

# SWALLOW THE SEA CARAVAN THEATRE

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## INTRO TO COMPANY

Swallow The Sea Caravan Theatre are a Scottish arts collective, co-founded by Jess Raine, Emma Brierley and Jemima Thewes.

From the absurd to the moving, magical, funny and intriguing. Swallow the Sea Caravan Theatre gives an escape from the norm and plunges audiences into a different world. Shadow and tabletop puppetry, object theatre, poetry, installation and live soundscape give a rare opportunity to experience intimate all-immersive theatre in the tiniest of settings with the smallest of audiences. *"Simple yet powerful imaginary world"*, and *"the gem of the Fringe"* (Audience reviews, 2018).

## INTRO TO SHOWS

Throughout the Edinburgh Fringe the collective will be presenting three shows:

LAMP – Physical absurdist object theatre (15MINS)

*"If Beckett & Edward Lear could have a baby - it would look like LAMP!"*

Neave Barker, Al Jazeera. (2018)

UP NORTH – Song, poems and shadow spills for the cardinal compass point (15MINS)

*"Total imagination immersion!"*

Audience review (2018)

JOURNEY – Immersive sound and shadow puppet show (15MINS)

*"Hauntingly beautiful sound and imagery"*

Audience review (2018)

With the support of Puppet Animation Scotland, the caravan will also show 3 new works from other Scottish puppeteers:

**Twa Pirate Lassies** by Fiona Oliver-Larkin – Shadow puppetry, song and storytelling, inspired by the true-life stories of Anne Bonny and Mary Read, women caught up in the lawless, larger than life Caribbean mercantile world of the 17th century

**Shadow Bird** by Mary and David Grieve – Rod and shadow puppetry, immersive light-projections and music, telling a melancholic tale of other-worldly adventures and impossible love, taking inspiration from the Tom Waits song Fish and Bird

**Finger Fatale** by Ella Mackay – A burlesque inspired 'hand-tease', celebrating the fluidity, versatility and down-right sexy movement that a hand can perform. Big bravado with... a small appendage!

## FURTHER NOTES ON OPPORTUNITY

[www.swallowthesea.com/where-and-when](http://www.swallowthesea.com/where-and-when)

instagram: @swallowtheseacaravantheatre

vimeo: teaser for UP NORTH <https://vimeo.com/229932491>

## EDITORS NOTES

The company will be presenting work in their caravan theatre during Edinburgh Festival Fringe in Summerhall's courtyard (1 Summerhall, EH9 1PL) from 2nd Aug > 25th August 2019.

Show Timings As Follows : 11.00 / 11.45 / 12.30 / 13.10 / 13.55 / 15.15 / 15.55 / 16.35 / 17.15

Find out which show is being presented each day here:

[www.swallowthesea.com/where-and-when](http://www.swallowthesea.com/where-and-when)

TICKETS:

<https://festival19.summerhall.co.uk/event/swallow-the-sea-caravan-theatre/>