

Collective Endeavour

By Tangled Feet

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More than 300 performers set to take over Leeds city centre in Tangled Feet's new theatrical spectacular to mark Rugby World Cup's arrival in Leeds

On the eve of the first Rugby World Cup match in Leeds, Millennium Square in the city centre will be transformed into an open air theatre space by critically acclaimed outdoor theatre company, Tangled Feet, as hundreds of performers and giant moving structures combine to explore the power of community, heroic leadership and rugby's traditions of justice and fair play.



Bringing to life the adage of 'strength in numbers' the new production features 300 professional and amateur dancers as well as local volunteers from across the city – each representing one of the 300 players who make up the international teams competing in this year's Rugby World Cup. The performers will work together in a specially choreographed show which celebrates the physicality, spirit and collective endeavour that is being part of a rugby team. Using the strict rules of play that govern the game as inspiration, teams of performers will weave through the audience to deliver a gripping and

powerful piece of visual theatre.

'Collective Endeavour', is being delivered by Dep Arts in partnership with Leeds City Council, is part of TRY; the official cultural celebration for the Rugby World Cup 2015 in Leeds.

Nathan Curry, Co-Artistic Director of Tangled Feet, commented: "Collective Endeavour will be an epic celebration of the power of community; of strength in numbers and of the idea that great things can be done when working as a team. Echoing these sporting themes, the show places community at its heart as volunteer performers will help create a giant structure in front of the audience's eyes. We are telling a story of community spirit. Collective Endeavour is the birth of something; the starting whistle for the beginning of an incredible, tournament and a fitting drama to match that of the rugby arena, staged in the heart of the city centre."

David Edmunds from Dep Arts comments: "The London 2012 opening ceremony demonstrated how the arts can be harnessed to create a dazzling visual, celebratory event which helped create buzz and anticipation on the eve of a momentous sporting occasion. Collective Endeavour is our 'opening ceremony' - and it is fantastic that we're able to bring a company of the calibre of Tangled Feet – who are renowned for their original and ambitious physical theatre shows - to the city for a free event which we hope will be enjoyed by all the family."

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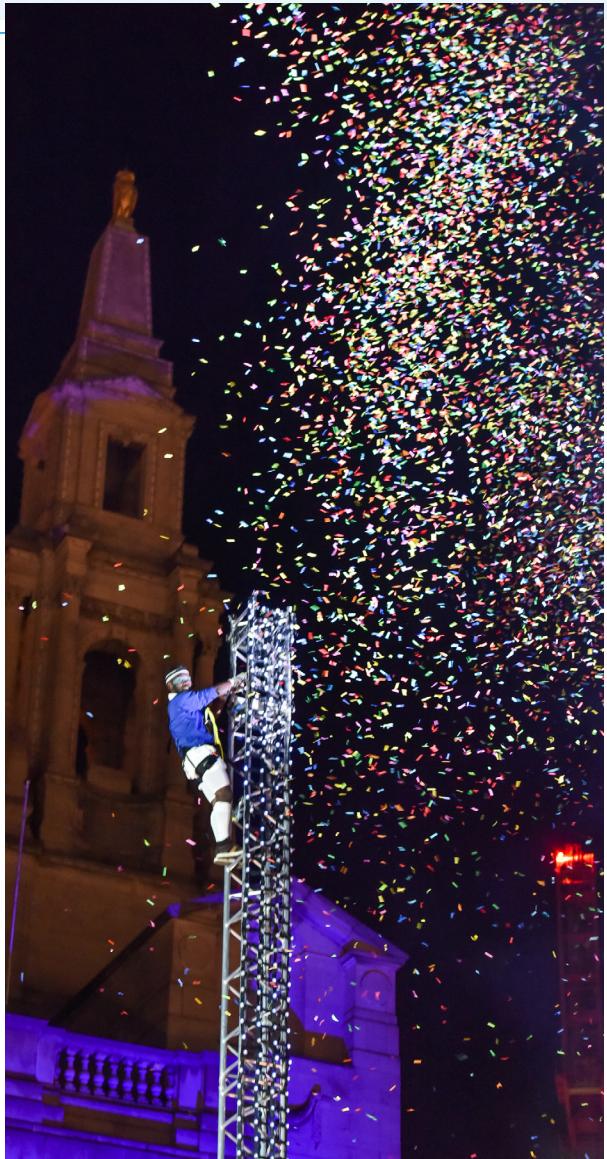
a physical theatre ensemble dedicated to devising original, accessible and innovative work. Since 2003, its productions have been pushing the boundaries of theatrical practice, exploring and exploiting the live encounter between audience and performer, and rethinking where and how performance happens.

The company makes transformative theatre in public places, found spaces and theatre buildings. It has a reputation for creating work explicitly conceived for public spaces that involve and interact with the public, including; shopping centres, parks, nightclubs, school playing fields, disused buildings and high streets.

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