

Urban Astronaut:

An outdoor physical theatre performance by Highly Sprung Performance Company



What to Expect



Urban Astronaut is a free outdoor performance with physical theatre and a flying machine.

It is suitable for all ages including children.

You do not need to book.



Urban Astronaut is in two parts.

You can walk with the flying machine or stand and watch at the end performance area.



Urban Astronaut is an outdoor performance at a festival.

The festival may be busy and noisy.

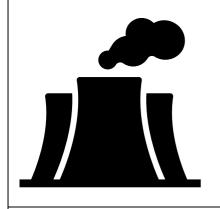
There will be event staff around the site to keep things safe.



You can join the performance at any point and leave at any time.

You can move around.

You do not need to be quiet.



THEME - The performance is about air pollution.

It is an imagined future where the Earth is too polluted for people to live in without masks.

This may seem scary.

30 Minute show



There are 2 parts to the Urban Astronaut.

The 2 parts start in 2 different places at the same time.

The whole performance lasts 30 minutes.



The 2 parts start at the same time.

You can choose which part you would like to follow.

The 2 parts come together halfway through the performance.

The Performance

The Astronaut's Part



There is a performer dressed like an Astronaut.

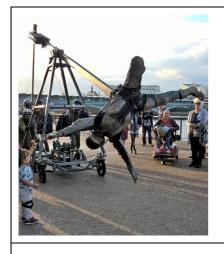
The Astronaut's part uses a flying machine.



This part is a promenade which you can follow to the final performance area.



The flying machine is pushed by 3 performers in boiler suits and face masks.



The flying machine means the Astronaut can fly up and down and spin round.

He will sometimes reach out to people in the audience.

You don't have to touch him if you don't want to.



You can hear the astronaut talking over music. This is an imagined future for the year 3033.

In this imagined future people struggle to breathe on Earth because of pollution.

Hope's Part



Hope's part starts at the final performance area.

There is a big yellow hose pipe to make a circle.

You need to stand or sit outside the circle so there is room for the performers.



In the circle is a climbing frame with a female performer.

There are also plants in bottles and piles of earth.

	The female performer is playing a character called Hope. She is wearing a face mask and overalls.
D)))	Over the music you can hear news reports talking about air pollution on earth. These news reports are real about pollution on Earth now.
D)))	You will then hear the voice of Hope talking over music. This is an imagined future for the year 3033.
	In this imagined future anyone who had lots of money left the Earth in rockets to get away from the pollution.



Hope is looking after plants, trying to make the air cleaner.

The Astronaut's part and Hope's part come together



Halfway through the performance the Astronaut's performance joins up with Hope's performance.



The people that push the flying machine will come into the circle and make a mess.

They are trying to scare Hope.



The Astronaut will fly into the circle and dance with Hope.

He is scared of her at first as she is breathing without a mask.



Hope then takes off the Astronaut's helmet.

He realises that he can breathe in the air.



Hope shows the Astronaut her plants have helped to clean the air.



Hope and the Astronaut dance together joyfully.



The music will stop and the audience will clap.

You can clap too if you would like.

The performers will take a bow. The man playing the Astronaut might now talk to the audience.
This is the end of the performance. You can talk to the performers now if you would like to.