

Easter 2015 - Resurrection! Jesus rises on Brighton Beach



Soul by the Sea, the team that brought the 'Passion of Christ' to Brighton are performing an exciting new portrayal of the Easter story entitled 'Resurrection!' It will be showing at 2pm, 3pm, and 4pm on Brighton beachfront by the Fishing Museum on Easter Sunday 2015, free to the public.

Directed this year by Brighton based actor/director Richard Conolly, 'Resurrection!' focuses on the end of Jesus' Passion. The body of Jesus will be carried through the streets of Brighton to the tomb, we will then hear as flashbacks the events leading up to the crucifixion, then experience the resurrection and what followed.

Brighton based, Italian actor Francesco Asturaro portrays Jesus this year. It is his first role as Jesus and he says "I am honoured and overwhelmed by the idea of playing the role of our majesty the King of Kings".

'Resurrection!' has been written by Soul by the Sea regular, James Burke-Dunsmore who will himself be portraying Jesus in Trafalgar Square and Guildford over the Easter weekend.

On Good Friday the Soul by the Sea cast will be joining with the churches together Walk of Witness from St Nicholas of Myra church at 10am, culminating at the Old Steine at 11am with a short service joined by walkers from other city centre churches. After this the body of Jesus will be carried through the streets of Brighton.

Resurrection! 2015 performance details are below:

- Date: Easter Sunday 5th April
- Time: 2pm 3pm and 4pm
- Venue: Brighton beachfront, below the Old Ship Hotel, by the Fishing museum 201 Kings Road, Brighton BN1 1NB

Soul by the Sea's first performance of The Passion of Christ was in 2011 next to the historic West Pier on Brighton beach. There have been subsequent productions at Black Roak, and St Peter's Church. Soul by the Sea (www.soulbythesea.org) is affiliated to the charity Passion Trust. (www.passiontrust.org) Soul by the Sea relies on fundraising from individuals, churches, and grants.

For more information, please see www.soulbythesea.org.

Notes to Editors

Help support Soul by the Sea and their work within the community by becoming a Friend of Soul by the Sea. Sign up for a monthly standing order to receive a Welcome Pack full of Soul by the Sea goodies and be kept up to date with all their news and productions. For more information or to sign up, please see www.soulbythesea.org/friends.

Soul by the Sea show free performances of the story of Christ to thousands every Easter, as well as ad hoc productions such as Feeding the 5,000 on Brighton beach, and the Christmas Nativity. They always seek to involve churches, the city council, local businesses, youth groups, schools and other arts organisations and individuals in their projects.

They produce free drama workshops, street theatre projects and touring roadshows, and partner with several local and international charities.

Their aim is to reach wider and more diverse communities, put on life-changing performances and ensure their positive message continues throughout Brighton and beyond.

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