

A
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CHRISTMAS



TOURING CHRISTMAS 2026
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About the Show

A magical star is seen in the Eastern skies pointing the way to a secret treasure. Two rascally shepherds and their naughty sheep, Jumper, hatch a cheeky plan to steal the star and make their fortunes. But their perfect plan is about to get derailed by amazing angels, crazy carpenters and a wise man with a wool allergy. The first Christmas is about to get messy in this hilarious story filled with heart and hope.

Join Riding Lights as they bring a crooked comedy, jam-packed with surprising shepherds, silly sheep, slapstick songs, a spectacular star and a secret treasure to be found at the very heart of Christmas. This inventive and original take on the Nativity story will delight audiences of all ages. It's so good, you'll want Christmas every year!



Production Photos from our previous Christmas Shows by Jackson Portraiture

Quotes and Reviews

"A fantastic treat and memorable experience for our youngest children."

A Local Primary School Teacher

"We really cannot recommend this company enough, we have used them before and we will use them again - 5 star!"

A Local Primary School

"We just wanted to say thank you for the production this year. From the initial email enquiry to how fantastic the acting team were, the whole process has been brilliant."

Deputy Headteacher, Local Primary School



About Riding Lights

Riding Lights Theatre Company is one of the UK's most productive and long-established independent theatre companies. Founded in York in 1977, the company takes innovative, accessible theatre into all kinds of communities and venues far and wide.

We make new work, and world premieres have included *African Snow*, a co-production with York Theatre Royal, marking the 200th anniversary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act (York Theatre Royal, West End transfer and National Tour), *Augustus Carp Esq. By Himself* (Friargate Theatre), *Dick Turpin* (Friargate Theatre), *All's Well That Ends Well* (Friargate Theatre), and Jerome K Jerome's *Three Men in a Boat* (a National Tour co-produced with the Northcott Theatre, Exeter, and remounted with York Theatre Royal).

Venue Requirements

Stage Area and Technical

4m x 4m area, clear of all obstructions.
4m of height clearance.

Technical Requirements

2 x 13a power sockets located in reasonable proximity to the stage area.

Timings

60 minutes long, with no interval.

Parking

The show tours in a long wheel-based sprinter van, 6.5m in length. Please ensure parking is available nearby to unload the van and park it during the performance.



Finance

A school performance of *A Very Crooked Christmas* costs £475.

Why host *A Very Crooked Christmas*?

A Very Crooked Christmas is full of entertainment and excitement for people of all ages. The show is full of fun, laughter and festive cheer in this unique re-telling of the well known nativity story.

Our family-friendly farce, full of physical comedy and hilarious wit, makes the show accessible for everyone and invites the audience to discover the true meaning of Christmas.

"Christmas Inn Trouble (2025) was the perfect production for our primary school. Riding Lights were a fantastic company to work with... We had children from age 3 to 11 in the audience and every single one of them were roaring with laughter - staff included!"

Local Primary School

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