



HAM FARM FESTIVAL

MANGOTSFIELD

DRACULA IN SPACE BOWJANGLES

Friday 29th July 2022
6pm

Forget everything you think you know about string quartets, Bowjangles is an irreverent, anarchic group of genre spanners, bringing music, theatre and comedy together in a way you've never seen before.

In this new show the intrepid foursome are blasting off into outer space to meet a mysterious benefactor whose proposition seems a little too good to be true. But what happens when their lead violinist starts to act a little strangely?

WARNING : CONTAINS SCENES OF GRAPHIC VIOLINS

Bowjangles came together in 2008, the brainchild of four disillusioned classical musicians-turned-Covent Garden buskers.

Our original idea was to choreograph music with dance moves to create a unique, visually exciting show. We soon added into the mix song, puppetry, comedy and storytelling. In the 14 years we have now been together we have created 6 full length theatre shows, 'Revue' (2008), 'Bowlympics' (2012), 'On The Box' (2013) A ChristMash Carol' (2015), Excalibow (2017) and Dracula in Space (2020).

We have performed across the globe, in places as diverse as Australia, Norway, Spain, Hungary and Barbados, and in the UK at Glastonbury, Green Man and Henley Festivals. We have been house band for the Black Cat Cabaret in London, lectured brain scientists in Budapest on musical multitasking and played for the opening of a bench in Skegness.

Mitch McGugan trained at the Royal Northern College of Music and the Institute of Contemporary Music. As well as being a very busy freelance violinist, recording artist and musical arranger, Mitch is also a professional drummer and a founding member of melodic death metal band 'Karybdis', and performs alongside Bertie as the drummer in the BeauBowBelles.

Ollie Izod trained as an actor at East 15 Acting School and has worked extensively across the UK in large scale theatre productions. Ollie has his own award winning solo show where he performs as his frenetic alter ego 'Baron Fingolfin'. He is also the host of cult classic 'BattleActs' (as heard on BBC radio 1) and plays violin for 'Austentatious'.

Bertie Anderson trained at the Purcell School, Royal College of Music and City University. Bertie is Bowjangles musical director, composing and arranging all of the music for the show and constantly coming up with crazy concepts for sketches and stories. Elsewhere Bertie is the front woman for swing folk band 'The BeauBowBelles' as well as being a very busy freelance violist and singer.

Ezme Gaze trained at the Purcell School and the Royal College of Music. She is the original founder of Bowjangles and manages the group on a day to day basis. Ezme has also performed and recorded with various popular artists including The Cinematic Orchestra, Elbow, beatboxer Beardyman and funk/grime artists Swindle and Kojey Radical.



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