

# The Forest

A Fevered Sleep/Fuel Production

**Created by Fevered Sleep**

A thrilling new performance for 5 to 7 year olds, combining dance, images, sound and light.

**Direction and choreography** David Harradine & Sam Butler

**Design** David Harradine, Sam Butler & Ali Beale

**Performers** Robin Dingemans, Sachi Kimura & Petra Soor

**At the Young Vic 9 – 24 December 2009** As part of a UK tour.

There is a place at the very heart of the forest. A place where things are not quite what they seem. People become animals, birds become music, wood becomes water, leaves become light. Everything moves. Everything changes. It's all around you. It's full of adventure. It's bursting with life.

This forest has real trees, but what you will see is not a story set in a forest. Starting from the notion that forests are mythical places of transformation **The Forest** looks at what a forest is – nature and animals, scale, space, and distance, repeated forms, becoming lost, wandering, finding a path, and travelling through. Full of movement, rhythm, texture, sound and sensuality, it is a place of heightened perception and of surprise.

**The Forest** is the latest in a series of performance pieces for children, best known of which is the trilogy which takes everyday rituals as starting points for creative events; **Feast your Eyes** (a response to food and mealtime), **And the Rain Falls Down** (water and bath time) and **Brilliant** (bedtime). This is an extension of that work, using dance theatre to create a mystical world. Like all Fevered Sleep's work for children, it is created through working closely with children, so that a child's perception and understanding of forests can be fundamental to the material.

Fevered Sleep produce a wide range of theatrical and visual forms, with movement and the expressive body and the use of light and sound underpinning all their performances. **The Forest** is directed, choreographed and co-designed by David Harradine, Artistic Director of Fevered Sleep, with Fevered Sleep Associate Director Sam Butler and technical designer Ali Beale.

It will be performed by Robin Dingemans, Sachi Kimura and Petra Soor, all dancers and choreographers in their own right. Lighting is by Hansjörg Schmidt and music by Jamie McCarthy.

**Press performances** 10 Dec - 10:30 & 13:30    12 Dec - 10:30 & 13:30

**Young Vic (Maria Theatre) Children welcome - please ask**

**For information / press tickets please contact Sharon Kean 020 7354 3574**

Commissioned by Lyric, Hammersmith

Developed at the Young Vic, Sadler's Wells and Corn Exchange Newbury

[www.feveredsleep.co.uk](http://www.feveredsleep.co.uk)

Tour information overleaf/

## THE FOREST TOUR

24 October – 1 November  
**Lyric, Hammersmith**  
0871 2211 729  
[www.lyric.co.uk](http://www.lyric.co.uk)

5 – 8 November  
**Dance City, Newcastle**  
**Juice Festival**  
0191 261 0505  
[www.dancecity.co.uk](http://www.dancecity.co.uk)  
[www.juicefestival.co.uk](http://www.juicefestival.co.uk)

13 & 14 November  
**Lincoln Performing Arts Centre**  
0844 888 4414  
[www.lpac.co.uk](http://www.lpac.co.uk)

25 - 28 November  
**Brighton Dome**  
01273 709 709  
[www.brightondome.org](http://www.brightondome.org)

9 - 24 December  
**Young Vic, London**  
**(Maria Theatre)**  
0207 922 2922  
[www.youngvic.org](http://www.youngvic.org)

21 - 23 January 2010  
**Corn Exchange Newbury**  
01635 522 733  
[www.cornexchangenew.com](http://www.cornexchangenew.com)

27 - 30 January  
**Opera North, Leeds**  
0844 848 2727  
[www.operanorth.co.uk](http://www.operanorth.co.uk)

3 & 4 February  
**British Dance Edition 2010,**  
**Dance Xchange, Birmingham**  
Private Event – delegates only  
[www.bde2010.co.uk](http://www.bde2010.co.uk)

10 – 13 February  
**Bristol Old Vic**  
0117 987 7877  
[www.bristololdvic.org.uk](http://www.bristololdvic.org.uk)

17 – 20 February  
**Sadler's Wells, London**  
0844 412 4300  
[www.sadlerswells.com](http://www.sadlerswells.com)

3 – 6 March  
**Lakeside Arts Centre, Nottingham**  
0115 846 7777  
[www.lakesidearts.org.uk](http://www.lakesidearts.org.uk)

10 – 13 March TBC  
**Warwick Arts Centre**  
024 7652 4524  
[www.warwickartscentre.co.uk](http://www.warwickartscentre.co.uk)

18 – 20 March  
**Unity Theatre, Liverpool**  
0151 709 4988  
[www.unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk](http://www.unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk)