

Be a Laurel & help create a piece of history!

From the Crowd:

From the Crowd is a moving interactive outdoor performance inspired by the spirit of Peterloo and the voices of people today to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Peterloo Massacre.

The approx. 60 min performance will take place three times throughout the day on Friday 16 August 2019 on the Forecourt of Manchester Central, **Windmill Street, Manchester M2 3GX**. It will involve spoken word, music, choirs, chants, and songs, remembering all those whose lives were lost or changed forever two hundred years ago.

At 1:30pm there will be the traditional reading of the names of those who died at Peterloo.

The cultural commemoration event will be created by Evie Manning, (Common Wealth Theatre), Robin Richards (Dutch Uncles), Young Identity, choirs, performers, and the people of Greater Manchester.

From the Crowd will be a co-production with Brighter Sound, Manchester Histories and Walk the Plank in partnership with Manchester City Council.

Laurels :

What is a Laurel?!

As part of the performance we are looking for up to 100 people (Laurels) to take part and perform in the work. It will be an exciting opportunity to be involved in a moving performance that marks a significant moment in our history 200 years since the Peterloo Massacre.

A Laurel is someone who will have responsibility on the day for a small group of audience members and will help them take part in a specially commissioned reading as part of the performance. At Peterloo in 1819 people wore laurels (leaves) to symbolise that they were a steward for their community, this will be similar.

You will be a brilliant communicator, confident with strangers and be a collective player. We encourage everyone over the age of 18 years and from any background to be Laurels on the day to represent Manchester. No previous experience is required and you will have lots of support during rehearsals from our friendly creative team in learning your role. If Peterloo were to happen today, who would be there? Hopefully you!

Availability

Laurels will be required to attend the following dates to take part in the performance:

- Rehearsal Week – **Tuesday 6th to Friday 9th August**: We will run morning and afternoon 3-hour sessions and are also planning an evening session (date tbc). You will need to attend at least one of these 3-hour sessions.
- Rehearsal Full Cast – **Saturday 10th August 2019**
- Dress Rehearsal – **Thursday 15th August 2019**, early evening (time tbc)
- Show Day – **Friday 16th August**: There will be three performances on the day. If possible you will need to perform in all three. They will run for 1 hour at approx. 12.30pm, 5.30pm and 8.00pm. Other activity will also take place at other times of the day.

Please note: Exact timings for the above are included on the Show Sign Up sheet.

If you would like to be involved come to the taster session or have any further questions, please contact Janine Hague. Email: janine@manchesterhistories.co.uk

For more information about Peterloo: peterloo1819.co.uk