



## The Oystercatchers

A hilarious and thoughtful non-verbal walkabout performance best suited to locations near the seaside, an estuary or river, the show features a pair of migrant Oystercatchers, who have just landed back in the UK.

Tired and a little disorientated, they try to enlist help from local people to reach their new feeding ground. They have a map, but if only they could read!

By the water, they get to work setting up a base and get fishing with their net and bucket. The only problem is - they're not particularly good and they're getting hungry. Perhaps their new friends will help them out.



The show works well as a pair but it is best with an additional performer supporting as a Twitcher character. These are ardent fans who travel far and wide in search of these colourful birds. They stand at a distance, observing through binoculars and can share interesting facts about Oystercatchers who, like many of our wading birds, are facing depleting numbers in the UK.

The show is a popular feature of Red Herring events in North Devon and has been booked by Somerset Wildlife Trust and The Burton Art Gallery.



## Access

- The show is non-verbal and so is accessible to people who do not speak English, those who are learning English or to those who non-verbal.
- The performers are highly experienced and can adapt to the audience members as they meet them, for example toning down the performance for those who respond to more relaxed conditions.

## Requirements

- 2 - 3 people on the road, adapting to budgets
- Access to a secure dressing room with mirrors
- If accommodation is required we need 2-3 single rooms with breakfast - 1 gluten free

## Timings

- We need 1/2 hour to get changed and ready
- We can perform 2 x 45 min walkabout outings
- 1/2 hour to get changed and leave

*I love the oystercatchers! I'm going to take them to my mummy and I'm hoping that she'll let me share my sandwiches with them*

Young boy, Westward Ho!

## Marketing

**Website:** [www.redherringproductions.co.uk](http://www.redherringproductions.co.uk)

### **Social Media:**

Instagram: @red.herringproductions

Facebook: @redherringprod

### **70 word copy:**

You may spot a pair of Oystercatchers. These migratory birds can travel long distances and may be disorientated. You could point them in the right direction, to the safety and food supply of their much-loved coastal habitat, or help them with their fishing! And if you meet a twitcher you can find out some interesting facts about these characterful birds, who are sadly declining in numbers around the British Isles.

### **Performers:**

Sarah Corbett, Paschale Straiton & Kim Tilbrook

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