Underbelly & Briefs Factory Presents

BRAT KIDS CARNIVAL BOOGIES ON DOWN IN LEICESTER SQUARE!





A fantastic cast are lined up to star in **BRAT KIDS CARNIVAL**, as it arrives in London for the first time in November! The acclaimed highoctane children's show, headlines the children's live shows in the magical **Leicester Square Spiegeltent** from **Saturday 10 November – Sunday 30 December 2018**.

BRAT KIDS CARNIVAL is a high-energy super fun variety, burlesque, cabaret show for all the family, from tots to teenagers. Mischief makers Briefs Factory have created a noisy fun show for kids who love spectacle, wild circus skills, flying acrobatics, edgy dancing, pumping music, spectacular aerialists, eye popping party tricks and cheeky clowning antics. A show where the audience gasp and laugh out loud at the world

class ridiculous acts of amazement.

The multi-talented cast of **BRAT KIDS CARNIVAL** includes: **Lisa Fa'alafi** insanely smart and sharp theatre-maker (co-creator/director *Brat Kids Carnival* + *Hot Brown Honey*) hosting is the award-winning cabaret artist, multi-instrumentalist and composer **Vicky Falconer Pritchard** with her joyous musicality and wicked sense of humour; **Mr Monkey** (*Second Coming*, Las Vegas King of Burlesque 2012) escapes from the USA to bring his naughty clowning, magical fire and exciting acrobatics; **Luke Hubbard** (*Briefs: Close Encounters*, ABC3 kids TV *You're Skitting Me*) brings his award winning circus acrobatics, tumbling and hand balance performance; **Crystal Stacey** (*Hot Brown Honey*) shines from up high with her super fun aerial routines and hoops; the role of Marjorie giant puppet alien and Party Panda is played by **Yami "Rowdy" Lofvenberg** (*Hot Brown Honey*); plus world renowned cyr wheel artist **Rowan Thomas** with his comedic and amazingly unique acrobatics on the cyr wheel.

Expect jaw-dropping skills from the cast alongside warmth and excitement for all the brat kids! Put on your party outfit and express yourself with a boogie (on stage!) at the fun and inclusive **BRAT KIDS CARNIVAL**!

The brilliant Australian **Briefs Factory** has created their 45 minute children's show specially to get youngsters excited about circus and getting on stage. **BRAT KIDS CARNIVAL** will play during the day in the stunning **Leicester Square Spiegeltent** and features members of the Briefs Factory Family including: the naughty acrobat *Mr Monkey* all the way from New York, circus supremo *Captain Kidd* from *Briefs: Close Encounters* and the girls from the award-winning *Hot Brown Honey*, ready to raise the roof with circus skills and vocal prowess! A fantastically noisy, fun, silly afternoon for all ages – not *just* for mum and dad – *but* they can come too! So grab a hula hoop and join the carnival!

'It's a rare thing that a children's piece holds its young audience in such high regard... no wishy-washy storytelling: this is as hardcore as you get for children. $\star\star\star\star\star$ - The Irish Times

"Best Kids Shows" Melbourne Comedy Festival 2018 – Herald Sun

The festive season starts in Leicester Square with **BRAT KIDS CARNIVAL** – where all your Christmas wishes come true. **Christmas in Leicester Square** is transformed into a wintery haven and is the destination for all the family's festive fun including: Santa's Grotto, a European-style Christmas market, yummy drinks and food and **BRAT KIDS CARNIVAL**!

PRODUCTION PHOTOGRAPHY FOR BRAT KIDS CARNIVAL: <u>HERE</u> BRAT KIDS CARNIVAL TRAILER: HERE

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In the stunning

LEICESTER SQUARE SPIEGELTENT

Plus

Santa's Grotto, Christmas market, food and drinks all at CHRISTMAS IN LEICESTER SQUARE (09/11/18-06/01/19)

Venue: **Leicester Square Spiegeltent**, Leicester Square Gardens, Leicester Square, WC2H 7NA

Leicester Square site open: 09/11/18-06/01/19.

Monday - Friday 12pm - 10pm, Saturday - Sunday 10am - 10pm

For full programme information on BRAT KIDS CARNIVAL and all shows + Santa's Grotto, European-Style Christmas market, drinks and foods:

Box Office: www.christmasinleicestersquare.com

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BRAT KIDS CARNIVAL – high-energy super fun variety show for all the family

Dates: Saturday 10 November 2018 – Sunday 30 December

Times: Saturday: 11am and 1pm Sunday: 1pm and 3pm

Wednesday – Friday from 12 December: 3pm

Running Time: 45 mins – no interval

Age: Tots to teenagers – recommended 4+

Ticket Prices:

Saturday and Sunday – Stalls £15.50/ Family Price £13.75 (per ticket. 4 tickets required)

Wednesday – Friday – Stalls £11.50/ Family Price £10.25 (per ticket. 4 tickets required)

Press Days: Saturday 17 November at 11am and 1pm + Sunday 18 November at 1pm

For further information, interviews, reviews tickets please contact Deborah Goodman at DGPR: +0044 (0)208 959 9980 publicity@dgpr.co.uk

Notes To Editors:

Underbelly is a UK based live entertainment company, its festivals and events division produces a number of events annually, including Underbelly at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Underbelly Festival on London's Southbank, Udderbelly Festival Hong Kong, Edinburgh's Christmas and Edinburgh's Hogmanay on behalf of the City of Edinburgh Council, Christmas in Leicester Square and, West End Live in Trafalgar Square on behalf of the Society of London Theatre and Westminster City Council.

2017 marked their fifth year producing Edinburgh's Christmas for the City of Edinburgh Council, and their first year producing Edinburgh's Hogmanay (also for the City of Edinburgh Council), one of the world's leading New Year Festivals lasting three days in Scotland's stunning capital city and drawing an estimated 150,000 people from Scotland and around the world. Through its Underbelly Productions arm, it produces and promotes live theatre in London's West End, throughout the UK and on tour internationally. Focusing on revivals of plays and musicals as well as commissions, their credits to date include, the Olivier Award nominated revival of Clarke Peters' Five Guys Named Moe in association with Cameron Mackintosh and directed by Clarke Peters' himself, performed in a specially constructed theatre at Marble Arch. In 2017, Underbelly sold 1.3 million tickets to its festival events and shows. www.underbelly.co.uk

Briefs Factory is an Australian creative collective who manufacture, cultivate and present evocative, irreverent, physical performance. Best known for their flagship project Briefs, the company's work also includes Hot Brown Honey, Club Briefs, Brat Kids Carnival and now Slumber Party. Inspired by circus, drag, dance, burlesque, music, comedy and the ever- changing world around them, Briefs Factory are dedicated to developing and touring their brand of award winning, genre defying, political party punk around the world. **Brat Kids Carnival** is directed by Lisa Fa'alfi (co-creator and director of *Hot Brown Honey*).

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