



PATCH'S PARADE PUPPETEERS

For Salisbury International Arts Festival 2024, the City Encounters weekend will start with Patch's Parade, where a giant puppet called Patch will parade down Milford Street in Salisbury with a troupe of dancers and musicians all the way into the Market Square, where they will be greeted by a community choir. We will bring our new giant together with Christopher, the traditional Salisbury Giant. Patch and Christopher will meet in the Market Square to celebrate happiness and friendship.

We would love you to join us, Patch and Christopher, on this adventure.

We are looking for volunteer puppet operators to help us bring Patch our giant puppet to life.

You must be aged 18 or over to take part in this group. You don't need any specific experience but will need to be happy working outdoors in all weathers. You must have a very high level of mobility and stamina, and enjoy being part of a team. Full training will be provided by our professional puppeteers from 101 Outdoor Arts Creation Space, Newbury.

You will be working in teams, taking part in the parade, the final performance and then also small performance elements throughout the rest of City Encounters weekend.

Please note, if you sign up to our Puppeteers group you are not able to sign up to other groups (movement, musicians, singers).

If you are interested and would like more information, then please attend our Patch's Parade Discovery Day at Salisbury Playhouse on Saturday 2nd March (doors open at 10:00am). Here you will be given the dates of all rehearsals, for all of which you must be available (5 rehearsal Sessions (dates TBC), plus two full days of performance).

The event takes place on Sunday 26th and Monday 27th May 2024.