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Ian McMillan Comes To Giggleswick

Ian McMillan, Yorkshire's favourite poet, broadcaster and comedian, is bringing a completely one-off, improvised show to Giggleswick's Richard Whiteley Theatre next month. Accompanied by Tony Husband, Cartoonist of the Year, Ian and the audience will create a poem inspired by the area and imaginary tales of the railway. Tony's cartoons will illustrate the story hilariously as it unfolds.

The "Cartoon History of Here" is a live-action poetry show. Audience participation is key, as Ian invites ideas and suggestions from the night's audience. Alongside some good, old fashioned daftness, inspiration will be found in the history, myths and legends that surround the Settle-Carlisle Railway and its landscape. Tales of navies, ghosts and railway derring-do will undoubtedly provide rich pickings.

Affectionately known as "The Bard of Barnsley", Ian hosts a weekly hit show for BBC Radio (The Verb) and is Poet-in Residence for English National Opera, The Academy of Urbanism and Barnsley FC. As any follower of @IMcMillan knows, he is also a prolific tweeter and these 140 character gems are often inspired by his train journeys around the UK.

Tony Husband is Cartoonist in Residence at the Lowry Theatre and is legendary for his work in Private Eye. He has been awarded Strip, Gag and Sports Cartoonist of the Year no fewer than ten times.

Drew Haley, General Manager of the Settle-Carlisle Railway Development Company said:

"The history and landscape of the Settle-Carlisle Railway should be a great source of inspiration for Ian and Tony. We met Ian last year when he was presenting the Dalesman Awards and I remembered seeing one of the 'Cartoon History' shows a few years ago in the Midlands. It was a fantastic evening's entertainment so we're really excited to be promoting it here".

The performance will take place at 7.30pm on Friday 27th February and is suitable for all ages. More information is available and tickets can be purchased at www.giggleswick.org.uk/rwt. (£12.50 adult/£10.00 under 18).

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Photo 1:



A Cartoon History © Tony Husband

Photo 2:



Tony Husband and Ian McMillan © Adrian Meeling

Editor's Notes:

The Settle-Carlisle Railway Development Company is a not-for-profit organisation that promotes the railway line and invests in projects which benefit the local economy.

More information about the Settle-Carlisle Railway can be found here: www.settle-carlisle.co.uk

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