

Our Work For Young People With Severe Learning Difficulties

OILY CART began creating theatre for children & students who have severe learning difficulties in 1988, and since then we have developed a substantial reputation as one of a tiny handful of companies working successfully in this field.

The range both of ability & age within schools for children with severe learning difficulties can be very great. You may find, on the one hand, relatively sophisticated 16 to 18 year olds with considerable social & language skills, & on the other, students who lack mobility, & communication skills & require continuous care on a one to one basis. **OILY CART's** Severe Learning Difficulty programmes involve a **two day long residency** in each school, and provide involvement, stimulation & entertainment for **all** the students we meet there.

We offer teachers a range of carefully planned options, giving them the opportunity to choose the most appropriate combination of performance & interaction for their group of students.

It gives everyone such a tremendous boost. There is something in it for absolutely everybody and the children can feel the excitement before it's even begun.

The Observer

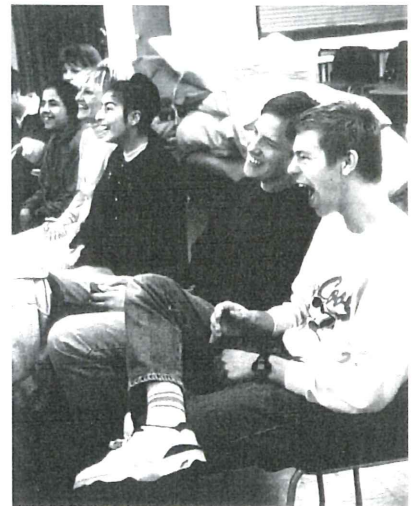
What a fantastic two days we had with OILY CART... They had us laughing until the tears fell... I have never seen the class so spellbound... The music, the dancing, the genuine interest the company showed in each individual pupil will long be remembered.

Knockevin School, Downpatrick, Northern Ireland

Elke Rictarsky



Trish Morrissey



OILY CART team members, including both performers, & arts workshop leaders, are chosen for their experience & the ability to respond sensitively to the needs of students & staff. In role as clear cut characters to which the students can readily relate, they bring creativity, & carnival to each school, raising spirits & bringing everyone the chance of active involvement.

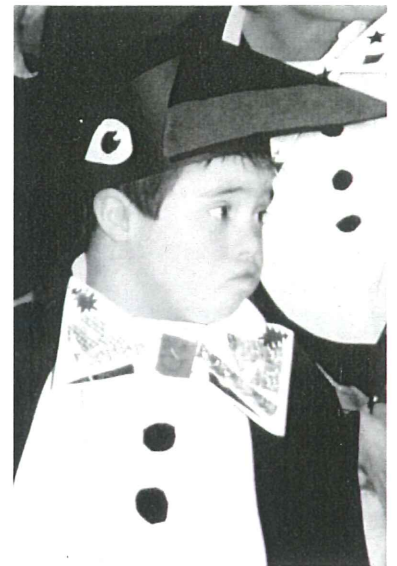
With live music, laughter & striking visual images, we offer the students a path away from the inner landscapes to which they may be confined by their sensory disabilities, & towards awareness & appreciation of the wider world.

Our Two Day programmes provide opportunities for all the students in the schools, we visit to develop creative skills in a variety of art forms, including music, drama, art, & to become more confident & experienced socially. By touring to special schools around Britain OILY CART provides a unique service.

Colourful & comprehensive OILY CART ACTION PACKS provide teachers with ideas for preparation & follow-up work. They help increase the impact of our visit, so that it can become the focus for several weeks activity, or even a whole term's work.

**It was obvious
from the start
that here was a
theatre company
who knew
exactly what
SLD children
need.**

**Tanfield School,
Wigan**



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