



QUAYS CULTURE PRESENTS

MYSTERY BIRD





Mystery Bird was born in the wake of strict social distancing measures and the cancellation of our beloved live events. Many of us experienced a renewed interest in our natural surroundings during lockdown 2020 - discerning birdsong again at a time when the world was quietly held at a temporary standstill. Birds are symbolic of hope and our desire for freedom and engagement with nature is widely recognised as inherently positive for humans - making us feel alive and connected to our fragile eco-system.

WATCH OUR VIDEO

**“THIS WORK CELEBRATES ALL BIRDS,
BIG AND SMALL; BIRDS WITH PERSONALITIES,
DISPLAYERS, THE GANGSTER BIRDS AS
I CALL THEM - THE SPARROWS; BIRDS THAT
WE AREN'T FAMILIAR WITH.”**

JASON SINGH, SOUND ARTIST

Mystery Bird consists of an illuminated bird cage, a magical sound scape, and projection that will escape, cover the surrounding buildings and thrill an audience of all ages, abilities and accessibility. It fits onto a flatbed truck, runs an 8 minute loop and requires projection surfaces on both sides of the vehicle.

Mystery Bird is a collaboration of five artists: extraordinary paper artist **Helen Musselwhite**, incredible vocal beat-box artist **Jason Singh**, the brilliant projection team **Illuminos**, excellent local designers and fabricators **M3 Industries** and our digital AR expert **Jack Hardiker** who have combined techniques to create this modern-day carnival float - a truly, special unexpected experience.



**“IT IS THE STORY OF US ALL AT PRESENT;
A FEELING OF BEING TRAPPED, UNSURE,
NOT ABLE TO BE FREE - THAT IS THE
MYSTERY BIRD STORY.”**

HELEN MUSSELWHITE, PAPER CUT ARTIST

HIRE FEE

We aim to create **bespoke packages** to fit with your needs. Rate is from **£8,500** and includes artwork hire, technician and project management consultation. In addition you will need to supply projectors, generators, PA, travel, accommodation, delivery and collection costs and insurance.

TECHNICAL RIDER

FOOTPRINT:

- Fits onto a flatbed truck 5.79m long and 2m wide
- The birdcage is 3.1m height and 1.75m wide.
- The total height (including van) is 4.1m height.
- If you are presenting a traveling version you will need to hire a flatbed truck and driver.

SITE:

- Mystery Bird travels along the streets but can also be static.
- For the traveling version it needs 4.1m height clearance. 3.5m for the static.
- It can travel slowly over speed bumps and cobbles.
- Projection surfaces are needed both sides.

POWER:

- 3 VOLTstacks (eco generators) are required to run the travelling piece – the hire cost is included in the price. Static presentations could be different.
- You will need to provide 13amp sockets to charge them up overnight/after presentations have finished for the day.
- If doing static version 32 amp is required.

PROJECTION / SOUND:

- You will need to supply the projectors and PA spec supplied and worked out for each location.

INSTALL / DE-RIG:

- 2 days to install with first performance on the evening of second day.
- Large workshop space to install with a minimum ceiling height of 5m and a door way height 4.3m.
- We will provide a projection artist to supervise install and the first performance.
- Technician provided throughout.
- Storage will be required for 5 x flight cases and 1 x pallet.

SECURITY:

- Stewards and Security are required, exact arrangements will depend on presentation format.
- Secure lock up required for the artwork overnight.

TECHNICAL RIDER (CONTINUED)

HOSPITALITY:

- Accommodation & per diems required for all crew for the duration of the event.
- Projection artists require accommodation for install and first night, technician throughout.

TRANSPORTATION:

- Luton or flatbed type vehicle is required – height is required for the birdcage

EQUIPMENT TO TRANSPORT:

- 1 x top of bird cage
- 1 x base of bird cage - base width 1650mm
- 8 x window frames
- 1 x 18mm, 8x4 Ply Sheet
- 8 x wooden boxes
- 1 x small box of consumables

VIDEO:

- A full-length version of Mystery Bird film available <https://vimeo.com/505777641>
Password: mb21

COLLECTION FROM

Shorebury Point
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OPEN IN MAPS





QUAYS CULTURE

Quays Culture is the artistic team behind the large-scale art events at Salford Quays and MediaCityUK. Our artistic programme **immerses audiences** into new and exciting public realm exhibitions that are inspired by its surroundings, with a focus on technology, creativity and digital innovation.

We present a **free public programme** and from our commissioning we have established a number of touring artworks. Quays Culture's work ranges from the intimate to the monumental, inspiring audiences to engage with the location in new and exciting ways.

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