

MEDIA RELEASE

HANDMADE WEEKEND

28 February – 1 March 2015, London



Tim Spooner, The Assembly of Animals. Photo by Paul Blackmore for Mayfest Bristol.

Explore surreal imaginary worlds that intrigue and surprise.

Glimpse into the inner workings of a surreal laboratory in Tim Spooner's *The Assembly of Animals*. Tim delicately combines scientific demonstration and puppetry to create a magical performed sculpture.

Create dances with boxes and become human dominoes in Belgian choreographer Tuur Marinuus' movement workshop *3ON3*.

Journey through a huge cardboard forest creating fairytales, encountering such places as Rapunzel's Tower and the Lost Mountain in a life-size board game *Trails Tales*, created by renowned Spanish designers *Milimbo*.

Artsadmin has joined forces with Discover Children's Story Centre in Stratford, London, to present *Handmade Weekend*. It's a special weekend of performance, dance workshops and games for young audiences, commissioned by *Bamboo*, a consortium of arts organisations from across Europe.

"Discover is all about encouraging new ways of engaging children in creative play and it is our pleasure to partner with Artsadmin to offer our audiences a weekend of exciting international artists presenting innovative performances and games for families."

Sally Goldsworthy, Joint Chief Executive, Discover

"Young artists from Spain, Belgium and the UK have let their imaginations run wild and all are invited to join them, to play, dance or watch."

Nicky Childs, Senior Artists' Producer, Artsadmin

PRESS ENQUIRIES

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LISTINGS INFORMATION

VENUE AND CONTACT DETAILS

Discover Children's Story Centre
383-387 High Street
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London
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Bookings: 020 8536 5555, Monday – Friday, 10am – 5pm or online www.discover.org.uk

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Entrance fee to Discover is £5 which includes access to all permanent exhibitions and the events as part of *Handmade Weekend*. It is highly recommended, however, to book in advance for *The Assembly of Animals* performance and 3ON3 dance workshop via the contact details above.

Trails Tales

28 February – 1 March, 11am-5pm (4+ yrs, accompanied by an adult)

The Assembly of Animals, Tim Spooner

28 February, 11.30am, 1pm, 2.30pm, 4pm (3+ yrs)

3ON3, Tuur Marinuus

1 March, 1pm, 3pm (8-12 yrs, you will be able to leave your child at the workshop but you will need to remain in the building whilst it takes place)

NOTES TO EDITORS

Artsadmin is a unique producing and presenting organisation for contemporary artists working in theatre, dance, live art, visual arts and mixed media. At its Toynbee Studios home Artsadmin has established a centre for the creation, development and presentation of new work and a space for artists and audiences to experiment. The organisation offers an extensive education and artist development programme, including a free advisory service and bursary scheme. artsadmin.co.uk

Discover Children's Story Centre is the UK's first hands-on creative centre for children and families and the only story centre in London. Discover provides colourful indoor and outdoor spaces where children and their carers can create stories through play. Regular areas include a *Story Trail*, of interactive exhibitions featuring a sparkly river and puppet theatre and *Story Garden* with a pirate ship and spacecraft. The *Story Studio* hosts a changing programme of events and exhibitions, from storytelling by famous children's authors to arts and crafts activities. Discover works with over 100,000 visitors a year. 'Time Out' voted Discover one of London's top five kids' days out in 2007. Discover has won a silver award for Visit London Awards 2008 – Best Celebration of Cultural Diversity. Visitors to the *Handmade Weekend* at Discover can also explore Discover's *Story Trail*, *Story Garden* and interactive family exhibition, *Once There Was... The Wonderful World of Oliver Jeffers*. discover.org.uk

The Handmade Weekend has been commissioned by **Bamboo**. The Bamboo network aims to nurture innovative work by emerging artist for children and their families, supported by European Union's Culture. The consortium is made up of Associazione Med (Milan), Dis-patch (Belgrade), Cyclo Association (Lyon), Artsadmin (London), STUK (Leuven) and Centre Chorégraphique National (Rillieux-la-Pape). bamboonetwork.eu