



SOMEWHERE ON SEA

INFORMATION PACK

TOURING SPRING 2021 ONWARDS

SOMEWHERE ON SEA is a brand new, COVID-safe performance made especially for care homes, inspired by the Great British seaside and all the fun that goes with it! Think deck chairs, beach balls, a stick of rock and pesky seagulls.

It blends a classic vintage and modern-day seaside feel, with performers wearing striped Victorian bathing suits, jelly shoes and beautiful seaside themed headdresses made from shells, chip forks, plastic fish, ice cream cones and glitter. Imagine Carmen Miranda crossed with Blackpool Pier!

[Watch a trailer for Somewhere on Sea by clicking here.](#)

'Somewhere on Sea' brought delight, joy, laughter & total inclusiveness for our residents! The delivery of the show was excellent & engaged residents on all levels, team members too! We danced, sang & smiled all afternoon! The girls interacted with everyone & due to their empathy & communication skills, ensured total inclusiveness.

**Ailean Henry, Activity Coordinator
Burcot Grange Residential Care Home**



'Thank you so much again for an amazing experience at The Sands. I feel totally overwhelmed by the whole experience and the impact it had on the residents.'

Lauren Zawadski, The Sands Care Home

The performance has been specifically produced for **care home settings**, has updated for **2021 to remain safe** and provides:

- A high quality show lasting for an hour, featuring 4 professionally trained performers, packed with favourite songs, captivating dances and specifically sourced costumes and props
- Lots of ways for residents to engage with performers and join in the fun, that target all their senses. For example, a live musician facilitating sing-alongs, playing traditional seaside games, using seaside scents and objects to conjure up a seaside setting and guided social dance opportunities
- Appropriate adaptations for all these activities will be offered, such as seated alternatives for social dancing or modifications to games. Song sheets can also be provided on the day or shared in advance so everyone can join in
- Our performers leave plenty of time within the show to dance and interact with audience members one to one, so that everyone feels included and specific needs can be responded to with sensitivity



COVID-19 –HOW WE’LL KEEP YOU SAFE

SOMEWHERE ON SEA can be adapted at short notice to comply with current Public Health England guidelines around COVID-19. For example:

- We can perform outside in a garden or courtyard whilst your residents watch through an open window, with the use of a speaker and radio mics to ensure everyone can see and hear us clearly, staying outside of the building at all times if necessary.
- We can perform in a socially distanced manner, delivering more performances to smaller groups of residents as needed.
- All interactive elements will be adapted or removed as is required.
- Performers can wear masks for set up and take down.
- Regular hand washing and disinfecting of touched surfaces / equipment will be observed.

We will work with you in the run up to your performance to ensure that every element of our performance is safe, secure and in line with the most current guidelines.

LOGISTICS!

SPACE NEEDED

We can fit anywhere! The work is adaptable to almost any communal space, indoors or outdoors.

SET UP TIME

Ideally we would need 30 minutes to set up in a space before the performance time, but we can work around it if this isn't possible

TAKE DOWN TIME

It only take us 20 minutes to clear away following a performance!

RUNNING TIME

The show lasts around an hour, we're happy to perform twice in a day with a morning and afternoon slot if that would be helpful

PERFORMERS

3 dancers and 1 musician, all professionally trained

RISK ASSESSMENT

Both our generic performance risk assessment and a COVID specific risk assessment can be provided on request and will be always be shared with you at least 2 weeks in advance of the performance date

INSURANCE

The company holds public liability insurance up to £5million

DBS

All company members hold an up to date DBS certificate

COST

We've received funding from Arts Council England to tour this show to care homes, meaning we can offer performances at a heavily subsidised rate.

We're seeking a contribution of **only £50 from each care home**, with us covering all other costs.

Please note there are only a limited number of these subsidised performances available.



WHO ARE WE?

SPILTMILK DANCE have been sticking a big fat ray of sunshine into the performance world since 2006. We make shows that tour across the UK and work in the heart of communities delivering brilliant creative projects with people aged 2-102.

We have extensive experience of working in care home settings and are passionate about providing person centred performance experiences that really make residents feel part of something, and bringing a spark of joy into the homes we visit.

Over the last 5 years have worked in numerous homes across the country, and undertaken a range of training in this area, providing us with a clear understanding of the approach required in this setting.

GET IN TOUCH

To book the show, or if you have any questions at all, don't hesitate to get in touch using any of the following:

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