

# Performers needed for HANDBAG

An exciting opportunity for anybody that likes to dance or just move - no previous performing experience required.



**HANDBAG,**  
A celebratory performance involving wonderful music, dancing and handbags.

*“In an outside space, caretakers sweep away the remnants of a previous event. A woman enters and puts down her handbag. A beat begins and the sound of a classic dance track fills the air...”*

Handbag DagFest Dagenham

## The Opportunity

**Geraldine Pilgrim Performance Company** is looking for male and female performers\* to take part in **Handbag**, a performance for the Big Feast 2021 in **Bethesda Gardens Hanley on Saturday 28 August 2021**.

The performance lasts 12 minutes and will be performed 7 times over the course of the afternoon.

Please note that Male performers don't dance during the performance.

\*All are welcome female, male and non-binary

## Details

To take part you **must** be able to attend **Rehearsals and Performances**.

### Rehearsals:

- **Saturday 21 August from 1.30pm - 5.00pm** at Victoria Hall/Bethesda Gardens
- **Friday 27 August from 6.00pm – 9.00pm** Rehearsal 2 at Victoria Hall/Bethesda Gardens

### Performance Day:

- **Saturday 28 August** from 9.30am (full dress rehearsal)
- **Performances: 3pm, 3.30pm, 4pm, 4.30, 5pm, 5.30pm, 6pm**

A **Handbag talk** will take place on **Sunday 1 August 1.30-2.30pm** at **New Vic Theatre** and we'd encourage all participants to attend. This is your chance to meet Geraldine and find out more about the project.

Please note that all performers should be over the age of 16 and while it is not necessary to have any previous dance experience you will need to be able to follow instruction and take direction independently. If you have any access needs do get in touch and we can chat about how we may be able to accommodate you.

## How to get involved

If you would like to participate or find out more, please email [askus@appetitestoke.co.uk](mailto:askus@appetitestoke.co.uk) who will put you in touch with Geraldine Pilgrim direct. Further details can also be found on our website [here](#)

## What previous participants say about HANDBAG

*"It was fun and so uplifting. It's the nearest I've felt to being my old self in ages. Me feet were a bit worse for wear, but the adrenaline was fantastic"*

Participant and cancer survivor Shoreditch Town Hall

*"It was lovely participating in Handbag and thank you for this opportunity. Meeting all the wonderful people that were part of it was the highlight of the experience for me. Handbag is a beautiful idea, and its simplicity makes it a brilliant piece. Congratulations "*

Participant Open East Festival

Handbag was originally commissioned by Battersea Arts Centre