



my arm

by tim crouch

world premiere

**Traverse
Theatre**

July 31–Aug 23 2003

this
is my
arm

my arm

"I was watching a lot of tv, eating a lot of processed food. It was the 1970s. Heaven."

written & performed by Tim Crouch

Digital material by Christian Dorley-Brown

Co-directed by Tim Crouch, Karl James & Hettie Macdonald

"At the age of 10, for want of anything more meaningful to do, I put my arm above my head and kept it there. Now, thirty years on, I'm so full of meaning it's killing me."

my arm is the story of an empty gesture. It's the testimonial of a man who has lived by the courage of his lack of conviction since 1974. In that process he's become a celebrated medical specimen and an icon of the New York art scene. These performances at the Traverse are probably the last opportunity to see him talk; an experience which makes Quentin Crisp's Naked Civil Servant look positively clothed.

The story is told through a combination of live performance, digital film and the animation of everyday objects supplied by the audience before each performance. Above all, *my arm* is an extraordinary piece of theatre about modern art, bloody-mindedness and how the things we do when we're ten stick with us for life.

my arm was developed in the US in the summer of 2002. It had a Private View this Spring at London's Hayward Gallery and has recently been previewed at BAC and in New York. The script has been published by Faber and Faber to celebrate this, its world premiere.

"Unbearably moving, funny and wonderfully unpredictable."

Susan Ferleger Brades
Director of the Hayward Gallery

venue

Traverse Theatre
Venue 15 • Cambridge Street • Edinburgh • EH1 2ED

dates/times

July	5	6.45	pm	12	4.15	pm	19	6.45	pm
31 10.00 pm *	6	9.45	pm	13	6.45	pm	20	9.45	pm
August	7	11.15	am	14	9.45	pm	21	11.15	am
1 11.30 am	8	1.45	pm	15	11.15	am	22	1.30	pm
2 2.00 pm	9	4.15	pm	16	1.30	pm	23	4.15	pm
3 4.30 pm	10	7.00	pm	17	4.15	pm	* preview		

tickets

£10 (£7.50)/unwaged £4

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