

# Memoirs of a Biscuit Tin

**An evening of mischief and memory with Maison Foo for Dementia UK**

Maison Foo's Edinburgh smash-hit sell out show **Memoirs of a Biscuit Tin** comes to London for a special one-off gala charity performance in support of Dementia UK on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

**Memoirs of a Biscuit Tin** is a magical topsy-turvy tale for grown-ups that crept from nowhere to become one of the most sought after tickets at the 2010 Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

*'My surprise hit of the festival...touching and beautifully crafted...deceptively sophisticated and layered work...a little show with a big heart'* Lyn Gardner **GUARDIAN** ★★★★★

This warm and intriguing tale follows the story of a wall, a floor and a chimney as they search for the forgotten old lady who lives in them and cares for them. Using an inventive blend of clowning, visual theatre and puppetry it looks at the memories that lie within. With charm, wit and just a touch of pathos, Maison Foo bring to life the imaginative world lurking behind the unkempt door of Number 92 after the decaying house is left to fend for itself.

*'It's not often that you get to see the perspectives of elderly women on stage...Maison Foo celebrate the beauty to be found in the lives and characters of people who are frequently marginalised or just ignored'* **Scotsman** ★★★★★

This exclusive evening will be full of surprises including some pre-theatre fun with Maison Foo's Mobile Library. Two rather eccentric librarians (Anne and Anne) will be collecting your dusty memories and looking to stamp, file and collect your memories to add to their shelves.

*'Unforgettable performances that speak directly to audiences' hearts...  
...this show is a must see'* **ThreeWeeks** ★★★★★

There will be a complimentary drink on arrival and an opportunity to meet the cast after the show for a Q&A about the themes of the show and the research they undertook with elderly people prior to its creation.

Maison Foo are proud to have Dementia UK as sponsors of the autumn 2011 national tour of **Memoirs of a Biscuit Tin**. This exclusive performance will raise funds for Dementia UK and marks the start of Carers Week (13 – 19 June) celebrating the 6 million carers in the UK.

Barbara Stephens Chief Executive of Dementia UK, said 'I'm so pleased that we are working with this marvellous production, it's such an evocative portrayal of the experience of dementia, combining subtle undertones with raw edges'

## **Listing Info:**

Monday 13th June Doors 6.30pm performance 7.30pm

Memoirs of a Biscuit Tin By Maison Foo

The Pleasance Theatre, Carpenters Mews, North Road Islington, London, N7 9EF

Tickets cost £35 and include a complimentary drink on arrival and the post show Q&A

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Watch a trailer for Memories of a Biscuit Tin [www.youtube.com/user/maisonfoo57#p/u/1/i-IJP8tr3SI](http://www.youtube.com/user/maisonfoo57#p/u/1/i-IJP8tr3SI) and a Guardian documentary on the show from the Edinburgh Fringe [www.youtube.com/user/maisonfoo57#p/a/f/0/gCr7eN6bUaY](http://www.youtube.com/user/maisonfoo57#p/a/f/0/gCr7eN6bUaY)

Proceeds from ticket sales will go towards helping Dementia UK continue to support people who are affected by dementia through the provision of the Admiral Nurse services the Uniting Carers network and Dementia UK Training.

**Notes to the Editor:**

1. Dementia UK is the national charity that is committed to improving the quality of life of all people affected by dementia. It provides and supports Admiral Nurses, Admiral Nursing DIRECT, Uniting Carers – a national network of carers of people with dementia – and provides accredited and affordable training via Dementia UK Training. All initial enquiries to 020 7874 7200.

[www.dementiauk.org](http://www.dementiauk.org)

2. Carers Week takes place from 13-19 June and is a partnership of 9 national charities: Age UK, Carers UK, Counsel and Care, Crossroads Care, Dementia UK, Macmillan Cancer Support, MS Society, Parkinson's UK and The Princess Royal Trust for Carers. [www.carersweek.org](http://www.carersweek.org)

3. This year Carers Week will highlight *The True Face of Carers* and celebrate the incredible contribution that carers make, sharing the challenges overcome as well as those still being faced.

4. Maison Foo create mischievous new theatre that challenges audiences and tickles their imagination. They devise brilliantly inventive visual theatre that collides the everyday with the surreal, drawing on influences from puppetry, clowning and physical theatre. [www.maisonfoo.com](http://www.maisonfoo.com)

