

## BARREL ORGAN WORKSHOPS PACK

Barrel Organ provide workshops for participants with varying degrees of experience in making theatre and performance. Barrel Organ tailor each of their workshops specifically for the following groups:

- Key Stage 4 (GCSE)
- Key Stage 5 (A Level)
- University and/or equivalent Training Programme
- Theatre-makers

Each workshop can be delivered between one and three hours, depending on the time available for the participants.

We offer three different workshop schemes: 'Working as an Ensemble', 'Making Political Theatre', and 'Devising from Text'.

**Working as an Ensemble** will equip you with a toolkit of exercises to create a strong ensemble. The workshop will develop your skills to make performance collaboratively as a team. We will explore how applying rules, limitations, or tasks - such as in a game - can make a performance more engaging, exciting, and "live" for the audience and the ensemble.

**Making Political Theatre** will explore how you might go about making non-didactic political theatre. We'll be using free-writing exercises, discussions, and you'll making your own pieces of performance. We'll consider how the form of a piece of theatre is just as important as its content, and how you can unite form and content in order to communicate your ideas most effectively.

**Devising from Text** will provide exercises to generate lots of material during the devising process. These can be used to make scenes, find and develop characters and stories, structure your show, and never get stuck with "writer's/deviser's block" . We'll find ways to incorporate all kinds of "texts" into the devising process, anything and everything from cookbook recipes, to instruction manuals, maps, pages from novels, articles, and news stories.

### *Workshop Specifications*

Fee: Please enquire (day rate negotiable)

Length: One or two hours for GCSE; One, two or three hours for A Level and above

Workshop Leaders: 2

Capacity per workshop: 25

Age Range: 14+ (KS4 and up)

Experience: Students through to Professionals

To be provided by venue: P.A., scrap writing paper, pens

Space: Suitable for writing and physical exercises

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