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# PETRICHOR

DISCOVER: FOR SCHOOLS & COLLEGES



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# ABOUT

## AN IMMERSIVE THEATRICAL EXPERIENCE FILMED FOR 360° VIRTUAL REALITY.

ThickSkin is offering an exciting bundle of learning resources for a new digital play, titled **PETRICHOR**. The production will be made available to schools and colleges online and can be viewed on smart-devices or laptops, with or without VR headsets. We are also offering an immersive VR experience, touring into schools and colleges. Booking is available now for November 2020 onwards.

**PETRICHOR** is a story set in a parallel universe, exploring escape and connection. It features two performers, an original soundtrack and projected animation. The story is told through movement, animation and film with very little spoken word, and is approximately 30 minutes long.

This is the first in a series of **MATCHBOX** plays by ThickSkin – presenting high quality digital theatre for young people.

[CLICK TO VIEW MATCHBOX ON YOUTUBE](#)



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# THE OFFER

## DISCOVER PETRICHOR FOR SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

This package has been designed to support learning and access for age 13+, with curriculum links for GCSE and A Level.

### DISCOVER BUNDLE (£200 + VAT)

PETRICHOR VR film, accessed online for 6 months

A behind-the-scenes documentary, including interviews with the creative team and insight into the creation process

Additional teaching resources, including creative task videos led by ThickSkin's Artistic Director

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

On-site VR experience in schools/colleges (£500 + VAT)

Live Zoom Q&As with members of the company (£50 + VAT)



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# GENERAL INFO

## ONLINE

PETRICHOR is available to schools and colleges for teachers and students to watch online from 2 November 2020. After booking via ThickSkin, we will send you a weblink to watch the show online. The link will remain live for six months. Teachers can share the link with students and watch the work in classrooms or from home, on a laptop or smart device, with or without a VR headset.

## AT YOUR SCHOOL/COLLEGE

ThickSkin will visit your school to deliver an immersive 360° virtual reality experience. We provide VR headsets for up to 20 students to take part at anytime. Each experience lasts for approximately 45 minutes, allowing multiple groups to get involved throughout the day. Between each session we clean every headset using a Clean Box - a medical grade cleaning device that kills 99% of bacteria in 90 seconds allowing for quick and safe turn around. If required, the event can be set up as a socially-distanced experience, taking place anywhere on your site (hall, gym, classroom etc).

PETRICHOR is a digital theatre experience for young people aged 13+.

The aesthetic of the show is inspired by video games and designed to appeal to young people.

## WHO ARE THE CREATIVE TEAM BEHIND THIS SHOW?

PETRICHOR - conceived & created by  
Jonnie Riordan, Jess Williams & Ben Walden

Directors & Choreo - Jonnie Riordan & Jess Williams

Animator - Ben Walden

Composer - Neil Bettles

VR Film Maker - Jim Dawson for Tripledot Makers

Photography - Ray Chan

## ABOUT THE SHOW

Welcome to PETRICHOR.  
Thousands applied and you have been selected.  
This is a new beginning, a clean slate, a second chance.  
You are an important part of this machine,  
And that's all you need to think about.

Step into a new world.  
A world where every single day, is exactly the same.

Petrichor is a dystopian reality, where every moment is muted, managed and monochrome.

Nothing bad ever happens. Nothing good does either.  
Your excitement and happiness have been traded for a world without pain and suffering.

A chance meeting brings two unlikely individuals together and offers a small glimpse of what life could be. Their newfound connection sends ripples through this ordered world. They begin to question every decision, every step and every thought they've ever had.

Could there be something more than this?

Petrichor is a brand new, one-of-a-kind immersive VR experience. Combining live-action theatre and animation, Petrichor explores the hopes and fears of our current and future existence.

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## MORE ABOUT THICKSKIN

ThickSkin is an award-winning touring theatre company with international acclaim. We create bold and ambitious theatre; reaching and inspiring young, new and representative audiences across the world through our distinctive physicality and cinematic style. We nurture talent across all areas of theatre-making, providing a springboard for artists who are ready to take a leap.

## A NEW WAVE OF ARTISTS AND AUDIENCES INSPIRED BY EPIC THEATRE EXPERIENCES

MATCHBOX is an innovative new programme by ThickSkin, using digital theatre to spark enthusiasm for the arts. MATCHBOX projects are curated and produced by ThickSkin to celebrate experimentation and work by early career artists.

ThickSkin was founded by Laura Mallows and Neil Bettles in 2010 after working together at renowned physical theatre company, Frantic Assembly. Independently they have worked for numerous high profile companies, including the National Theatre, National Theatre of Scotland, Sonia Friedman Productions, Hofesh Shechter, Clean Break and more.

## WHAT THE CRITICS SAY

*'truly stunning'* ★★★★★ The Scotsman on How Not To Drown

*'all the ingredients to inspire a new generation in theatre'* The Good Review

*'technically daring and breathlessly orchestrated'* ★★★★★ Metro on The Static

*'Captivating, emotional and brilliant'* ★★★★★ ThreeWeeks on Blackout

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# BOOK

**FOR MORE INFO AND TO  
BOOK ANY OF OUR  
PETRICHOR ACTIVITIES,  
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## REASONS TO BOOK

- Introduce your students to a pioneering style of theatre
- Bring a high quality production by world-renowned artists into your classroom
- Access the work online and at home for six months, allowing your students to really get to know the production
- Utilise accompanying resources to deep dive into the creative process, including unique insights into creating work during a pandemic!
- Offer students a safe and socially distanced experience online or at your school/college
- Take advantage of the flexible format to suit your requirements and budgets
- Support your local theatre - funds for the Discover Bundle will be shared with our theatre partners.

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