

Jasmin Vardimon

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Present the World premiere of
PINOCCHIO

Co Commissioned by:
The Gulbenkian Canterbury, Sadlers Wells and Kent County Council

DIRECTED AND CHOREOGRAPHED BY JASMIN VARDIMON
A brand new adaptation of Collodi's classic fairy tale

AUTUMN 2016 TOUR & SADLERS WELLS LONDON PREMIERE

'A conscience is that still small voice that people won't listen to.' – Carlo Collodi

This Autumn, award winning choreographer Jasmin Vardimon will create a brand new adaptation of the classic fairy tale, *Pinocchio*. Based on the original book by Collodi and performed by Jasmin Vardimon's multi-talented dancers, *Pinocchio* will bring to life the famous marionette as he embarks on a fantastic journey to become a human boy.

Showcasing Vardimon's uniquely theatrical choreographic and directorial style, *Pinocchio* will combine physical theatre, quirky characterisation, innovative technologies, text and dance to examine the idea of what it means to be human.

With insightful humour, engaging drama and an acute observation of behaviour, *Pinocchio* will take audiences on a wonderful journey of discovery through the parameters of this timeless and beloved fable.

Pinocchio's first public performance will launch Kent's International Family Festival **bOing!** on 27 August. The national tour begins on 29 September at Dance City in Newcastle Upon Tyne with a run at Sadlers Wells in October.

Jasmin Vardimon has recently choreographed The Royal Opera House Covent Garden's production of Wagner's *Tannhäuser* to great acclaim.

Jasmin Vardimon says

"I find unique curiosity in re-discovering this original 1883 classic tale. Going back to the original Collodi's novel allow us to critically examine the assumptions of ourselves and others about what it means to be human.

A leading force in British dance theatre for nearly twenty years, Jasmin Vardimon has built a reputation for challenging, exciting and visually stunning dance and continues to add to the body of critically acclaimed, artistically respected yet accessible work both for the company she formed in 1997 and for some of the leading dance companies across the world. Born and raised in Israel, she has been an Associate Artist at Sadler's Wells since 2006, Jasmin has also been recognised with the positions of Associate Artist at The Place in 1998 and at Yorkshire Dance as a Partner from 1999 – 2005. Last year she was awarded an honorary doctorate from The Royal Holloway University.

Enjoying sell-out performances across the UK and internationally, Jasmin Vardimon Company's works include: *Freedom* ('Breathtaking, mesmerizing and frequently thought provoking' – South Wales Echo), *7734* ('Theatrical gold. Piercingly powerful' - Daily Telegraph) *Yesterday* ('Beautiful. A deft theatrical touch' - The Observer), *Justitia* ('Terrific – stylishly designed, vividly played' -The Guardian), *Park* ('Extraordinary... sexy and beautiful'- New Statesman), *Lullaby* ('Dangerous and beautiful impassioned and remarkable' - Daily Mail). In 2015 Jasmin Vardimon Company collaborated with The Turner Contemporary in Margate and the architect Ron Arad and artist Guy Bar-Amotz on the critically acclaimed immersive performance *Maze* "A sense of magic" – *The Guardian*.)



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27 - 28 AUGUST – CANTERBURY - GULBENKIAN
01227 769075 <http://www.thegulbenkian.co.uk>
as part of bOing!

30 SEPTEMBER- 1st OCTOBER – NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE - DANCE CITY
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8 OCTOBER – ABERDEEN – HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE
01224 641122 <http://www.aberdeenperformingarts>

11 OCTOBER – YEOVIL – OCTAGON
01935 422884 <https://www.dancecity.co.uk>

13 - 14 OCTOBER - WINCHESTER – THEATRE ROYAL
01962 840440 <http://www.theatroyalwinchester.co.uk>

19 - 21 OCTOBER – EXETER – NORTH COTT THEATRE
01392 726363 <https://exeternorthcott.co.uk>

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01933 270007 <http://www.thecastle.org.uk/>

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01223 511511 <http://www.junction.co.uk>

15 NOVEMBER – WORTHING – PAVILLION THEATRE
01903 206206 <http://worthingtheatres.co.uk/pinocchio/>

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