



USING THE LIFE AND TIMES OF WARRIOR POET EGILL SKALLAGRÍMSSON AS THE INSPIRATION POINT, THE FOLLOW THE VIKINGS ROADSHOW IS A CONTEMPORARY REPRESENTATION OF EGILL'S LIFE, COMBINING HIS NARRATIVE WITH VIKING MYTH TO SHINE A LIGHT UPON IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF VIKING CULTURE.

Craig Morrison, the Artistic Director of the Follow the Vikings Roadshow, has commissioned artists from all over Europe and the greater Viking world to be part of the creative vision. Working with the writer, Damian Dibben, a series of vignettes inspired by significant historical facts as well as drawing on important aspects of Norse Mythology have been created, offering twelve scenes to reimagine Egill's story. Actors have been select-

ed to tell the story of the Vikings in an authentic way, some only appearing in one show and others becoming core members of the cast, who tour with the event. This introduction of new actors and creative elements will make each show different, allowing the event to grow organically as it tours.

Composer: **Mieko Shimizu**. Japan
Sound Design: **Peter Morris**. UK

For full cast list visit: www.followthevikings.com

Egill's Saga was written in Iceland in the 13th century and tells the life of the 10th-century Icelander Egill Skalla-Grímsson. Egill is a huge and complex figure - on the one side, avaricious, jealous, volatile and violent; on the other, a brilliant poet, acknowledged as the greatest of the Viking Age.

The saga is built up largely around his extant verses. Egill's adventures

range over much of the Viking world. His simmering hatred of King Erik Bloodaxe comes to a head when he is held prisoner in York and redeems his life by composing a poem in praise of his great enemy. He eventually dies in Iceland, in high old age, but still unapologetically malicious and confrontational.

Through Egill's poetry we are able, better than anywhere else, to glimpse into the mind of a real, and very remarkable, individual of the Viking Age. Egill's Saga was passed down by word of mouth and then written down about 250 years after his death by Christian monks in Iceland.

Gísli Sigurðsson and **Nicholas Jones**



THE FOLLOW THE VIKINGS ROADSHOW IS A CREATIVE EUROPE PROJECT CO-FUNDED BY THE EU TO MAKE THE TRANSNATIONAL VIKING HERITAGE ACCESSIBLE AND UNDERSTANDABLE TO A WORLD-WIDE AUDIENCE.

The project aims to broaden the audience to major and less well-known sites, museums, attractions, relating the Viking story and to the legacy of the Vikings at large contributing to maintaining and developing Europe as the No. 1 Global Heritage Tourism Destination. It will boost local economies and employment and, through its activities, will help knowledge transfer and quality

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improvement at heritage sites throughout Europe creating a large and lasting network among cultural partners involved in the preservation, presentation and marketing of Viking heritage throughout Europe and further afield. The project will take advantage of the network already established by the Destination Viking Association and support its expansion.



Roadshows

Warsaw, Poland	14 August 2017
Avaldsnes, Norway	21 August 2017
Copenhagen	10 October 2017
Dublin	31 March 2018
Waterford	2 April 2018
Catoira, Spain	2 - 3 August 2018
Gunnesgård, Stockholm	1 September 2018
Oslo, Norway	14 September 2018
Trondenes /Lofotr, Norway	22 September 2018
Shetland, UK	24 November 2018
Reykjavík, Iceland	1-4 February 2019
York, UK	16 March 2019

