

MEMORIES OF AUGUST 1914

LIVERPOOL

JULY 2014

L sleeping Grandmother Giant travels through space between two clouds of the Milky Way.

Her mind sails from a star to another whereas her body already arrived at its place of destination and rests laving down in a bed. She lives behind the big explosion which took place 13.7 billion years ago and which our physicists will call the Big Bang.

In this immense unknown area live the Giants. However just before the crossing she is undertaking, she must cross the "Planck wall"*. She often made this route; alone or accompanied by other Giants who land in different eras of the planet. For all, the journey is short: it only takes two days.

At the very beginning, beyond the wall, lies the kingdom of the hereafter, the one in which the soul of our ancestors float for eternity.

Behind her an immense safe wanders in the cosmos. Inside files full of memories pile up. It is the safe of memories of the Grandmother Giant.

The pile of files tells the past, the present and the future of Liverpool.

This Grandmother is a queen. Some say that she may have ancient origins from Nantes or Ireland...

She simply comes, like any grandmother, to tell stories by the fire to the people of the city as it used to be done in our countryside. She knows so many things about life, like the ancients who are today lost in our civilisation, marred by their silence. She comes with one of her children for whom she had a small piece of galaxy built with tools that were at hand, so that the child could wake and fall asleep peacefully...

In Liverpool, she will tell us the story of these happy people who went away in 1914 with the King's Regiment, their hope brimming with courage to save the ideal of their time. And then, she will go away through space again in a big floating coffin, to the "Planck wall".

But she will return...

*Max Planck, Nobel Prize for Physics in 1918, is one of the founders of the quantum physics theory (particle physics). The story of the Big Bang begins after the era of Planck with the Planck wall providing the boundary. The Planck wall is the limit of the knowledge of the universe.

Written by Jean-Luc Courcoult, Author, Artistic Director and Founder, Royal de Luxe

GRANDMOTHER IN ST GEORGE'S HALL

WEDNESDAY 23RD AND THURSDAY 24TH JULY

L he Grandmother will be available to view for free inside the magnificent St George's Hall from 10.00am on Wednesday 23rd July to 7.00pm on Thursday 24th July (certain break times will apply). No booking is necessary, entrance will be on a first come first

