

CAMBRIDGE JUNCTION

CAMBRIDGE JUNCTION TO HOLD PREMIERE SCREENING OF FILMS MADE BY YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AT LIGHT CINEMA



Cambridge Junction will hold a screening of films made by young disabled people at the Light Cinema to celebrate the work of their Total Arts group and a new project with Cambridgeshire special school Spring Common Academy.

For more than five years, Cambridge Junction has run Total Arts - a fortnightly participation group for disabled young people aged 11 - 19. It offers opportunities to participate in exciting arts activities with professional artists. Assisted by a team of skilled support workers, Total Arts provides quality care, whilst also enabling our participants to develop their creativity, confidence and foster a lifelong passion for the arts.

This term, for the very first time, Cambridge Junction has expanded this long-standing programme of work with young disabled people by bringing the project into a local Special School, Spring Common Academy.

Both groups have been working with professional film-maker Peter Harmer and theatre-maker Gavin Dent. The young people are passionate about film-making and the projects allow them the opportunity to develop skills in script writing, acting and directing as well as learn new technical skills in animation and filmmaking. The work at Spring Common has been designed to specifically help support the school with their Artsmark process and participants from both groups have been working towards achieving their Arts Award, a nationally recognised qualification accredited through Trinity College London.

On 20 April 2017 **a series of short films envisioned, created, performed by and edited by the young people will be shared on the big screen in a festival celebrating their work.** The screenings will be held at our neighbours, the Light Cinema, Cambridge Leisure. The films are fantastically creative, imaginative and all very different.

A daytime screening will share the films with Spring Common Academy pupils, and an evening screening will celebrate with film-makers, parents, carers, friends, press and the supporters of Cambridge Junction and Spring Common Academy. The project has been made possible by funding from Cambridge Leisure and from the funds raised by Cambridge Junction's new Membership scheme. If you are interested in coming along to the screening or finding out more about the project please contact support@junction.co.uk.

A Total Arts parent said:

'Cambridge Junction brilliantly treats young people with respect and have high expectations of them. It's really impressive what all the young people achieve. It's great to have this fun, challenging and 'grown-up' group to go to. They're very caring, they listen to you and take account of needs. My son loves the creativity, craft, the finished product and celebrating it.'

More information on the Total Arts project and creative learning at Cambridge Junction can be found at www.junction.co.uk/creative-learning

More information on memberships and supporting the work of Cambridge Junction can be found at www.junction.co.uk/support-us

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Notes to Editors:

About Cambridge Junction

Cambridge Junction is an arts centre where art meets life. We are a hub for local people to come together, explore, and be inspired by the arts, entertainment and learning. Each year over 100,000 people join us for 400 performances in our three space venue. We have a diverse and engaged audience, enjoying work of the highest quality at low prices.

We believe everyone, especially young people, should have the opportunity to experience art. In particular we are uniquely placed to engage those with diverse backgrounds, cultures and needs, and reach the people who are hard to reach. We work towards this goal through:

- Creative Learning: our growing programme works with young people who face barriers to participation such as being Not in Education, Employment or Training, disabled, or at risk.
- Apprenticeships: every year at Cambridge Junction our small staff team of 21 support four young people to train on the job and take their first steps towards arts careers.
- Supporting and training local artists: we run vital local performers' programme, Troop.

Creative Learning at Cambridge Junction

Cambridge Junction's Creative Learning team works with over 2,500 young people each year. Outreach projects include working with young people at risk of exclusion from nearby schools; young people who are NEET or at high risk; and young disabled people. Open access project for young people include a youth theatre, Junction Young Company, Creative Choices days about working in the arts and an annual Apprenticeship scheme. Creative Learning projects uses our skill as artists to support young people's experience of – and access to – the arts, which develops confidence and equips them with transferable skills.

This project is supported by Cambridge Leisure

Cambridge Leisure is part of the Land Securities Retail and Leisure portfolio and this support was granted as part of their Sustainability report 2016 Education programmes aimed to:

- Help young people develop commercial skills and become more aware of careers in our wider industry

- Attract talent to Land Securities and promote diversity and social mobility within the property industry
- Engage young people and education institutions in the development of our local communities
- Engage our employees and the employees of partner companies in meaningful professional volunteering

Partnering with local schools and education establishments has become increasingly important across the Land Securities portfolio.

With thanks to Cambridge Light Cinema for supporting and hosting the event

Big Trouble - Little Pictures

Thu 20 Apr | 6.30pm | Light Cinema, Cambridge Leisure Park

Free (ticketed)

Box Office: 01223 511 511 | junction.co.uk

More info and tickets at <https://www.junction.co.uk/big-trouble-little-pictures>

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