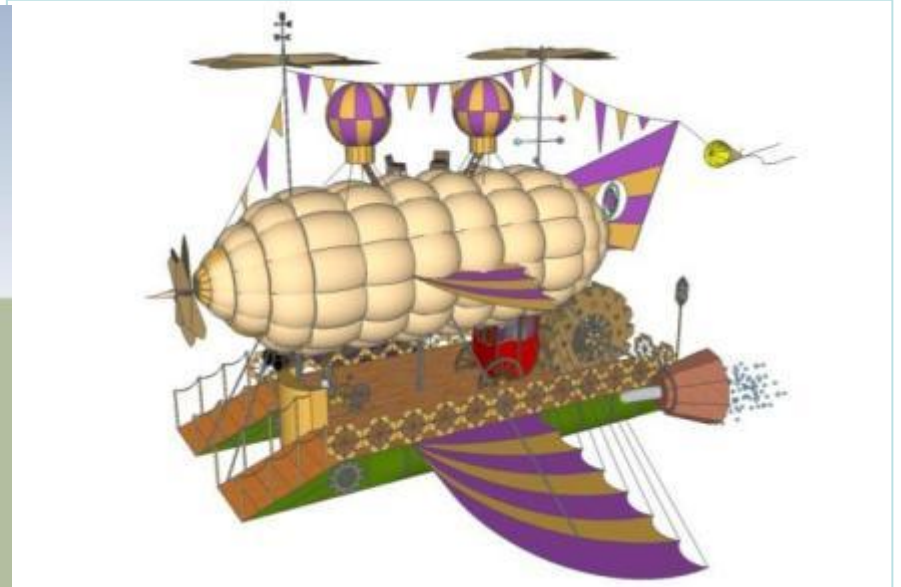
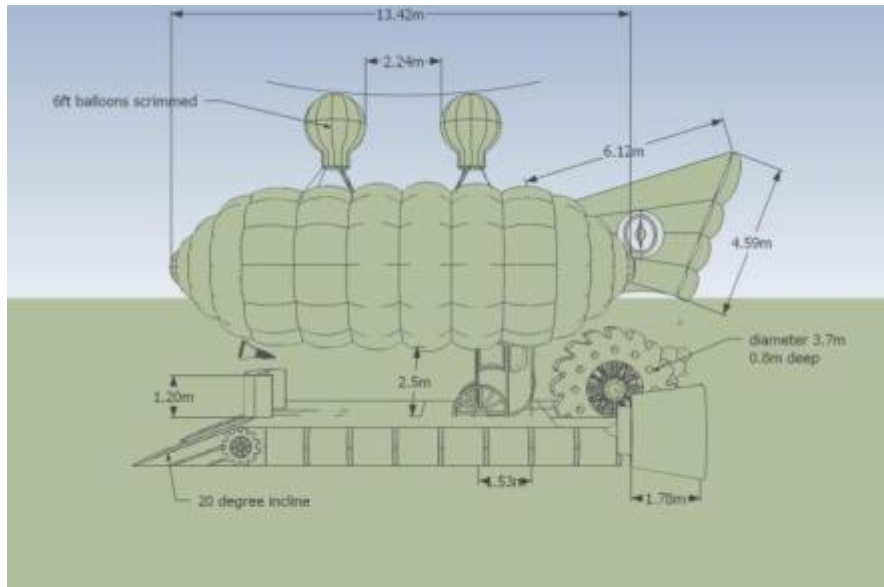


## Pirate Technics – Portfolio

### October 2010



Blueprints for the 60ft Blimp stage at the Secret Garden Party 2010

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## BURNING ART

### About Pirate Technics

We build and burn large interactive sculptures, stages and installations for major cultural and music festivals.

We stage and choreograph spectacles for tens of thousands of people.

We specialise in:

- multi-media shows that engage an entire festival, participants and crew
- artful fireworks and flame effects
- building on water
- living and kinetic sculptures from wood, metal and wicker
- art driven by a festival's theme



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### What people have said about our work:

Shortlisted as the only art entry for the **Most Memorable Moment of the UK Festival Season** in the 2008 and 2009 UK Festival Awards.

