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## Lasoo the Moon with Luna

**For as long as we have turned our eyes to the sky we have been entranced by the moon.**

Now you can take one giant leap towards this mysterious lump of dead grey rock, with Roustabout's debut show ***Luna: a play about the Moon***, directed by Toby Hulse.

Touring to UK theatres, schools and community spaces this Spring, ***Luna*** is set to take audiences on a joyous adventure through humanity's fascination with our closest cosmic companion. Next stop is **The Wardrobe Theatre, Bristol** on **Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd February, 2020.**

*"Luna is a brilliantly fun show for kids and their families featuring lots of great sketches, songs and silly shenanigans but also a few really magical moments. We're thrilled to have it back at The Wardrobe Theatre for this February half term"* Matthew Whittle, co-Director of The Wardrobe Theatre.

This hilarious and heartwarming show, aimed at everyone aged five and over, explores our earliest attempts to explain the moon's ever-changing presence, to the extraordinary achievements that culminated in Neil Armstrong's one small step. Hilarious and informative in equal measure, ***Luna*** is the perfect way to celebrate one of humanity's most important achievements.

*"There's science, history, myths and urban legends,"* jokes **Shaelee Rooke**, one of the two performers, *"but also lots of glorious nonsense. I play roles ranging from Valentina Tereshkova, the first woman in space, to a werewolf, to the Moon itself. That's a lot of quick changes! But, as JFK said, we choose to go to the Moon not because it is easy, but because it is hard!"*

*"It's a rich theatrical feast celebrating all things lunar."* adds director **Toby Hulse**, *"As well as the many characters we meet, there is live music, puppetry, storytelling and poetry. **Luna** will definitely keep audiences on their toes!"*

Supported by Arts Council England, Roustabout will be touring ***Luna*** to schools and theatres across the UK until April. The countdown for tickets has begun and you can find them on Roustabout's website [roustabouttheatre.co.uk](http://roustabouttheatre.co.uk)

**ENDS.**

**For further information, interviews or images please contact Jess Hellens on [jess@jdhcommunications.uk](mailto:jess@jdhcommunications.uk) or 07766135221**

## **Notes to Editor**

### **LUNA: a play about the Moon**

Created by Roustabout Theatre, written and directed by Toby Hulse.

#### **The Wardrobe Theatre**

Friday 21st February 2pm & 4:30pm

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd February 11am & 2:00pm

The Old Market Assembly, 25 West Street, Old Market, Bristol, BS2 0DF

<http://thewardrobetheatre.com/livetheatre/luna/>

#### **Tour dates:**

#### **Pickled Peppers**

Saturday 18 January 3pm

10 Middle Lane, Crouch End, London, N8 8PL

<https://www.pickledpepperbooks.co.uk/luna>

#### **The Old Rep, Birmingham**

Saturday 8th February 1:30pm

45 Station St, Birmingham B5 4DY

<https://bit.ly/380jhZE>

#### **The Word, National Centre for the Written Word**

Saturday February 15th 11am & 1pm

The Word, 45 Market Place, South Shields, NE33 1JF

<https://theworduk.org/whats-on/luna-a-play-about-the-moon/>

#### **The Egg Theatre**

Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th February 11:30am & 3pm

36 Monmouth St, Bath BA1 2AN

<https://www.theatreroyal.org.uk/event/luna-a-play-about-the-moon/>

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#### **VAULT Festival**

Saturday 29th February 3:00pm

Sunday 1st March 4:30pm

Studio, The Vaults, Leake Street

<https://vaultfestival.com/whats-on/luna-a-play-about-the-moon/>

#### **The Poly, Falmouth**

Saturday 21st March 2pm

The Poly, 24 Church Street, Falmouth, TR11 3EG

<https://thepoly.org/whats-on/event/1544/luna-a-play-about-the-moon>

**Grampound Village Hall,**

Sunday 22nd March 2pm

Grampound, Truro TR2 4RT

<http://www.grampoundvillagehall.org.uk/showsandfilms.html>

**Burton Taylor Studio, Oxford**

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th April 11am & 2pm

Gloucester St, Oxford OX1 2BN

(link to come)

**About Roustabout**

Roustabout is a Bristol-based family theatre company. Writer/director Toby Hulse has worked with Bristol Old Vic, The Old Rep, Pickled Image, Tobacco Factory Theatres, Travelling Light, the egg and the Unicorn Theatre. Toby is an expert when it comes to making work for young audiences, as seen in his productions of *The Lost World* and *War Game* (Bristol Old Vic), his adaptation of *Around the World in Eighty Days* (Bristol Old Vic), and his international touring production of *One Small Step* (Oxford Playhouse), which starred Roustabout's Shaelee Rooke. Shaelee has worked with Bristol Old Vic; Oxford Playhouse; Theatre503; Hope Theatre; Wardrobe Theatre; ALine Art; SoHo Playhouse (NYC) and the Minack. Her recent credits include the critically acclaimed *This is Where We Live*; *Shaedates*, which she co-wrote with Toby Hulse; and *Closer Each Day*, Bristol's cult classic improvised comedy show. Shaelee also writes and performs for her comedy duo, *Toucan*. Roustabout are excited to be working with Jean Goubert on their Spring Tour of Luna. Jean is a French actor, musician and circus performer. His recent credits include *Doctor! Doctor!* (Safetycatch Theatre); as well as street theatre productions for Ramshacklicious, Acrojou, NIE, Open Attic and The Last Baguette.

[short copy for listings]

50 years since man first walked on the moon, Roustabout present a glorious celebration of our relationship with our closest cosmic companion - for audiences aged 5+

[longer copy for listings]

For as long as we have turned our eyes to the sky we have been entranced by the moon. It controls our tides, stabilises our orbit, marks our time. And on 20th July 1969 two humans finally landed on its surface.

**Luna** is a joyous adventure through humanity's ongoing fascination with this mysterious lump of dead grey rock, from our earliest attempts to explain its ever-changing presence, to the extraordinary achievements that culminated in Neil Armstrong's one small step. **Luna** is a rich feast of storytelling, puppetry, music, history and science.

*"A must see for children of all ages – even the big, grown-up ones."*

**Time Out** on Hulse's *One Small Step*

*“Boisterous magic.”*

**The Guardian** on Hulse’s *The Lost World*