

Recondite Spaces presents

Tales of the Tunnels v1.0



6th, 7th, 13th, 14th July
FROME FESTIVAL 2013

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Adjective

(of a subject or knowledge) Little known; abstruse

Synonyms

abstruse – obscure – secret - deep

Recondite Spaces are pleased to present a site-specific promenade performance set in and around the famous Frome tunnels over both weekends of the Frome Festival 2013.

Recondite Spaces was established in 2013, by Bo Bowman-Shaw and Andrew Shackleton, to create inclusive site-specific performances and installations by engaging and collaborating with the local community and artists from all disciplines. Together we devise pieces of work that reflect the nature and history of the sites we use and the individuals involved.

Tales of the Tunnels v1.0 is our first project in Frome. Future projects aim to build on our success, with wider community involvement and more ambitious productions all set within unique spaces.

Reflecting on the Past, Present and Future, **Tales of the Tunnels v1.0** muses on the state of mankind's relationship with the Earth, each other and itself.

Bo Bowman-Shaw

Andrew Shackleton



CAST (in order of appearance)

Raven	Marc Cox
Sheep	Paul Ralston
Queen of the Under River	Beverly Jones
Humanoid	Steven Jenkins
Scorpion	Harriet Penrose
Torchbearers	Sara Coffield
	Lucy Hayward
	Holly Law
	Eddie Young
Musical Director	Shehzad Abbas
Musicians	Shehzad Abbas
	Keith Paddock
	Sally Easter
	Steve Gurr
Scripts	Frome Scriptwriters
Produced & Directed by	Bo Bowman-Shaw
	Andrew Shackleton

COSTUME & DESIGN

Headdresses	Gladys Paulus, Artist Feltmaker. http://www.gladyspaulus.co.uk
Queen's Costume	Aliss Vaas, Sewist, Designer-Maker http://www.artventures.org.uk
Humanoid Costume	Holly Law
Throne Design	Anny Colgan & Bo Bowman-Shaw
Set design/construction	Andrew Schofield
Queen's Boat	Alex Relph http://alexrelph.co.uk

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Frome Canoe Club
<http://www.frome-canoe-club.org.uk>

Frome Tunnels Project
<http://www.frometunnels.co.uk>

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<http://stevebanefabrics.com>

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Earth's Answer

Earth raised up her head
From the darkness dread and drear,
Her light fled,
Stony, dread,
And her locks covered with grey despair.

'Prisoned on watery shore,
Starry jealousy does keep my den
Cold and hoar;
Weeping o're,
I hear the father of the ancient men.

'Selfish father of men!
Cruel, jealous, selfish fear!
Can delight,
Chained in night,
The virgins of youth and morning bear?
'Does spring hide its joy,
When buds and blossoms grow?
Does the sower
Sow by night,
Or the plowman in darkness plough?

'Break this heavy chain,
That does freeze my bones around!
Selfish, vain,
Eternal bane,
That free love with bondage bound.

- William Blake (1794)

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