

## 949 Drama: Devising - the Anarchy and Alchemy of Storytelling

**Date: Monday 18 November 2019**

**Venue: Trestle Arts Base, Russet Drive, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL4 0JQ**

**Cost: Online £229 (non IAPS members – additional £100)**

There are thousands of fantastic stories - true and imagined, ancient and contemporary - but how best do we turn them into theatre productions? This workshop will look at taking a story or idea and using theatrical tools to structure, build and present it as a satisfying new piece of performance. We will explore character, scene building, physical languages and presentational techniques that can be used in devising, along with the anarchy of masks, puppets, music, props, songs, dance and clowning. There is an unpredictable element to creating a brilliant devised show that depends upon all the components mixing together and a theatrical alchemy taking place. We can try to solve the mystery by working through the elements that can lead to success, but cannot promise to provide all the answers! Where would be the fun in that? Join us at the Trestle Arts Base in St Albans - the home to Trestle Theatre Company, where they support the development and performance of new, high quality, professional theatre productions and make masks for distribution to educational centres across the world.

**Audience:** Heads of Drama, Drama Teachers, Heads of English, English Teachers, KS2 / KS3 Teachers

**Objectives:** Always fancied Devising, but have no idea where to start? Does the freedom and chaos attract and terrify you in equal measure? Ensemble new writing is always a leap of faith into the unknown, but IAPS and Trestle Theatre Company have teamed up once again to light some pathways through the darkness. Fun and practical classes and workshop exercises will encourage and inspire new and established practitioners to embrace the exhilarating extremes of blue-sky storytelling within your own schools. Are you ready to go over the rainbow? Brains, hearts and courage required. Ruby slippers provided.

**Course Director:** Spencer Hinton, IAPS Drama Subject Adviser

**Speaker:** Emily Gray, Artistic Director, Trestle Theatre Company

### Preliminary Programme

- 1000** Registration and coffee
- 1030** Welcome and Introduction
- 1035** Devising - the Anarchy and Alchemy of Storytelling – *Emily Gray*
- 1230** Lunch
- 1330** Devising - the Anarchy and Alchemy of Storytelling – *Emily Gray*
- 1600** Depart

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## INTRODUCTIONS....

**Emily Gray** became Artistic Director of Trestle in 2004 and has led the Company through major transformations, including the establishment of Trestle Arts Base, creating a physical theatre language beyond mask, introducing half mask resources and directing highly successful TIE programmes with performances and resources. She has developed Trestle's teaching and training provision to include delivering an MA in Drama Education and PGCE training with Middlesex University, as well as expanding Trestle's mask and physical work in Primary and Secondary schools, PRUs and with home educated students. Before coming to Trestle, Emily was Artistic Director of TAG Theatre Company in Glasgow, Associate Director at Unicorn Theatre London and Associate Director at Nottingham Playhouse and Roundabout TIE.

**Spencer Hinton** is the IAPS Drama Subject Adviser. He is the Head of Speech and Drama at Merchant Taylors' Prep School and an ex-professional theatre director. He has staged over eighty productions in the UK and abroad, working for such companies as the Royal Shakespeare Company, the National Theatre, the Almeida Theatre and the Peter Hall Company in the West End. Spencer was the Artistic Director of Brave New World Theatre Company for eleven years as well as running Manitou Children's Theatre in Ontario, Canada. He is a guest lecturer in Primary Drama at Middlesex University.

**Trestle Theatre Company** Trestle is a mask and physical theatre company with a highly regarded arts education programme. As a charity, its mission is to inspire creativity through participation. Trestle has been making innovative and inspirational physical theatre and participation projects since 1981. They are one of the leading providers of school workshops, teacher training and participation programmes in the country. Trestle run mask, half mask, physical theatre and bespoke workshops, projects and residencies nationally and internationally, as well as delivering a unique Masters programme in MA Education (Drama) in partnership with Middlesex University.