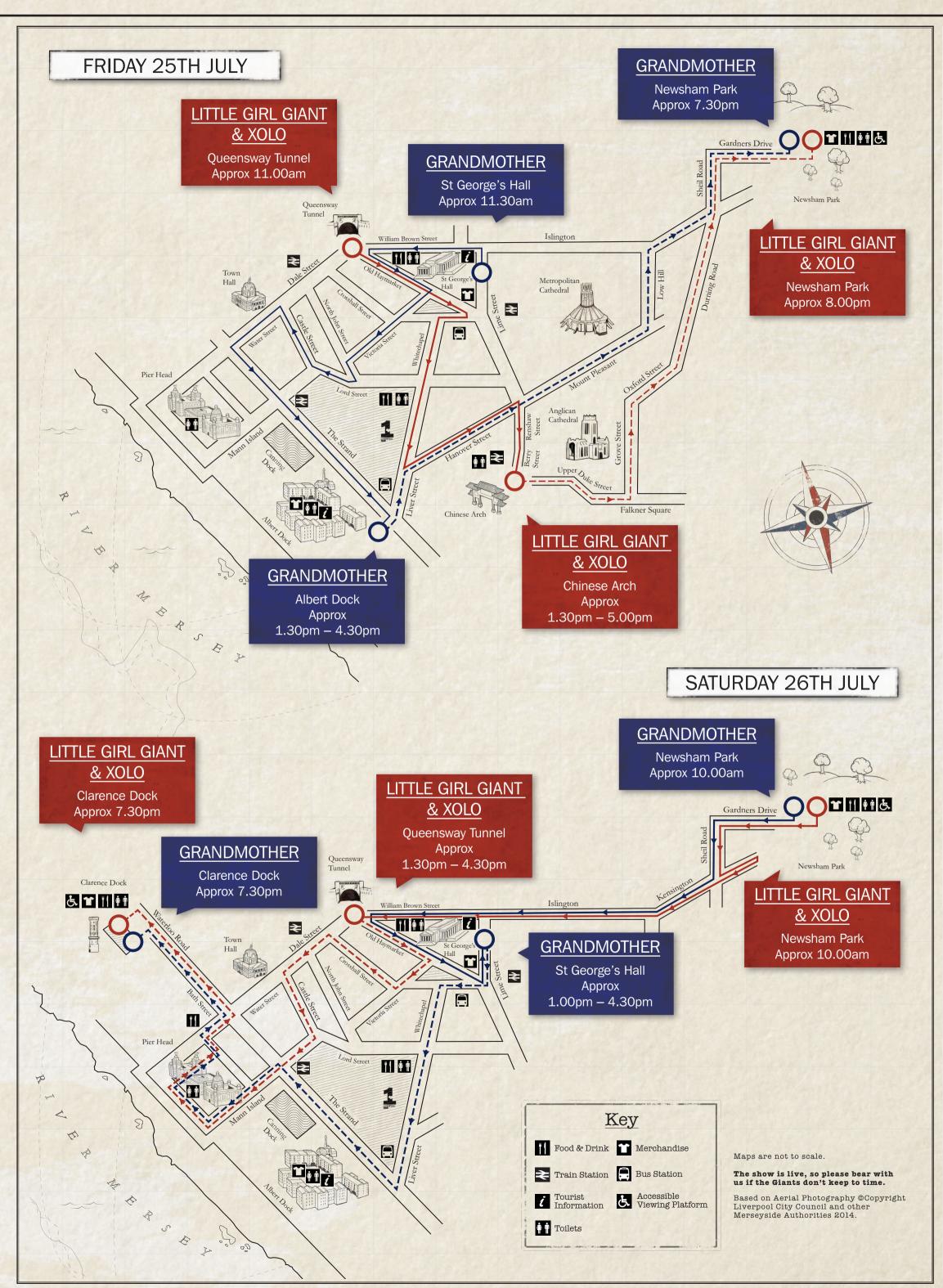
served basis and it is anticipated that at times queues will be lengthy. Audio Visual and British Sign Language tours will also be available at designated times, visit giantspectacular.com to find out more.

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SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 25TH JULY

LITTLE GIRL GIANT & XOLO 11.00am - 1.30pm (approx)

Wake up 11.00am and leave Queensway Tunnel entrance via Old Haymarket, St John's Lane, Queen Square Bus Station, onto Whitechapel, Paradise Street, Hanover Street, Ranelagh Street, Great Charlotte Street, Elliott Street, Lime Street down to Renshaw Street, Berry Street, arrive at Chinese Arch at 1.30pm where they will have a siesta.

GRANDMOTHER

11.30am - 1.30pm (approx)

Wakes up at 11.30am and leaves St George's Hall via Lime Street, onto William Brown Street to Queensway Tunnel entrance, continues down to Victoria Street, North John Street, Lord Street, Castle Street, Water Street, The Strand, arrives at Salthouse Dock at 1.30pm.

LITTLE GIRL GIANT & XOLO 5.00pm - 8.00pm (approx)

Following a siesta, they will leave the Chinese Arch at 5.00pm, go up Upper Duke Street and continue onto Canning Street past Falkner Square, onto Grove Street and then Oxford Street, Grinfield Street, Harbord Street turning onto Durning Road, Holt Road, Kensington, Sheil Road, onto Gardners Drive, arrive in Newsham Park at 8.00pm.

