

**OUT
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ORDINARY**

**Cambridge
26th & 27th August 2023**

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Overview

The inaugural Out of the Ordinary was staged with a schedule of **professional street artists alongside local acts** to engage, inspire and enjoy.

Between 11am - 4pm, **51 performances took place over the 2 days in the City Centre and Train Station**, featuring both **internationally acclaimed and local acts**.

Whether it was a souped-up shopping trolley dance display from **Granny Turismo**; iconic 70's toy inspired **Big Mob**, a bewitching, hilarious giant slinkies walkabout; twin-set clad, **Crimplene Crusaders** championing good old fashioned values, traditional circus pushed to the limits with **Out of the Box** or the startling **Mirror Men**, dazzling in their multi-mirrored suits... a weekend of wonder was promised and achieved..!



Out of the Box, a show that pushed the boundaries of traditional circus and took audiences on a journey through a world of imagination and wonder.

A juggling workshop in the afternoon taught people of all ages the basics of juggling.





Made by Joanna Peacock, the 10ft stilt puppet, Haver the Viking paraded through the city centre drawing huge crowds and amazed onlookers. **Viking ... Legacy** was a stand out performance.



Quirky, inquisitive and amiable, **The Androids** stood out in the crowd as they strolled along, with the futuristic music coming from their techno belt battery amps.



The **Mirror Men** sparkled as they wandered the streets, reflecting light and creating smiles. Everyone wanted their photos taken with these mirrorball men.

The twin-set clad **Crimplene Crusaders** created mischief as they boogied through the centre, dressing up those they encountered in as many scarves as they could.





The **Battling Butlers** used a unique blend of circus skills, original songs, live music and magical illusions in their show



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Audience Feedback

- Amazing! Me and my children loved it, thank you.
- I enjoyed the shows. Can there be more of them?
- I'd like to see more events like this within the city.
- The smile the artist brought to everyone's faces. Something for all!
- A lot of different artists in a not so big space, easy to reach and appreciate.
- The different genres of acts. Not repetitive at all.
- Brilliant Festival. Loads to see! On tomorrow too!
- The human slinkies were my favourite!
- Lots of fun in Cambridge today!
- Some funky stuff happening in Cambridge today
- Probably why Cambridge was packed today!

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Dear Grannies. I just wanted to send a very personal and heartfelt thank you for Saturday in Cambridge. **I took a friend who has been having a tough time, but she was struggling a bit with the crowds and the noise level.** However, watching you and Gladys was the **first time I've seen her really, genuinely, laugh in a long time!** So, thank you both so much for that. The first time I saw you all, many years ago, I was going through my own struggles, and you all made me remember how to laugh - so Saturday brought back a few memories too. **There was a lot of talent on display around town, and amazing acts I've not seen before. A fantastic event.** Thanks again for spreading so much joy, and of course for being you!

Feedback from audience member sent direct to Granny Turismo



The **Spring-a-lings** wandered through the city centre, chatting and taking pictures with passers by. The flowery puppet monsters Daisy Daphne Lily-Rose and her boyfriend Kevin put a smile on the faces of all they came across.



Legendary slackrope and tightrope walker Kwabana Lindsay, a circus cabaret & **Street Show** entertainer returned to Cambridge to perform as crowds gathered, astonished by his skill and charisma.



Dr Jones and Professor Bernard's Medicine Show



Team BGees



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Variety Spectacular



Granny Turismo

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Artist Feedback

Excellent! We were given a really good site in front of The Guildhall next to the market which meant a ready-made audience who were really responsive, and a **great mix of young and old and locals and tourists.** **Simon Pullum – Bash Street Circus**

What a treat for our artists to come to a proper street festival. **Jo Burgess - Fools Paradise**

It was a great festival, audiences were really responsive. The performance space was nice. **The green room was incredible!!!!** **Darryl Carrington – Out of the Box**

The atmosphere on the streets was great. Very enthusiastic and warm. **MarkMark Productions**



The playful, mop like **Curious Creatures** interacted with each other and the space around them. Their eye catching choreographed dancing as they roamed sparked curiosity and play.

