

CLOWN & RITUAL: PERFORMANCE RETREAT & FESTIVAL RESIDENCY

Facilitated by Zuma Puma (Founder of Clownlife)

**DATES: MAY 22ND- 31ST 2022
(SUNDAY- TUESDAY)**

Part One, May 22nd- 26th: A 5 day facilitated performance
Immersion in nature at a venue TBA. More info coming soon!

Part Two, May 26th- 31st: Attend and Perform at The 4 day
Wild World Festival with early entry (Hay On Wye, Midlands).

APPLICATION DEADLINE- MAY 1ST 2022

INVESTMENT

Sliding Scale £ 395- £ 770

* Includes Part One: veggie/vegan food, facilitation course
fees, camping & venue costs.

Part Two is an exchange- See final page for more
information.

THE INVITATION

Dear Wild Humans of Expression

It is a great pleasure to invite you to this 2 part performance
development retreat this coming May facilitated by Zuma
Puma, the founder of Clownlife.org.

Part One:

You are invited to join a community of clowns, fools, movers,
shakers and magic makers for this a clown and comedy
performance focused artistic Residency nestled in a woodland
in a gorgeous part of the country. Our original venue sadly
had to cancel so I am quickly searching for another hive for us
all to gather. Stay Tuned.

Part Two:

We will then adventure as a clown company to Wild World
festival, a lush family friendly alternative festival that
celebrates well being, music and nature connection. Together
we will host the Theatre stage and literally make magic
happen as a popup theatre clown company with the help of
visiting artists over 4 days of the festival.

After last years incredible launch of this program design we
are very excited to be developing its potential a second year
in a row as a regenerative performance retreat that merges
practice with practical performance. From incubating new
ideas, characters and acts to then engaging with live festival
audiences. We will be diving deep into the profound worlds
of clown, ritual, movement and performance practice with a
focus on community, connection, and creative development.

For More Info about the residency visit:
<https://www.clownlife.org/calendar.html>



www.clownlife.org

PART ONE: THE PERFORMANCE RETREAT

THE MISSION:

Our 5 day Retreat will focus on: Connection, Presence, Humanity, Self-expression, Play, Community, Authenticity, Risk taking/Stepping out of the comfort zone, Being seen, Listening, Expressions of the Ridiculous, performance development and playing/being with nature, one another and the world. We will be looking at how the practice of Clown can help us to live wholeheartedly, true to ourselves in everyday life as well as improving our performance and developing new acts for the stage. Whether you are a performing artist, comedian or someone who just wants to come out of their shell and take a risk to play and be seen, this Camp is for you.

WHAT YOU WILL GET FROM THE RESIDENCY:

Facilitated Exercises
Performance development
Clown & Comedy training
Connection with community and nature
Being seen and seeing others
Play and expressions of the wild self
Rituals and Ritual Performance on the land
Sharing honestly with vulnerability and sensitivity
Seeing the humour in your world
Having a ridiculously fun time
CampFire hang-outs
Performance Cabarets, immersive happenings
New Acts to take to the stage
A ton of laughter

DAILY ITINERARY:

Morning: Movement, dance warm ups and games
Afternoon: Introduction to Clownlife pedagogy and performance practice
Late Afternoon: Performance Generating exercises and act development
Evening: Most evenings will be filled with sharing what we have created throughout our day

- Immersive cabaret in the forest/Cabaret/ Clown Ritual & Ceremony
- We will have daily check in's to make sure that we are working at the pace or the group's needs, with an opening and closing ceremony to hold the container.
- There will be some leisure time to walk, dream, write and create as well.

THE YEARNING

If you are yearning to develop artistically, conjure new inspiration for performance, experience the Clownlife pedagogy, expand your performance repertoire, live in community, immerse yourself in nature, laugh and play and be wild, this performance retreat is here for you.

There will be performances and group social events in the evenings after fully immersing ourselves throughout the day. This will be an intensive process with a full schedule so please apply if you're yearning for an artistically full, in depth enquiry, holistic community based performance development retreat that is connected to and informed by the land, ritual and of course bringing the comedy of you out into the world to shine bright where it's most needed.



OUR LANDING: FOREST RETREAT

THE LAND:

This year's Clown and Ritual Performance Retreat will be held at Forest Retreat in the gorgeous land of the Wye Valley.

The land is glorious, luscious and green, with a pond, a forest and an eco spa for one special night. We will be working in the yoga studio on the colder rainy days and outside and in close proximity to nature, with views overlooking the Wye Valley.

THE SITE:

The site is a glamping off grid eco retreat centre in the gorgeous lands of the Wye valley. With solar showers and composting loos and without "proper" electricity so that we can take advantage of going mostly unplugged away from any life distractions so that we can devote ourselves to research, devising, community living and retreating.

ACCOMMODATION:

There are a couple accommodation options to suit all budgets from camping and bringing your own tent to glamping in a yurt dorm with 2 others, to privately renting your own yurt or room with a view.

- Participants are expected to bring the camping gear they require as we will be camping at the festival- please get in touch if you don't have what you need and we can do our best to help you source equipment.
- Please prepare for outdoors living in close proximity to the land and all of the elements.
- Please note this event is very much immersed in nature and the elements.