GRANDMOTHER

4.30pm - 7.30pm (approx)

Departs from Albert Dock after her siesta, via The Strand, onto Liver Street, Paradise Street, Hanover Street, Great Charlotte Street, Elliot Street, Lime Street, Brownlow Hill, Mount Pleasant, Brownlow Hill, Minshull Street and Low Hill, Kensington, Sheil Road, onto Gardeners Drive, arrives in Newsham Park at 7.30pm.

SATURDAY 26TH JULY

LITTLE GIRL GIANT & XOLO 10.00am - 1.30pm (approx)

Leave Newsham Park at 10.00am via Gardners Drive and Sheil Road, onto her bus in Kensington, onto Low Hill, Erskine Street and Islington, hopping off her bus onto Commutation Row to William Brown Street and arrives at Queensway Tunnel entrance at 1.30pm.

GRANDMOTHER 10.00am - 1.00pm (approx)

Wakes up in Newsham Park at 10.00am, leaves via Gardners Drive, Sheil Road, onto Kensington, Low Hill, Erskine Street and Islington, onto Commutation Row and William Brown Street, passes the Queensway Tunnel entrance, up Old Haymarket and St John's Lane and arrives at St George's Hall at 1.00pm.

LITTLE GIRL GIANT & XOLO 4.30pm - 7.30pm (approx)

Following a siesta at the Queensway Tunnel entrance, they will wake up at 4.30pm, and leave via Old Haymarket, Victoria Street, Crosshall Street, Dale Street, Castle Street, James Street, across The Strand onto Mann Island, continue on Canada Boulevard. Water Street, New Quay, Bath Street, Waterloo Road to arrive at Clarence Dock at 7.30pm.

GRANDMOTHER

4.30pm - 7.30pm (approx)

Leaves St George's Hall at 4.30pm after a siesta, walks down Queen Square Bus Station, Whitechapel, Paradise Street, Liver Street, The Strand, onto Mann Island, continue on Canada Boulevard, Water Street, New Quay, Waterloo Road, arrives at Clarence Dock at 7.30pm.



PUBLIC TRANSPORT **INFORMATION**

ADVICE

There will be a lot of road closures to facilitate the event therefore you are advised to use public transport where possible A full list of the closures will be available at giantspectacular.com early July.

PLAN YOUR JOURNEY

Please allow yourself plenty of time to travel in and around Liverpool. You can see the Giants across the whole of the 30 miles of the route - it is best to decide where and when you would like to watch.

CALL

You can call Traveline Merseyside on 0151 236 7676 to find out how to get to Memories of August 1914 route by public transport (open 8.00am - 8.00pm, 7 days-a-week).

DOWNLOAD

There will be a special Memories of August 1914 public transport leaflet available to download at merseytravel.gov.uk from early July.

ROUTE CHANGES

Buses will be diverted during the event, so please plan your journey in advance.

SPEAK

Speak to Merseytravel staff who will be out and about during the event to help with last minute checks and queries.

