

Science In A Suitcase

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THEY CAME FROM OUTER SPACE: Science in a suitcase at the Out There festival at Yarmouth, featuring Dr Ken Farquhar and his assistant Clint Westwood.

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Town festival was out-and-out success

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HAVING A BALL: Two scientists, one suitcase and a whole lot of fun... The audience at two shows at Norwich Arts Centre yesterday were treated to some intense, but to mention humorous, experiments by Dr Ken Farquhar and Ben Walker, who were prepared to put their own reputations at risk. The Science in a Suitcase events played to almost packed houses and were part of the family fun at the BA Festival.

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Don't Forget Your Toothbrush...

By Anna Lewcock

"If you thought you were coming to a serious science lecture, leave now" – the opening lines set the tone for Science in a Suitcase, the interactive performance that played to a full house at the Norwich Arts Centre as part of the BA Festival of Science.



Both the matinee and evening shows were booked out as Drs 'Frank Einstein' and 'Ken Curious' (aka Dr Ken Farquhar and Ian Walker) delved into the depths of their suitcase to reveal to their audience a wealth of scientific facts, covering everything from space exploration to smoking, and from DNA to centrifugal force.

Using a bizarre collection of props including ping pong balls, drinking straws, half a dozen eggs and a sink plunger, the two performers brought their unique brand of comedy to this Science in the City event and had the audience in stitches. "I've never laughed so much!" exclaimed Catherine, of Norwich, and 5 year old Tor's giggles from the front of the auditorium were a clear sign that the younger members of the crowd were well catered for as well.

Parts of the show were unmistakably tongue-in-cheek moments. Can it be true, as we were informed by a talking suitcase, that continuous smiling could reduce global warming? But the rest of the show was packed with scientific titbits and madcap experiments that had the audience enthralled.

Ken and Ian are uniquely qualified to put on such an effective and enjoyable event, both having studied science (Ken is an ex-UEA student, having completed his PhD at the university) and with extensive performance experience through street theatre and the circus. The idea with this show was to blend aspects of physical theatre and performance with science in an entertaining and engaging way.

"I wanted to do something really, really different, really, really creative – the idea is to stimulate and inspire, the theatre company is about inspiring people to take up science" says Dr Ken.

Ken and Ian's enthusiasm for communicating science is evident in their performance. And their passion is clearly infectious. They had their audience singing along with a catchy tune entitled 'Let's Get Centrifugal,' while volunteers up on stage marched round in circles illustrating the solar system.

"We do silly experiments which have a scientific basis; we twist science, we corrupt and we exaggerate science and people's views of scientists – we want people to question and not just accept what they hear."

Ken is particularly pleased to be able to perform in his home city of Norwich. The audiences have been "fantastic" and he is proud to have been given the opportunity to perform at the Norwich Arts Centre as part of the BA Festival of Science. And for those put off the idea of science theatre by memories of old-fashioned classroom science, Ken encourages you to be open to the idea of embracing science as we embrace football or television – "It's never too late – this stuff is actually cool!"

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