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Easter Saturday 31st March

11am-6pm	Asgard All the way from Argyll, Scotland
DRAGON SLAYER SWORD, BAILEYS NEW STREET	Experience the magic of how the Vikings transformed molten metal into deadly arrowheads and beautiful jewellery.
11am-5pm	History Live - learn how to be a Viking! With renowned re-enactor Michael Moylan
MEDIEVAL MUSEUM	Have a go! - all you ever wanted to know about being a fierce Viking warrior!
5-9pm	Déise Medieval - The Vikings have returned to the Viking Triangle!
CATHEDRAL SQUARE	Experience the authentic atmosphere of a Viking village in the very heart of the Viking Triangle - leather work, basket weaving, blacksmith, jewellery-making, coin-striking, woodwork, spinning, weaving, finger braiding workshops (not during battles).
4-5pm & 7-8pm	Icelandic Sagas Greatest Hits , brought to you from the land of Ice and Fire!
MEDIEVAL MUSEUM	A comic theatrical rollercoaster and fun exploration of the ancient Viking Sagas of Iceland. Two performances.
12 noon & 3pm	Epic Viking Tour - Walk in the footsteps of the Vikings.
	Tour of the Viking Triangle, twice daily. Meet at Vadrafjörðr Viking Ship beside Reginald's Tower
9.30am-5.30pm	Reginald's Tower (<i>last admission 5pm</i>)
	Re-connect with our Viking ancestors - Viking treasures from the 9th century site at Woodstown and the 10th century site at Waterford
10.30am-6pm	King of the Vikings , World's First Virtual Reality Viking Adventure - Admission charge. (<i>last admission 5.30pm</i>)
BAILEYS NEW STREET	Get ready to be blown away - this award-winning show is taking social media by storm! (booking highly recommended - telephone 0761.102676).
10am-5pm	Medieval Museum - children free accompanied by fee-paying adult (<i>last admission 4.15pm</i>)
CATHEDRAL SQUARE	Ireland's only purpose-built medieval museum, multi-award-winning
10am-5pm	Bishop's Palace - children free accompanied by fee-paying adult (<i>last admission 4.15pm</i>)
THE MALL	See the largest collection of historic Waterford crystal in the world.

All events free unless otherwise stated

Easter Sunday 1st April

VIKING TRIANGLE	Viking Misfits - join the motley crew!
	Watch out for Pop up Eric Olaf and Gudrun as they wander the streets of the Viking Triangle hoping to recruit new volunteers to join their epic voyages.
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1pm-1.15pm	
CATHEDRAL SQUARE	
1.30-2.30pm	Muster of warriors in Cathedral Square to lead public to shieldwall battle in People's Park.
CATHEDRAL SQUARE & PEOPLE'S PARK	
3-3.15pm	Storyteller - the beginnings of Vadrafjörðr/Waterford! (U 12s).
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CATHEDRAL SQUARE & PEOPLE'S PARK	
2.00-2.45pm	All the way from Norway - Reginald, King of the Vikings
3.15-4pm	Family story-telling by this larger-than-life epic character who transports you back to an age of warriors and their longships. 2 performances. (limited capacity, first come first served)
REGINALD'S TOWER	
3pm- 3.30pm	From Galicia, Spain - Troula Drummers / Fire-breathers / Jugglers
DRAGON SLAYER SWORD, BAILEYS NEW STREET	Spectacular fire-breathers, jugglers, drummers and stilt-men travel from their homeland in Catoira Spain raided by the Vikings in the 850s.
4.30pm	Waterford Dragon Warriors - on the river
WILLIAM VINCENT WALLACE PLAZA	Vikings Past meet Warriors Present, Waterford Dragon Warriors honouring our Viking history in 2018.
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6pm	King and Queen of the Vikings
APPLE MARKET	Best-dressed Viking boy and girl Competition - to choose King and Queen of Waterford and York. Two separate prizes!
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Bank Holiday Monday 2nd April

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11am-6pm	Claiomh Mór (the Great Sword) - join re-enactor Dave Swift for exciting authentic demonstrations.
BESIDE BISHOP'S PALACE	
	What archaeology tells us about the Vikings - hands on demonstrations: coin striking and silver; arms and armour; clothing and jewellery.
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8.00pm	Parade
ASSEMBLE IN CATHEDRAL SQUARE	Why not join the parade of local Vikings, Polish warriors and Spanish and local drummers from Cathedral Square to the Applemarket for the Viking Roadshow.
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