

Press Release

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Hoxton Select – Rebirth Season

Featuring

The Trial of the Mariner by Lotos Collective

and

'Ave a Banana: A Knees Up Through Time and Space by Underbling and Vow

Date: Wednesday 4 – Saturday 21 May 2011

Tickets: £5 – £12.50

Box Office: 0207 684 0060 / www.hoxtonhall.co.uk/whatson

Hoxton Hall are excited to announce Rebirth, a new season of theatre chosen by the Hoxton Select Youth Panel, beginning in May 2011.

Hoxton Select

Hoxton Select is an Arts Council funded project that puts Young People in control of one of the most dynamic arts venues in London. Over the past five months, the panel of 14-26 year-olds have made regular visits to the theatre and taken part in group discussions and workshops. An open Call for Submissions was made in October 2010, from which a shortlist was created for theatre groups to 'scratch and pitch' their ideas to the panel. After many weeks of deliberation, the Hoxton Select Panel is proud to present two new projects; a Music Hall sing-along looking backwards towards our illustrious past, and a prophetic tale of the oceans, set in the not too distant future.

The Trial of the Mariner

The year is 2111, and a group of desperate sailors embark on a voyage on the Ship of Fools. Lost at sea and mad with cabin fever, they arrive at the Plastic Continent of the Pacific Ocean gyre, where the unhinged Mariner's adventures come to life. Put your plastic where your mouth is and dive into this multi-media event where plastic consumption will take hold. Inspired by Samuel Taylor Coleridge's *Rime of the Ancient Mariner* and Lewis' Carroll's *The Hunting of The Snark*, the show is an interactive event that incorporates elements of dance, large-scale puppetry, circus arts and music that respond to the destruction of our oceans and its effect on climate change. An innovative new production premiering at Hoxton Hall and headlining the Rebirth Season in May 2011.

Performance times: Saturday 7 May, 7:30pm (Opening Night)
Sunday 8 May, 2:00pm (Matinee)
Thursday 12 May, 7:30pm
Friday 13 May, 7:30pm
Saturday 14 May, 7:30pm
Sunday 15 May, 2:00pm (Matinee)
Thursday 19 May, 7:30pm
Friday 20 May, 7:30pm
Saturday 21 May, 7:30pm (Closing Night)

'Ave a Banana: A Knees Up Through Time and Space

Underbling & Vow bring their wonky sing-along to Hoxton Hall. Four Music Hall time travellers, Nanna, Rosie, Beryl and Cyril, take their gin-and-tea-powered time machine along the space-time continuum and along the pop superhighway. What ghosts will Nana find in her gin soaked youthful past? Who will young starlet Rosie become in the future? And will Beryl please hurry up and fix the time machine? From Music Hall to Grime, via some surprising musical twists and turns along the way. Audience participation is a must at this rib-tickling, thigh-slapping, sing-along opening night.

Performance time: Wednesday 4 March, 7:30pm

There will also be an additional Work In Progress showing on **Thursday 5 March, 7:30pm** displaying some of the capital's freshest new talents. Tickets at £7/£5/£3 through usual outlet.

For further information or to arrange interviews please contact Kathie / Jillian on 0207 684 0060 or marketing@hoxtonhall.co.uk

Notes to Editors

1. Hoxton Hall is an original saloon Music Hall dating back to 1863. It now runs a vibrant youth arts and theatre programme, supporting and encouraging local young people and young arts companies to create ground-breaking work. Throughout the year, it hosts an extensive and varied programme of theatre, music and arts. For more information please check www.hoxtonhall.co.uk
2. Hoxton Select is an Arts Council funded pilot initiative to put Young People in control of programming an Arts Venue.
3. Lotos Collective devises and produces events that integrate sites, symbols, and actions into new creative forms. Focusing on interactive performances with an expanded sensory experience, they place the audience as witness, offering spectators the opportunity to explore, activate, and assess the worlds created. For more information please see www.lotoscollective.org
4. Underbling & Vow are Londoners, Performers & Merry Makers. Meeting three years ago in the burgeoning London cabaret scene, they share a love of theatre, comedy and music, and a desire to recreate the singing saloons of London. For more information please see www.underblingandvow.co.uk