

Press Release
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Bristol's budding actors offered chance to take to the stage for major UK theatre premiere at IBT17 Bristol International Festival

A unique opportunity is being offered as part of the In Between Time (IBT) Bristol International Festival 2017. Organisers are looking for 45 people from Bristol to be part of the UK premiere of *The Record*, a play by the award-winning New York theatre company 600 HIGHWAYMEN.

The Record, performed at the Bristol Old Vic, will be a major part of the IBT17 festival, which will bring together compelling theatre, music, dance, live art, exhibitions, talks, parties and public artwork to venues and unusual spaces across the city in February.

Described by the New York Times as a "simple but sublime production" *The Record* is a piece of dance theatre designed to make the audience think about the extraordinary elements of everyday life.

Potential participants won't need any previous performance experience to apply to be part of this unique show and anyone living or working in Bristol and aged over eight years old is able to put themselves forward for auditions.

Abigail Browde, co-founder of 600 HIGHWAYMEN commented;

"The Record will bring to the stage 45 Bristolians – and in so doing, will become a permanent portrait of what Bristol is today. The subject is us; the time is now. We have worked with cities all over the world, from Paris to New York, and are thrilled to be coming to Bristol in September to find our 45 individuals of all ages and backgrounds."

Selected participants will receive up to five one-to-one training sessions with members of 600 HIGHWAYMEN and will then meet with the other performers on stage for the first time together at the public performances at Bristol Old Vic.

In Between Time, in partnership with Knowle West Media Centre, Up Our Street and Ambition Lawrence Weston are working in collaboration with 600 HIGHWAYMEN to create a Bristol version of *The Record*.

Auditions will take place on 30 September 2016 at the Trinity Centre in Bristol. More information about how to register for auditions can be found at www.inbetweentime.co.uk/wearetherecord.

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Notes to Editors:

In Between Time (IBT) is an international producer creating extraordinary events and the biennial IBT Bristol International Festival. Respected as a global pioneer of contemporary culture, IBT work across art forms to tell stories that inspire, awaken the imagination, or act as a catalyst for change. IBT create site-specific live projects, placing dance, theatre, music and performance in unexpected places to tell compelling stories and create unique immersive experiences.
www.inbetweentime.co.uk

Knowle West Media Centre (KWMC) is an arts organisation and charity based in South Bristol. Since 1996 it has supported people to make positive changes in their lives and communities - using technology and the arts to come up with creative solutions to problems and explore new ways of doing things. KWMC offers a wide range of activities, from after-school groups for young people exploring music and media, to talks, exhibitions, and the new making and training space KWMC: The Factory. Visit www.kwmc.org.uk or follow @knowlewestmedia on Twitter.

Up Our Street is a resident led charity based in Easton and Lawrence Hill wards in Bristol. We have grown from the New Deal for Communities and Neighbourhood Renewal programmes of the last 15 years, and as such have considerable expertise in engaging with residents to find solutions to the issues they face. Up Our Street is committed to furthering civic participation and releasing the local social capital of the residents of Lawrence Hill and Easton to effect the change they want to see in their world. www.eastonandlawrencehill.org.uk/up-our-street

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