

**From:** [Notice this Notice Theatre Company](#)  
**To:** [clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Outdoor Theatre in the River Gardens  
**Date:** 24 June 2020 12:42:29

---

Dear Emma Smith,

My name is Alex and I am a co-founder and artistic director of Notice this Notice Theatre Company. Over the last year, we have been working on a touring production that, due to the current pandemic, has been postponed for the foreseeable future. Because of this, we have been exploring new ways to develop our work to meet social distancing guidelines and help us survive through the crises.

As a born and bred Derbyshire lad, I would love to bring our work to my home county. As passionate supporters of the arts industry, we are looking for venues that might be interested in hosting a socially distanced outdoor performance. Notice this Notice is run by myself and my fiancé Kathryn, we are both professional actors with years of outdoor touring experience and consequently we have used our knowledge and experience to create a show that is well suited for outdoor performance and in accordance with social distancing. Having been to the River Gardens many times in my childhood, I am really excited by the prospect of bringing theatre to such a beautiful space.

For this summer, we have developed an original show based on a true story: 'The Most Sensational Comedy of Dick Schwick'. It is a family friendly show inspired by the true story of Lois Schwick, who disguised herself as a young man to find employment, only to rob several establishments before she was eventually caught. It is a sensational story with a lot of physical comedy, slapstick and a healthy dose of Victorian eccentricity.

To meet social distancing guidelines, the show is approximately 60 minutes long, this means that there will be no need for an interval. We will be on hand and in costume as the audience are allowed in to ensure that every household is able to keep to social distancing guidelines; one of the characters in the show is a comedic policeman, so he will be on hand with his measuring stick to assist people! Despite featuring more than a dozen characters, there will only be two performers (myself and Kathryn). As we are part of the same household, we will be able to perform the show just as we would have done in more normal times! The performance requires no sound equipment or electricity, just a space suitable for people to enjoy the show.

With the current crises showing no signs of easing quickly, we are very keen to get back to work as soon as possible, and we believe that outdoor entertainment is the key. We recently wrote a short original piece for VE day which we performed outdoors at a street party in Ashbourne. The full video of this performance can be found on the gallery page of our website if you would like to see an example of how we work.

We understand that there is still a lot of uncertainty surrounding guidelines as we come out of lockdown, so we completely understand that no concrete decisions can be made immediately. We would however love to speak to you as soon as possible if you might be interested in hosting a performance of our show.

Yours thankfully,

Alex Hargreaves  
Notice this Notice  
<https://www.noticethisnotice.co.uk/>