FOOD:

We will delight in delicious Vegetarian meals cooked by all of us. All participants will sign up to a rotar on Day One and work with recipes to be prepared in a covered outdoor very basic kitchen. As this residency is as much about living in community, the way in which we keep clean and care for the land will be a group responsibility.

LIVING IN COMMUNITY

Part of our research in clown is the study of self and what makes us funny, unique, unusual, eccentric and human. Each of us has a special delight that only we can bring to the world. This research is about getting to know ourselves and so we must also get to know how we are in community, in nature and in the world and beyond.

In these retreats we celebrate difference, diversity, and authentic expression. Living in community is a fundamental aspect of our research as it brings us closer to what is human about us, how we relate, our rhythm, dynamic, status and role amongst others and our natural environment. The strength of our community relies on everyone pitching in and supporting from; cooking food, to making the fire, to cleaning up, etc. Please only apply if you are willing and yearning to play an equal and important role in supporting our little community to thrive so that we can all receive the best out of the



PART TWO: WILD WORLD FESTIVAL

THE FESTIVAL May 26th- 31st 2022:

IT'S TIME TO COME TOGETHER FOR AN EXCEPTIONAL FOUR DAYS OF MUSIC, PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOPS, GREEN TALKS, AND CRAFTS IN HAY-ON-WYE, THE UNIQUE TOWN OF BOOKS IN THE WELSH COUNTRYSIDE.

Over the four days, Wild World Festival in Hay will be an unfolding of a plethora of performing arts, workshops, performances, and green talks.

- ~ Free your true voice with a stunning range of vocal teachers.
- ~ Free your bodies movement, as emotion moves through you, with a range of highly attuned dance and movement teachers.
- ~ Free your hands into crafts and making with a range of skilled craft practitioners.
- ~ Free the spirit from within as we journey into a range of spiritual practices with Yoga, Qigong, and meditation teachings.
- ~ Free the families joyful play as we explore a range of children's craft, dance, theatre, and circus workshops.
- ~ Be moved to laugh, cry, sing and enjoy an astounding range of performances. With singer-songwriters, jump up and dance bands, poets, storytellers, comedians, dancers, and circus acts

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE:

<https://www.wildworldfest.co.uk>

OUR INVOLVEMENT: THE THEATRE STAGE:

In exchange for a ticket and camping pass to the festival worth £155+ We will be running the Theatre Stage from May 27th-31st 2022 . We will be working as a collective to create theatrical delight, playing with REAL LIVE AUDIENCES 4 days in a row! Part Two is an opportunity to bring all that we create in the retreat straight to the stage, to put together a magical once in a lifetime happening for the festival goers.

If you don't feel called to perform but want to join us in another way, don't fret, as we can find fun exciting ways for you to be involved from being a space guardian to a roaming character. We will work together to decide on the most appropriate roles and time tables for our group so that we can all get the most out of the festival.

FRIENDS OF CLOWNLIFE

The best part is that we will be joined by an extended group of performers and facilitators from the Clownlife world. There will be opportunities to experience and expand your repertoire with varying performance workshops offered in the space by other invited guests as well as enjoying the bountiful beauty of live music, nature, art and culture from this magical little festival.

EXPECTATIONS:

- Arrival at Festival Thursday afternoon May 26th. Departure Tuesday Morning/Afternoon May 31st.
- Perform in the Cabarets and comedy late night shows.
- Fill in the blanks on the Theatre stage programme.



APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 1ST 2022!

Please email Zuma Scott
via
info.clownlife@gmail.com
with any questions or
concerns you may have
regarding the event.
We look forward to
hearing from you soon.



INVESTMENT

INVESTMENT: £395 - £600 (sliding scale) this cost includes;

Part One: Forest Retreat Venue, Food and Facilitation for the 5 day retreat.

Part two: Will be an exchange- Wild World festival ticket & camping pass (worth £155+) in return for the expectations listed in the previous page.

please note: Food will not be provided for Part 2- However last year, we had so much leftover from the retreat we didn't need much more, everyone pitched in a 10er for an additional food shop and that was more than enough.

£395- Camping in the field, Low income/Student (covers cost of retreat and SMALL contribution towards facilitation)

£425- Dorm in the Yurt, General Admission- covers full venue fees & course facilitation

£550- Pay it Forward- Dorm in yurt- Helps cover facilitation costs for a low income participant

£770- Private Accommodation - To rent your own yurt or room with a view the cost is £130/night x 4 nights plus 250£ for the course fees including facilitation & food.

***LIMITED SPACES: 10 participants (please note: the Clownlife retreats have a history of filling up, it is recommended to apply sooner than later to avoid disappointment).**

TRANSPARENCY CLAUSE: With efforts to keep this event affordable for artists after some of the most horrendous years in the arts, it is divided into Part One and Part Two. The design of the programme is inspired by regenerative education models to make training more affordable and more connected to community engagement for a well rounded experience. The investment paid for the event is for Part One- the retreat, which covers venue costs, food and facilitation.

Part Two is an exchange: please note Food and travel to and from the festival are not included. However we are likely to organise ride shares and make collaborative food plans, to help keep costs low.