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# Trestle Arts Base

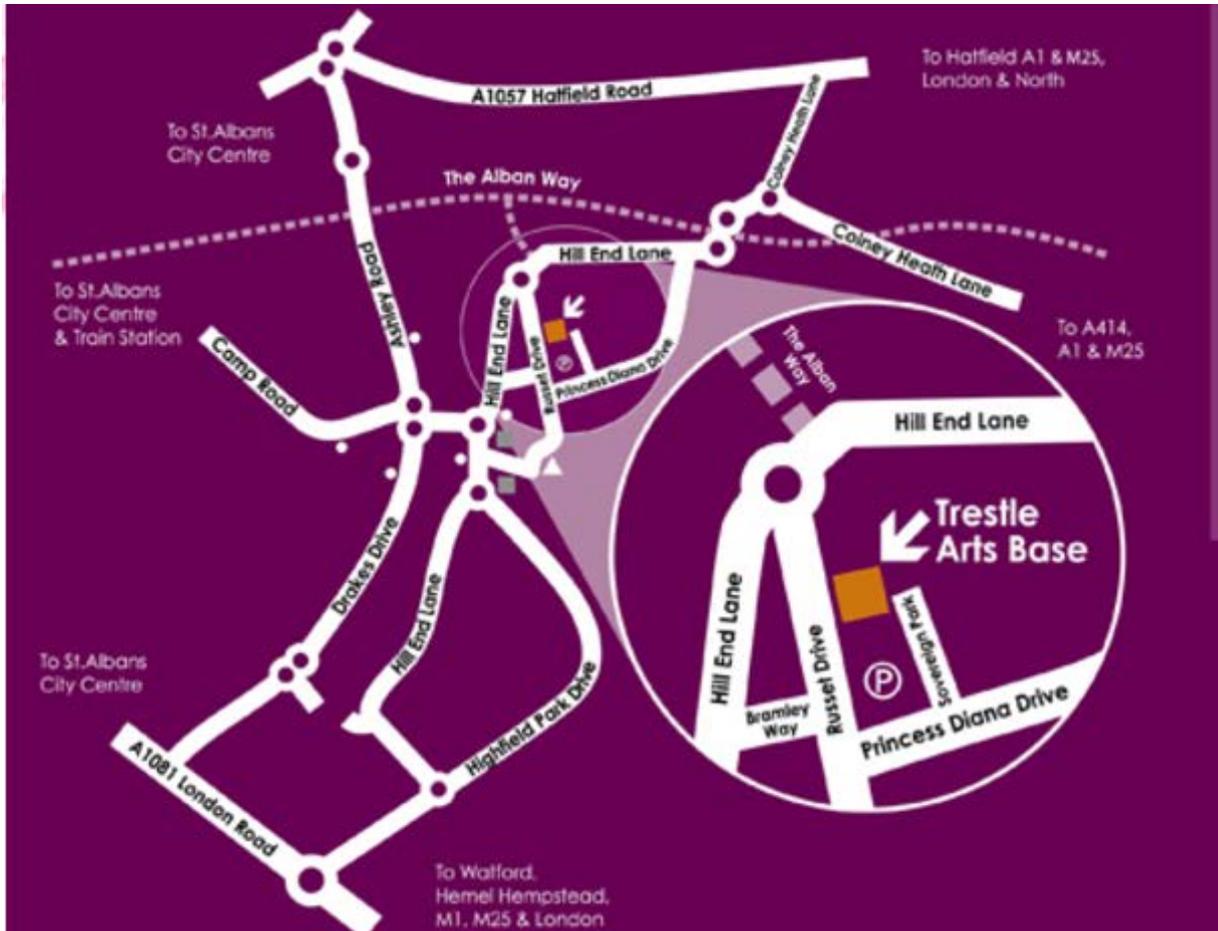
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Trestle Arts Base is situated in a quiet residential area. In order to minimise disturbance to neighbours, when visiting either by car or taxi please use the designated car park for the venue which is located via Sovereign Park off Princess Diana Drive. There is also an overflow car park at The YMCA Gym. Please do not park or alight from vehicles on Russet Drive.

## Directions

**By Car...** Trestle Arts Base is 10 minutes drive from St Albans City Centre, signposted from the A1081 and A1057, and 10 minutes from Junction 22, M25. Free car parking is available directly outside the venue. (If using a Sat Nav please use the following postcode AL4 0FJ).

**By Train...** Trestle Arts Base is two miles from St Albans City Station and can be accessed by taxi, bus or a 25 minute walk.

**By Bus...** Take the S1/S2 Uno university bus service from St Albans City Centre or Stop B at St Albans City Station, alighting at the second stop on Drakes Drive. Alternatively, take the 655 Uno university bus service between Hatfield and Borehamwood, or the S7 Uno university bus service, alighting at Ashley Road or Hill End Lane.

**By Taxi...** (Approximately £6 from St Albans City Station)

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