**CastAway - Access Pre-Show Audio Transcript**

# Synopsis

Drowning under a crushing mass of plastic, the Keeper of the Waterways awakens and rises up. It’s time for change.

Highly Sprung’s CastAway is a stunning outdoor performance that explores the impact of today’s throwaway society on our waterways. Featuring a unique gyroscopic flying machine, it presents a brand new approach to aerial theatre. The all-female cast immerses audiences in an underwater world where performers dive, twist and float over 26 feet in the air to delight, inspire and captivate audiences of all ages.

**Information about the Performance**

This is a 30 minute performance performed within a 13metre diameter circle, created by blue rope. Within this circle sits the gyroscopic flying machine, operated by one rig operator, and with one performer who remains attached to the rig for the whole performance. There are also 2 female dancers who perform in the space, with a shopping trolley of trash.

**Transcripts**

All spoken word is embedded into the audio tracks. No live speech.

***This audio plays as audience are assembling, before the start of the performance***

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