

LOWRY

WTF WEDNESDAY

**PRESENTED BY LOWRY + WORD OF WARNING AS A WTF WEDNESDAY:
VICTORIA MELODY AND MARK THOMAS PRESENT TROUBLE, STRUGGLE, BUBBLE AND SQUEAK**



**INTRODUCTION FROM
MATT EAMES
CO-HEAD OF THEATRES**

Welcome to WTF Wednesday, co-presented with Word of Warning. It's great to welcome the inimitable Victoria Melody back to Lowry. Trouble, Struggle, Bubble and Squeak was a highlight of my Fringe last year. As ever, it's a warm, witty exploration of people's passions told in her unmistakably curious, compassionate style. This time, Victoria dives into the surprising world of historical re-enactment and begins a search for the grassroots activists of today. We hope you enjoy the show.

Victoria Melody and Mark Thomas present Trouble, Struggle, Bubble and Squeak

Award-winning theatre maker and "Fringe legend" (Time Out), Victoria Melody joined a historical re-enactment society... because we all deal with divorce differently!

Spending weekends as a Musketeer trying to get her head straight, she uncovered the story of a bunch of 17th-century radicals called The Diggers—and everything changed.

What started as a personal search for happiness turned into a quest to find the Diggers of today. She didn't expect to find them far from the battlefield, right on her doorstep.

Blending storytelling and stand-up, past and present collide in this tale of high jinks and resistance.

Directed by Mark Thomas, this celebrates the ordinary people still shaping history.

ABOUT WTF WEDNESDAY

WTF Wednesdays are a series of evenings presenting work that is challenging, quirky, off-the-wall, on-the-nose and really pushing the boundaries of performance.

We want you to take a risk, to step outside your comfort zone and experience something totally new.



ABOUT WORD OF WARNING

Shows are programmed & presented in partnership with Word of Warning, an ongoing project by hÅb.

hÅb is a Manchester-based producer, developer & strategic advocate of contemporary performance, live art & site work in the North of England; also an Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation with a history of working with Lowry to support, develop & programme artists hÅb is industry/artist-facing.

Word of Warning is a roaming Performance Programme (ie WTF Wednesdays) and an online Weekly Warning (blog + email newsletter) of what's on in Manchester + beyond.

Word of Warning venue partners beyond Lowry include Contact and Z-arts.

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CREATIVE TEAM

Writer & Performer: Victoria Melody
Director: Mark Thomas
Producer: Faith Dodkins
Sound Designer: Simon James
Design Consultant: Katharina Radeva
Lighting Designer: Sean

WHAT'S UP NEXT:

**HARRY CLAYTON-WRIGHT:
MR BLACKPOOL**

SATURDAY 2 MAY 2026, 8:00PM

TICKETS ONSALE NOW

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Lowry's theatres present over 1000 performances a year, reaching 850,000 audience members with its diverse programme of drama, opera, musicals, dance and comedy. Partner companies include National Theatre, Rambert, Opera North and Birmingham Royal Ballet and the programme regularly features productions from the nation's most established companies, including Matthew Bourne's New Adventures, Royal Shakespeare Company and Complicite.

Lowry has an extensive commissioning and artist development programme that showcases its commitment to the development of new work for theatre. Recent commissions and co-productions include Operation Mincemeat, A Squash and a Squeeze, Complicite's Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead, Rambert's Peaky Blinders, High School Musical with Hope Mill Theatre and Bank of Dave The Musical.



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