

★★★★★  
"Imaginative"  
(Young Perspective)  
(Praise for Half a String)



★★★★★  
"Masterful"  
(The Wee Review)  
(Praise for Half a String)

★★★★★  
"Breathtaking"  
(Edinburgh Guide)  
(Praise for Half a String)



★★★★★  
"Ingenious"  
(UK Theatre Network)  
(Praise for Half a String)



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**PUPPET**  
VAN

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# The Puppet Van

The Puppet Van is an outdoor touring stage that presents performances 2m in the air. Award-winning visual theatre company [Half a String](#) have bought their brand of breath-taking puppetry, beautiful storytelling, original music, and stunning set design to the outdoors.

This is an accessible flexible stage that is perfect for audiences to experience a fun live theatre experience for the whole family.

- The performer, set & puppets are **2m in the air** ensuring the entire audience can **see**.
- A powerful **battery powered PA** ensures the entire audience can **hear**.
- **Infinitely flexible**, anywhere the van go this performance can happen.
- The Puppet Van is touring with 2 shows: **The Lost Colour** and brand new to 2024 **Space Chickens**.



## Technical Information

Footprint of performance area: W: 8.5m, D: 5m, H: 4.5m

Self-contained, no additional tech or power required.

Suitable for all ages, recommended age 5+.

Set up: 1hr 15mins, Set down: 40mins.

Cost: By Request.

Running Times: *The Lost Colour*: 25mins, *Space Chickens*: 25mins.

Email [touring@halfastring.co.uk](mailto:touring@halfastring.co.uk) for all enquires.

**More information about the 2 Puppet Van shows on the next page...**



Join Malcolm Brushell, professional painter and amateur alchemist, on his quest to find the pinky-est pink paint on the planet! Through cracking rocks, mashing every vegetable, and even bottling and fermenting his own cow's wee, he's created every colour imaginable...except for that rascally pink, but he won't give up!

This vibrant joyful explosion of colour is an energy fuelled physical show full of clowning, puppets, and paint. The show has its roots in the history of pigment making and follows a loveable independent artist. Suitable for all the family and is aimed at ages 5+.

- **HD Trailer** for The Lost Colour [HERE](#)
- Watch Full 20min Performance [HERE](#)



# SPACE CHICKENS

Earth's unlikely hero: an adventurous chicken who is blasted into space to solve all of our planet's problems. Sounds ridiculous? Not for our heroic hen who will boldly go where no poultry has gone before...

With stunning puppetry and original live banjo synth music follow this rocket-fuelled tale all on top of a van. Join us, for an intergalactic adventure from the hen house, to the milky way.

Space Chickens is our brand new Puppet Van launching spring 2024! This is a madcap adventure following a chicken who is sent to space, with environmental themes and about the joy of growing things.

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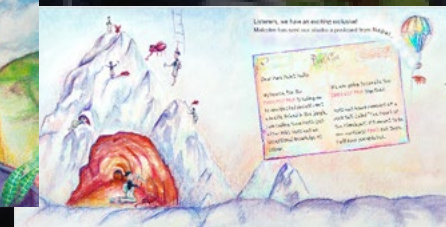
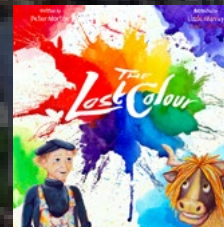


# HALF A STRING

Half a String uses puppetry, design and original music to craft fantastical human stories that are grounded in live performance. We tour theatre, publish books and work with people of all ages to unleash creativity. Our community of artists explore ideas to create accessible, intelligent and astonishing work that champions meaningful collective experiences.

## The Book

We have recently published *The Lost Colour* book that is available to audiences after the show. This can be sent to your venue or local community hubs in advance to increase interest in the show.



## Workshops and Participation

We offer a puppet making workshop to go alongside the shows that promotes confidence and creativity for children.

### Puppet Making (30-40mins)

In this quick fun puppet making workshop each participant will cut, stick and paint their way to creating their very own puppet. The focus of this workshop is to encourage all types of creativity where there are no wrong answers.

25 Participants

Ages 4+

