

BATHING BEAUTIES

Press release

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‘ Festival goes from strength to strength, bringing a touch of the Edinburgh Festival to the East Coast’,

This year’s Bathing Beauties Festival will be bigger and better than the first one in 2008. We’ve programmed even more unusual, quirky and zany artists and acts. These include leading street theatre acts, Ramshacklicious and stuff and Stuff and Things who will be performing up and down the seafront. Scratch band Shiznitz will be patrolling the seafront and giving impromptu concerts for all and sundry.

Direct from a successful show at this year’s Edinburgh Festival, where she performed a show in a swimming pool, is comedian, poet musician, therapist and writer Liz Bentley. With her beach hut based show ‘Madam Bentley brings good luck to all.’ Which promises to be a different experience depending on who is in the audience. Puppet Company Frolicked will be performing a puppet show actually on the beach, based on local Lincolnshire legend ‘Tiddy Mun’.

We also welcome back some of the artists who made last year’s event so successful. Dodgy Totty, who last year performed their memorable synchronised swimming show, return with Flights of Fondant Fancy, set in a 1940s tea room. Alison Garner of Left Luggage Theatre will be creating a nostalgic beach hut art installation based around childhood memories. And Malcolm Tait will be bringing his giant deckchair installation to the beach at Sutton on Sea.

This year’s festival is also an opportunity to showcase some of Lincolnshire finest artists, musicians, authors and photographers. Local band ‘Session 13 ’ is the lead band for Saturday evening and south coast budding author Cathy Watts will be using the festival to launch her book ‘ Sandies at the Beach Huts’ a collection of children’s short stories, which will enthrall those who have a love of the seaside and the shoreline.

The Saturday night will again see a procession, and a beach party with music, fireworks and fire drawings. And after that come and explore land artist Linda King’s candle-lit sand labyrinth created on the beach to celebrate the autumn equinox.

Weight lifters, street musicians, artists, performers, fire, puppets, art sessions. There will be something for everyone at this year’s festival.

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