

## Strange Feathers



**Strange Feathers** is the first collaboration between Irish aerial dance company Fidget Feet and Icelandic dance company Bird & Bat. With live music and flying performers Strange Feathers is suitable for children and their caretakers from 2 - 7 years.

Strange Feathers follows two little birds from they hatch and throughout an exploration of their surroundings until they find the ability to fly with the help of a musical friend. After the performance the audience is invited onto stage to meet the performers and play in the set.

If there is space in the venue a mask making workshop for the guests can be arranged before the performance starts.

Strange Feathers premiered in Tjarnarbíó, Iceland, in September 2016 and was co-produced by Riverbank Arts Centre in Newbridge, Ireland. Strange Feathers toured extensively in Ireland in 2017, in the Nordic countries in 2018 and in Europe in 2019.

A trailer can be seen here:

<https://vimeo.com/186257902>

Full show can be found here:

<https://vimeo.com/271290765>

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*"The birds were interpreted by circus artists Aisling Ní Cheallaigh and Katla Þórarinsdóttir and they were incredibly limber and strong and there seemed to be no limit to how they could twist their bodies"*

*"The children became even happier after the show when they were invited up on stage to touch and test" Silja Aðalsteinsdóttir, TMM, 19. September 2016*

*"Strange Feathers is not only an interesting and well made performance but also a performance where the audience feels good, and that is how it is supposed to be" Helga Birgisdóttir, Húgrás, 21. September 2016*

Strange Feathers was nominated to the Icelandic performing arts award Gríman in 2017 in the category of children's performances.

Created by Chantal McCormick and Tinna Grétarsdóttir in collaboration with the performers.

Performers: Katla Þórarinsdóttir, Aisling Ní Cheallaigh and Jym Daly

Music:  
Sólrún Sumarliðadóttir and Jym Daly

Set design:  
Guðný Hrund Sigurðardóttir and Mao

Costume design: Gemma Morris and Guðný Hrund Sigurðardóttir

Light design: Pauric Hackett

Photos: Steve Lorenz

Produced by: Fidget Feet, Bird & Bat and Riverbank Arts Centre

Running time

Mask workshop 15-30 minutes before show

Performance 35 minutes

Playtime 15 minutes

