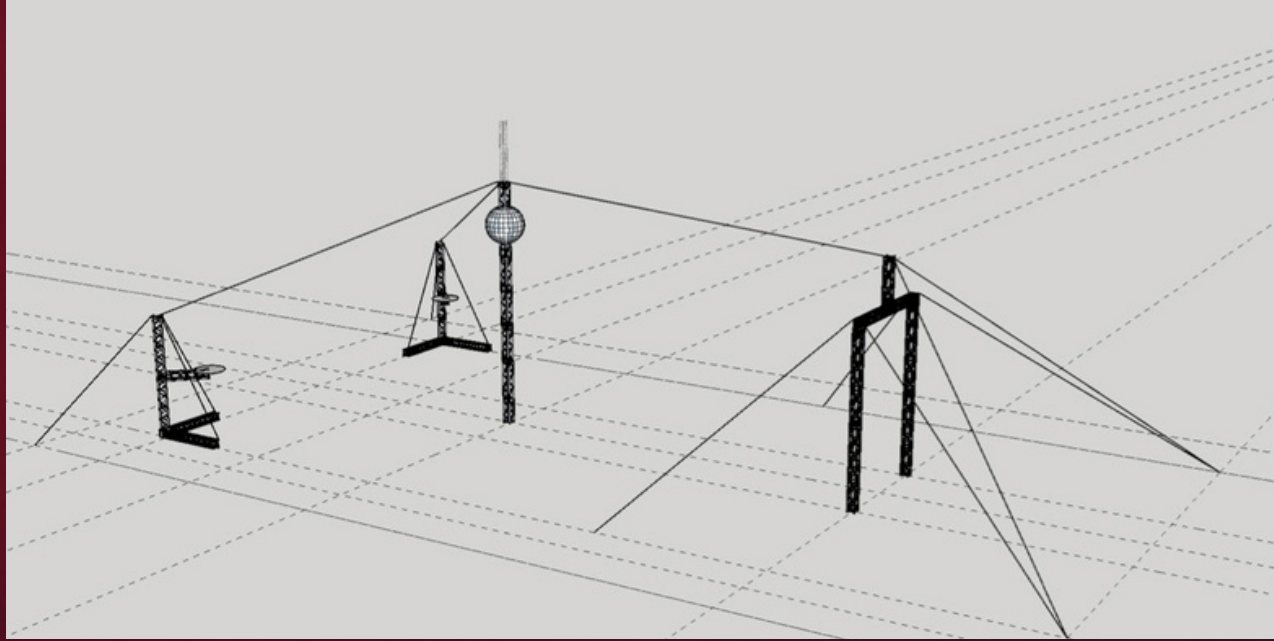
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Example Layout



Previous Shows

2021

- The Out There International Festival of Circus & Outdoor Arts, Great Yarmouth (poetry by Ellis Howard)

2022

- National Eisteddfod of Wales, Tregaron (poetry by Casi Wyn)

2023

- Norfolk and Norwich Festival, Norwich (poetry by Cai Draper)
- Ensemble Festival by Certain Blacks, London (poetry by The Repeat Beat Poet & volunteers)
- Freedom Festival, Hull (poetry by Jay Mitra & volunteers)

2024

- Warrington Arts Festival, Warrington (poetry by Flick Goodman with volunteers from the Care Leavers Association)
- Birmingham Weekender, Bull Ring, Birmingham (poetry by Sipho Eric Ndlovu)

2025

- Salisbury International Arts Festival, Salisbury (poetry by Louise Jordan and volunteers)
- Now Northwich, Cheshire (poetry by Claire Beerjeraz and volunteers)