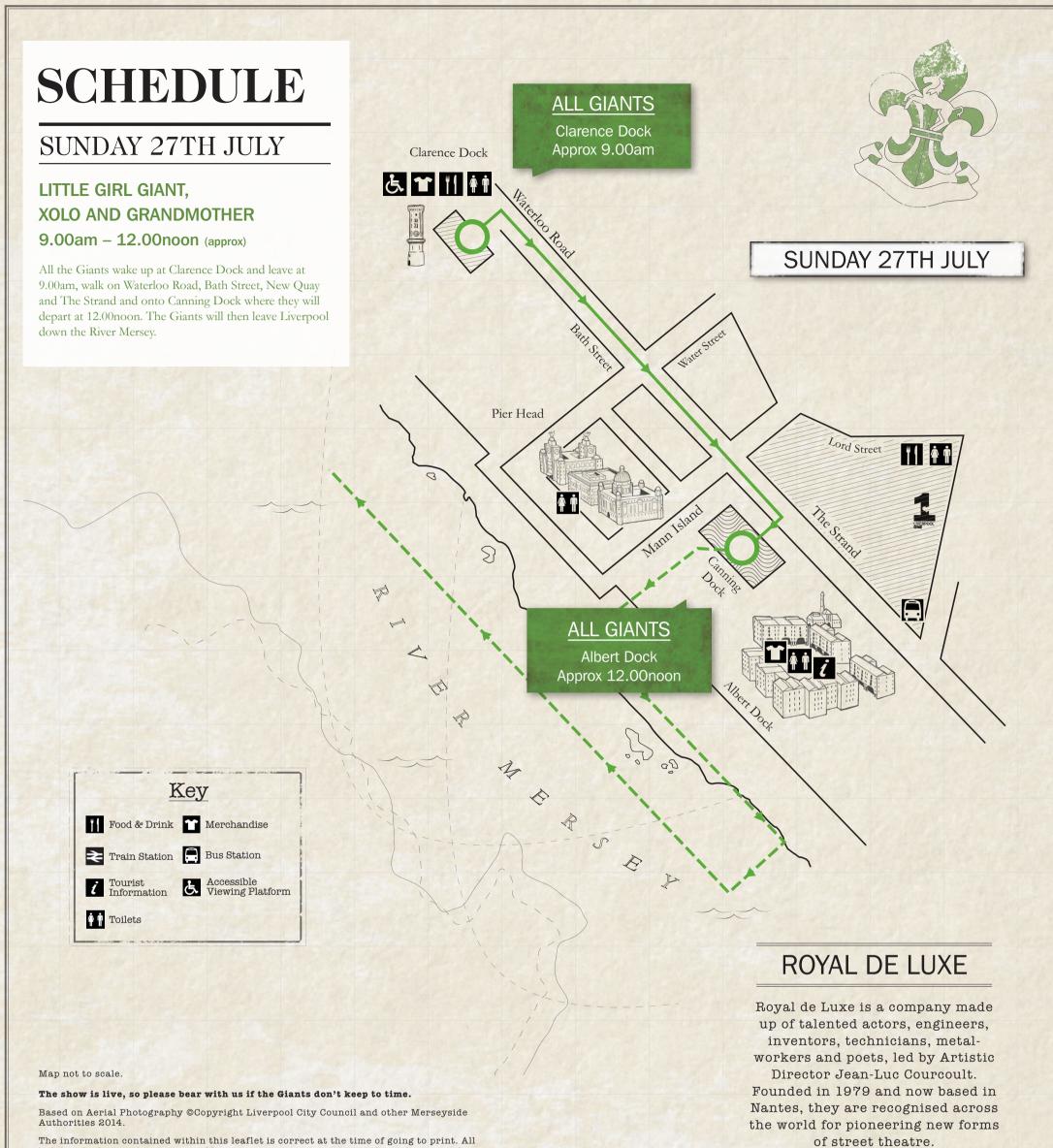
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SHUTTLE BUS

There will be a shuttle bus service between Princes Parade and Clarence Dock running between 4.00pm and 6.00pm and returning between 7.30pm and 9.00pm on Saturday 26th July at a cost of £1 per journey per adult or 50p per child.





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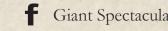
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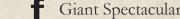


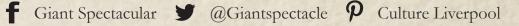


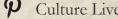


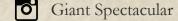
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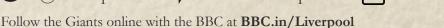














Memories of August 1914 will welcome back the Little Girl Giant and Xolo the dog as well as a brand new Grandmother Giant for her UK premier. The story is inspired by the First World War and will include the memories of both the Grandmother and Liverpool residents interwoven throughout the show.

Jean-Luc Courcoult's story focuses on the period of August 1914. A period which saw the Earl of Derby recruit the Liverpool Pals as part of the King's Regiment. This was a time of innocence when young men thought they would be home for Christmas and were keen to experience an exciting adventure overseas. The story also for the first time touches on the background of the Giants and how they travel to and from our world.

