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**4 Corners Festival**  
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# The Art of Life & Breath

A celebration of artistic inspiration in drama, music, poetry, comedy and song for the 4 Corners Festival 2021.

## 1. 'Breathe in the Air'

Coordinated by musician Peter Millar, the Sanctus Boscus Collective are based in Hollywood NI and involve musicians worldwide. 'Breathe in the Air' by Pink Floyd is an appropriate opening to our show!



## 2. Welcome!

BUDCo's Artistic Director, Trevor Gill has performed with BBC NI, the South London Theatre Centre, The Royal Shakespeare Company and the Belvoir Players.



## 3. 'Slaughterhouse 5'

A letter from novelist Kurt Vonnegut to his parents about how he experienced the aftermath of the fire-bombing of Dresden in 1945. Read by BUDCo Chair, Mark Gavin.



## 4. 'Within'

We are excited to have a dance piece specially commissioned for the Festival! Choreographer Clara Kerr has performed extensively as a professional dancer. Clarinettist Jemima Pickersgill and the Echo Collective perform the music. Filmed by Fergus Kerr.



## 5. 'Yoga Breath'

The scurrilous Rum DMC comprise Christine Clark and Deirdre Lynskey, performers who met at 'Belfast Improv'. See @RumDMC2Prov.



## 6. 'The Breath of Life'

The Bible speaks to us about the power of the breath. Paintings by Sir John Lavery. Music from Mozart's 'Requiem in D Minor'.



## 7. 'A Shared Breath'

A poignant 20 minute play about motherhood and adoption. Performed by professional actors Genevieve Swift, Lucy Bailie and Marina Hampton. For more info on Dorset writer Linda Morse see [www.bobtheatre.co.uk](http://www.bobtheatre.co.uk)







## 8. 'O Spirit Breathe'

A song of praise written and illustrated by 'Gracenotes' on the theme of breath.



## 9. 'Church Going'

Philip Larkin's poem meditates on the future of church buildings and asks if even those that have been abandoned continue to have significance. Read by Chris Darcy.



## 10. 'The Lark in the Clear Air'

An accomplished Antrim born harpist, singer and fiddle player Amy McAllister has performed and toured all over the world. See [www.amymcallister.co.uk](http://www.amymcallister.co.uk)



## 11. 'Ruach'

Katarina Kokenyova, a Belfast based, Czech born actress reads a poem by Methodist Minister Rev David Campton – see [www.virtualmethodist.blogspot.com](http://www.virtualmethodist.blogspot.com)



## 12. 'Lear's Blasted Heath' - Shakespeare

In 2016 Trevor Gill played a leading role in the RSC's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. As part of his preparation he was asked by the RSC to self-film Lear's famous speech'



## 13. 'A Small Needful Fact'

Matthew Sharpe is a Belfast based professional actor. In an extract from BUDCo's show, 'A Plague on all your houses', Matthew tells the story of a young American man who died of suffocation in police custody. Written by Ross Gaye.



## 14. 'The Magician's Nephew'

A treat for the children by C.S. Lewis - Aslan creates Narnia! Glenn McGivern and Andrew McCracken are professional actors, both have appeared in previous BUDCo productions.



## 15. 'Air'

And so, having played us in, the excellent Sanctus Boscus Collective bring our show to a close!

To find out more about BUDCo, watch our 'On Demand' films and find out how you can get involved, visit our website at [www.brightumbrella.co.uk](http://www.brightumbrella.co.uk).

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