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PRESS RELEASE

C theatre
The Adventures of Sam Swallow
written and directed
by **Hilda Cronje**



An exciting new children's play with a message: to protect nature and leave only our footprints behind...

The Adventures of Sam Swallow is a new children's play written and directed by **Hilda Cronje** in her first season with **C theatre**. The show has toured South Africa and now flies north to Edinburgh to continue to spread its vital message.

The show follows the story of a little swallow who, after the tragic loss of his mother is forced to migrate North alone. Along the way his meets many other creatures whose lives have also been affected by environmental destruction, and hears their stories. Along the way we encounter barnacle geese forced to migrate due to their changing habitat, a widowed albatross dancing alone on a junk island, and a polar bear struggling on the melting icecaps.

Theatre can be a spur for change, why should children theatre be any different? **Sam Swallow** is a poignant play with a message, to young and old alike, that we must protect and care for our environment, and the creatures that inhabit it. At the end of the performance the audience is asked to make a pledge with us in paint, to leave only or footprints behind.

This educational, but ultimately hopeful story is brought to life through physical theatre and shadow puppetry. We must show the younger generation the beauty of the natural world as they will be its safe guards in the future.

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Notes to Editors

C theatre is the in-house production company of **C venues** at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, and produces new and classic drama and a popular children's theatre programme.

Writer and director **Hilda Cronje** achieved international recognition for her role as Julie in *Miles Julie* (2012-2017) directed by Yael Farber and has been nominated for a Helen Hayes Award Washington DC, and an Elliot Norton award for best actress in Boston. Her play *Ebola* won the prestigious Ovation Award for excellence and innovation in theatre at the Grahamstown National Arts Festival in South Africa. She currently has a new piece, *Underground Astronauts*, in development.

Listings Information

Venue C too, St Columba's by the Castle, Johnston Terrace, EH1 2PW, venue 4
Dates 2-27 Aug (not 13)
Time 11:45 (0hr50)
Ticket prices £7.50-£9.50 / concessions £5.50-£7.50 / under 18s £3.50-£5.50
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www.CtheFestival.com/2018/the-adventures-of-sam-swallow
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