

## Senses of the Sea – A Big Thank You say the 5 Senses Charity

The 5 Senses charity would like to thank everyone who helped to create our first Hull City of Culture 2017 show “Senses of the Sea”.

Our Culture of 5, Hull’s Alive! production of Senses of the Sea was held at Zebedee’s Yard on 24<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm. The show was performed on a perfect sunny afternoon to an audience of over 200 people.

Senses of the Sea was the first ever open air full length production the charity has undertaken, with a cast of 48 and a crew of 10 the show portrayed the historical events of the 1968 triple trawler tragedy through the eyes of the crew members of the Kingston Peridot and the Headsarf Revolutionaries lead by Lillian Bilocca and was narrated by the “Luckiest Sailor” played by 5 Senses student Nick Stevenson.

Actual recordings of the events that took place in 1968 were used alongside poems written by both professional poets and students of 5 Senses. Live musical accompaniment was provided by the exceptional folk band Spare Hands with many of the songs performed from their album of the same name.

To get to the point of the final performance the students and staff of 5 Senses spent 6 months researching the triple trawler tragedy and learning about life surrounding the fishing industry in Hull in the 1960’s.

Their historical journey enabled them to make fantastic and long lasting friendships with many knowledgeable, skilled and generous people who were willing to take the time to teach our students about Hull’s heritage. These included Brian W. Lavery author of the book The Headsarf Revolutionaries, the Fisherman’s Mission, Ron from the Arctic Corsiar and Rayners pub to name but a few.

Alongside the learning, organisations and individuals kindly donated supplies, props and equipment which were desperately needed to enable the charity to create its one off spectacular event.

The main stage which showcased an amazing 46ft replica of the Kingston Peridot was made by Senior Coordinator Mark Clarkson and painted by Tutor James Owen. The timber used to create the set was kindly donated to the charity by Arronbrook Caravans Ltd, neighbours and long-time supporters of the 5 Senses Charity, whilst the stage itself was provided by Hull College.

Many of the costumes for the production were poached from Hull Trucks fantastic costume department whilst the chairs for the event were donated by both the Hey Smile Foundation and St Paul’s Boxing Academy.

Hollyhocks enabled the cast to provide a moving farewell to the 58 lost trawlermen at the close of the performance. Each cast member held a tulip donated by the florist and said the name of one of the lost trawlerman and as a sign of remembrance threw the tulip on to the flags of the lost trawlers the Kingston Peridot, the St Romanus and the Ross Cleveland which lay on the ground. A final salute to the men, safely anchored but never forgotten.

On the day of the show the 5 Senses team issued evaluation forms to the audience, below is some of the feedback:

*"All the people I know who came were blown away by the whole experience and one lady sitting in the audience said she had been to see the Hypocrite the previous evening at Hull Truck but enjoyed your production much more."*

*"5 Senses and Spare Hands, a marriage made in Heaven!"*

*"I recently came to watch your "Senses of the Sea" performance at Zebedee's yard. I thought it was brilliant...truly inspirational."*

*"Better than a professional performance, excellent"*

*"Worth travelling from Leeds for. Well done all!!!"*

*"Brilliant, very moving, what a treat and what a fitting tribute to the brave trawler men"*

*"I learnt more about these trawlers today than ever before. Found the performance very, very moving. Thank you."*

*"Fantastic would like to see it again on the anniversary of the tragedy next year"*

*"It was well worth seeing you must all be very proud of yourselves"*

*"Brilliant, made me cry, well done all involved"*

**Please see the attached images for all the individuals and organisations the 5 Senses Charity would like to thank for their support in the creation of our first Hull City of Culture 2017 show, Senses of the Sea.**

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