

# Red Table Theatre Company

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## A New Type of Fringe Contract

While organisations such as Equity oversee contracts for cast and crew in larger theatre productions, it is difficult to find contracts suitable for use in fringe theatre and profit-share productions. This means that in most fringe shows there is no contract between the company and the actors.

Red Table are proud to be able to announce that they have signed contracts with all of the actors working on their production of *The Just So Stories* in association with London's Little Opera House at the King's Head Theatre.

The contract that they have developed offers a half-way house towards using contracts such as the Equity Fringe Agreement, and is a first step towards best practice on smaller productions where a full union contract may not be appropriate.

The contract is available online at <http://redtabletheatre.com/open-book-theatre/model-agreements/> for anyone to use as the basis for their own fringe and profit-share productions.

Rafe Beckley, a founder of Red Table and the director of *The Just So Stories* said: "The Agreement we'd like to see fringe performers on is the Equity one, which seeks minimum wage payments. When that's impractical for a company or producer though, the performer is often given no contract at all. We think that's bad for both parties, because it means no-one has any protection or means of redress.

We believe that quality companies can use the Open Book Contract to show performers that they are serious about treating them with respect, and so will, in their turn, be respected by the performers."

### **Notes to Editors:**

*The Just So Stories* is showing at London's Little Opera House at the King's Head Theatre from 15 December 2010 to 3 January 2011.

Red Table was formed by brothers Piers and Rafe Beckley to bring outstanding Fringe Theatre to London. More information is available at <http://www.redtabletheatre.com/>.

For more information about the Open Book Model Contract, contact Rafe Beckley at [rafe.beckley@redtabletheatre.com](mailto:rafe.beckley@redtabletheatre.com) or 077 5772 0397.

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