

## YACHT REGISTERS AS BRIGHTON FESTIVAL FRINGE VENUE

Treading the boards could take on a new meaning at the 2009 Brighton Festival Fringe as a 45 foot sailing yacht has registered as a venue.

The £250,000 Carrot offers the possibility of taking a performance out to sea (weather permitting!) and would be a unique space for any company looking to stage something out of the ordinary.

Irenka Griffin, principle of Sailnet UK, said: “We thought: this is Brighton, the Fringe is here and we really wanted to be part of the arts scene.”

The main saloon could hold up to 12 people including artists, with the potential of using the deck if the weather is fine. It costs £100 to book for a three hour slot (this covers the cost of a skipper who must be on board at all times).

Fringe operations manager Jess Huffman said: “We really hope someone takes the opportunity to stage an event in what could be the most original Fringe venue space to date.”

Irenka, who has worked as a geisha in Japan and run a drama project at Holloway women's prison in London, plans to sail round the world next year with her partner Woody and two-year-old daughter Rowan.

Other unusual venues registered for this year's Fringe include an allotment, a renovated bus station and the Brighton Sea Life Centre.

## INFORMATION

Irenka Griffin is available for interview and can be contacted on 01273 628648 or at [renx@sailnetuk.com](mailto:renx@sailnetuk.com).

Sailnet UK is based at Brighton Marina. Irenka and Woody run Royal Yachting Association training courses for sailors and charter their fleet of 8m Sigma yachts for fun trips or serious sailing. For more information go to [www.sailnetuk.com](http://www.sailnetuk.com).

Brighton Festival Fringe is the worlds 3<sup>rd</sup> largest Fringe Festival (after Edinburgh and Adelaide) and will run from May 2 – 25 this year.

Last year it sold over 100,000 tickets for 640 events in 200 venues.

Registration for the 2009 Fringe ends on **February 9**. Performers and promoters who want to take part should go to [www.brightonfestivalfringe.org.uk/registration](http://www.brightonfestivalfringe.org.uk/registration).

