

# Fife

## International Carnival

### Costume Information Pack

**Welcome** to Fife International Carnival, the 3rd international carnival in Kirkcaldy.

Fife International Carnival is a multicultural, high-profile event that bring together international, national and local performers to celebrate diverse carnival traditions of the world, resulting in a fabulous spectacle in the heart of Scotland.

Over the years, Fife International Carnival has grown larger and stronger and this is due to the hard work of our performers, artist, the events team, and our costume wearers. We couldn't have achieve what we have without you.

In this pack you will find the following information:

- Details of the costumes
- Your safety
- What to expect
- On the day
- Costume application form (attached)

#### Details of the costumes

We have a wide range of costumes and puppets to wear. These costumes have been commissioned and individually made by artists in Liverpool, as part of Brouhaha International's yearly activities. Each costume has a name and a story and are especially designed for carnival parades. The pictures below give you an idea of what costume you might be wearing in the parade.



## Details of the costumes continued...

We have three types of costumes:

1. **Large scale puppets** (top right image)  
Please note: these puppets are tall and can catch the wind therefore they require someone who is strong, male or female.
2. **Small scale puppets** (bottom left, bottom right, centre top, top right images)  
Any adults can wear these, they are light and great fun.
3. **Children's outfits** (bottom centre image)  
We have a wide range of different styles and colours suitable for all ages

The costumes are easy to wear and are made out of state of the art light-weight materials. Please note the following:

- All the costumes are worn **on top** of your normal clothing.
- We advise that you wear black as this makes the costume stand out.
- The costumes are attached with rucksack straps, it is essential that you **cover your shoulders**.
- Please wear **comfortable, flat shoes** for the event as it will require walking.
- We have costumes to suit **all** ages and abilities (please let us know on your application what type of costume you would like to wear).

## Your safety

The event is ran by outdoor event experts who have been in the business for over 10 years. We will only use costumes and puppets that are suitable for the weather as your safety and happiness is our main priority.

## What to expect

This is a family fun event in the centre of Kirkcaldy, which celebrates carnival cultures of the world. You will be accompanied by live music, acrobats, circus performers, stilt walkers, musicians, drummers, and more during the parade. There will be crowds of 10,000 or more watching the parade, and there will be a lot of cameras, it's a great time to smile. To ensure the event is great fun for you and the crowd, we have event management, costume management, security and volunteers in place to ensure a fantastic day.

## On the day

- We will require you to come to **Adam Smith Theatre, Kirkcaldy at 1:00pm**, this is to ensure that we have enough time to get you into your costume and ready for the parade.
- The parade will go from The Town Square, down the hill, along the High Street and back again. The parade is estimated to last about **1 hour**. (3pm – 4pm) and your costumes will be dismantled at Adam Smith Theatre.
- Please bring a very small bag to keep your valuables in, as there **will not** be somewhere secure for you to leave them.
- Please bring a water proof jacket or sunscreen weather dependent.
- There will be water points along the way, to keep you hydrated and volunteer support throughout the event.
- Parking will be difficult on the day, as the city centre will be busy. If possible please walk or get public transport.