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## **HALF MOON FUN PALACE WELCOMES 900 PEOPLE TO ITS COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF ARTS AND CULTURE WITH A RECYCLING THEME**

Half Moon Theatre, Limehouse, welcomed 887 young people and adults to its recent Fun Palaces event, which saw the local community come together to celebrate arts and culture in an exciting day filled with a variety of free events with a recycling theme, that asked what you could do as an individual to reduce, reuse and recycle.

Throughout the day, which took place on Saturday 5 October, there were a range of free events for all ages, including pop-up storytelling, music workshops, a garden area where you could plant a seed in an egg box, gift box craft sessions, homemade wrapping paper and bunting workshops, plus the chance to take part in a junk orchestra.

There was also the opportunity to make a pledge to do more to save the planet. People were asked to write their name on a bottle top and then stick it on a new garden mural of the planet by artist Lawrence Crane.

Fun Palaces is an annual, free, nationwide celebration of arts and culture, driven by localism, innovation and engagement, with a core passion to encourage communities to work together, create together, have fun together, and in doing so, build our own communities, from the grassroots up. It was the fifth time that Half Moon has been involved.

Chris Elwell, Director of Half Moon, commented: "We were proud to be involved in Fun Palaces for a fifth year and were delighted with the passion and commitment of the local community to help make it such a memorable day. Fun Palaces is about coming together as a community to create and celebrate and I am thrilled we achieved this in such an enjoyable way. Arts, culture and sciences play an important role in all our lives and it was wonderful to see record breaking numbers of people, young and old, get involved and enjoy themselves."

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### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

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A selection of images can be downloaded from Dropbox:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/f0ksxdv9oqarza8/AADhDTtACT0T8OozWNFGsapta?dl=0>

### **ABOUT HALF MOON**

Half Moon is the UK's leading small-scale young people's venue and touring company. It is a local organisation with a national remit, committed to supporting artists and young people at every stage of their creative development. Working from our base in East London, we specialise in new writing and artform development, acting as a gateway organisation that provides pathways for progression and experimentation. Our wide-ranging programme reaches 49,000 people annually and engages those who are often excluded from arts activity. Our activity includes a season of professional plays for young audiences, national touring productions and an extensive creative learning programme, including seven youth theatres. Half Moon is a National Portfolio Organisation of Arts Council England and receives regular funding from the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

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