In addition to Memories of August 1914 Liverpool's communities and organisations will be holding a large number of events to commemorate the First World War right up until 2018. For a listing guide visit itsliverpool.com/culture

LIVERPOOL PALS

At the outbreak of war in August 1914 Secretary of State for War, Lord Kitchener launched a recruitment campaign which appealed to the sense of duty and patriotism of the country's men.

In Liverpool, Lord Derby was granted permission by Kitchener to raise a battalion (1,050 men) from the business houses of Liverpool. Following appeals he called a meeting at which he delivered an emotive speech in which he coined the term 'Pals battalions': 'This should be a battalion of Pals, a battalion in which friends from the same office will fight shoulder to shoulder for the honour of Britain and the credit of Liverpool.'

So overwhelming was the response that between 31st August and 5th September 1914 enough men signed up at St George's Hall to form three battalions. By November 1914 this had increased to four and these would become the 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th Battalions of the King's (Liverpool Regiment).

The Liverpool Pals saw action for the first time at the Battle of the Somme and would go on to fight with distinction in other major battles such as Arras and Passchendaele. By the end of the war over 2,800 had given their lives. A memorial to the men who served with the Liverpool Pals is to be unveiled at Lime Street Station on 31st August 2014.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

All the information contained within this leaflet and more can be found at giantspectacular.com and by following us on facebook.com/giantspectacular and twitter @giantspectacle. You can also call us on 0151 233 2008.

MERCHANDISE

Memories of August 1914 merchandise will be available via our website giantspectacular.com, at the Tourist Information Centres at the Albert Dock and St George's Hall and at Newsham Park and Clarence Dock during the show.

14-18 NOW

Memories of August 1914 is co-commissioned by 14-18 NOW and Liverpool City Council. 14-18 NOW is the major cultural programme taking place across the United Kingdom to mark the centenary of the First World War.

Perceptions of the war have been shaped to a great extent by the artists of the time, including poets, writers, painters, sculptors, photographers and film-makers, many of whom served, and who reflected on the war and its effects. Their work had a profound and lasting impact.

Now, one hundred years later, 14-18 NOW has invited artists, including Royal de Luxe to explore the resonance of the First World War today.

For a full list of events visit 1418NOW.org.uk #1418NOW

ACCESSIBILITY

Due to the nature of the Giants, they can be seen from different locations and from long distances.

There will be accessible viewing platforms available at Newsham Park, Clarence Dock and some space will be allocated at stopping points on the route for wheelchair users and other visitors with specific accessibility requirements. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Audio Visual and British Sign Language Tours will also be available at St George's Hall on the 23rd and 24th July. For further information, visit giantspectacular.com

For general accessibility information on your visit to Liverpool go to visitliverpool.com/visitorinformation/transport-accessibility. If you would like this information in another language or format please call 0151 233 3007.

GETTING AROUND

It is not possible to see all the Giants all of the time – please work out the places where you really want to see the Giants and plan your days accordingly. There will be a lot of people watching the show and it may not be possible for you to follow along with the Giants when the crowds are at their largest in the city centre.

The best way to get to Newsham Park is via bus services 12, 13, 15 and 18 which operate along West Derby Road as well as bus services 10, 10A and 10B which operate along Prescot Road. However, all bus services will be subject to diversions and delays due to the event, so you may want to check with Traveline or the Merseytravel

website for up to date information. The best way to get to Clarence Dock is to walk or use the shuttle bus service provided from Princes Parade on Saturday 26th July evening between 4.00pm and 6.00pm returning between 7.30pm and 9.00pm.

There will be a lot of road closures (go to giantspectacular.com for a full list early July) and these will affect driving, bus routes and access in and out of car parks. Please give yourself plenty of time for your journey and where possible use public transport. Please remember that the show is live so please bear with us if the Giants don't keep to time.