

**DEPART**

May 2017

Dear Resident,

As you may know, Circa’s acclaimed production of *DEPART* will be held at General Cemetery from 18th – 21st May this year as part of Hull UK City of Culture 2017. We wanted to let you know in advance what the event involves. You will find enclosed a flyer from the creators of the show with information about what to expect.

The production will arrive at General Cemetery to prepare for the event on 12th May. We expect that disruption will be minimal.

In order to clean and secure the site a temporary fence will be erected along the Spring Bank West border of the site. Public access to the cemetery will remain during day-time, an entrance gate will be in place on Spring Bank West at the same level as the Thoresby Primary School access point to the cemetery. The only times at which the Cemetery will be closed is during rehearsal evenings of 16th and 17th May and the event dates of 18th – 21st May from 5pm to 12am at latest. Security will be present protecting the site and the school 24 hours a day.

During the event dates ALL ticketholders will be instructed that parking in the area is not permitted. They will also be instructed of all available public transport routes to the area.

The performances are for a very limited capacity audience of 250 people. The show itself does not have consistently loud sound effects and much of the performance is not amplified. Lighting is discreet and atmospheric. The show is only little over 1 hour in duration from 9.15pm each evening. We are not expecting disruption by noise or effects to be greatly significant.

There has been a lot of discussion in the media about this event and we would like to assure you of the facts relating to the project. General Cemetery is a disused cemetery, unlike the adjacent Western Cemetery which is not being used for this event. The production is developed to respond sensitively and specifically to such a site and will treat this beautiful place, and especially the graves, gravestones and memorial stones, with the greatest respect. The company will not be performing on the gravestones and we will take every possible measure to ensure that neither the company, nor our audiences, cause any damage. We are working closely with The Friends of General Cemetery to ensure that not only do we take care of the cemetery and preserve its history and heritage, but enhance it. The event has been rigorously assessed and granted a licence from Hull City Council.

We hope that this does not cause you any inconvenience and if you require any further information, please contact us at: theteam@hull2017.co.uk

Yours sincerely

The Team

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