Visual and written coverage in the **Guardian, Mirror, Times, BBC, Daily Mail and Telegraph.**

Videos of our burns uploaded to **youtube** have been viewed more than 20,000 times.



*'That was amazing; totally unexpected; just heard a big bang and all of a sudden the pirate ship was on fire...'* normskis69, youtube

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### What people have said about our team:

*Without sounding too soppy you have all become part of the festival and are seen like that by all of us. Apart from the massive respect we have for your work and contribution to the event we are very fond of all of you.*

**Fiona Stewart – Green Man Festival Director, August 2010**

*You and your team are not just creative but cooperative about all things relating to safety – it was a wonderful Blimp!*

**Linda Krawecke, Tiger Tea Health and Safety, August 2010**



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We have worked on projects across the spectrum of the UK festival industry in 2010.



.... And have been invited back as the first fully British fire troupe to perform at Burning Man in the US.



**What we do:**

## **Burning Art**

Since 2007 we have built figureheads for festivals to capture the essence of a festival identity or theme.

Our projects are unique, temporary and interactive. And they are all spectacular.

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50ft Pirate Ship 'Belisama' built for the Secret Garden Party 2008

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60ft Tower of Babel built for the Secret Garden Party 2009

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30ft Green Man and Grottoes built for the Green Man Festival 2009

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Green Man's head, detail from the Green Man Festival 2009

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15ft Temple of Birds built for the Shambala Festival 2009

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50ft Blimp built for the Secret Garden Party 2010

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Turning water wheel driving kinetic sculptures and balloon jets,  
The Blimp at the Secret Garden Party 2010

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30ft Sitting Green Man, Green Man Festival 2010

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Magpies detail on the Green Man, Green Festival 2010

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20ft Lotus Flower temple with submerged walkway for Shambala Festival 2010

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20ft Lotus Flower temple with submerged walkway for Shambala Festival 2010



**What we do:**

## **Burning Performance**

We bring together theatre, fire performance and aerial displays to transform our sculptures into blazing spectacles, awe-inspiring and unforgettable.

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SGP 2008: Fireworks, pyrotechnics, 110 fire performers, 60 walkabout performers in parade, AV, 200 lantern launch – shortlisted for the Most Memorable Moment of 2008

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZbQ6GitU\\_v8&feature=relatd](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZbQ6GitU_v8&feature=relatd)

*Grace Jones was boring but burning a ship on a lake in the grounds kept everyone happy.-  
The Guardian – Summer 2008's festivals, the best and the rest*

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Green Man 2009: Procession, pyrotechnics, fire performance – shortlisted for the Most Memorable Moment of 2009

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-\\_x0BLODWBw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-_x0BLODWBw)

*I remember when his cock exploded! Brilliant! – redcassette, youtube*

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SGP 2010: Fireworks, flame effects, on-board pyrotechnics, 70 fire performers, 60 walkabout performers in two parades, rockets released from wires synchronised audio and lighting across 7 stages, 1000 LED balloons released from the inside, 200 lantern launch.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-L4ajCLhqlo>

<http://tiny.cc/b60eu>

*Burned in spectacular fashion leading to an astonishing fireworks display – Daily Mail*

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Shambala 2010: Choreographed fire show and double sculpture burn

*The burning and firework display help remind us that we are in the last night of the festival and that we have a lot more fun to squeeze into a limited time'* James Taylor, efestivals review, Shambala 2010

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**Our core team:**

### **Builders**

#### **Mike de Butts**

Mike oversees the structural designs, project manages the builds and is a nifty fire performer to boot. As co-Director of Pirate Technics he also looks after the company's finances.



### **Performers**

#### **Chris Baker**

Chris has been fire performing for more than ten years, collaborating with all the UK's professional fire troupes at some point. Coupled with a background in arts PR he is right at home in managing large numbers of performers, leading from the front with flaming double staffs that are some of the best in the country



### **Artists**

#### **Beatrix Eden**

As Artistic Director Beatrix looks after the aesthetics for a build, from the initial sketches to the finishing touches. A professional set designer and prop maker, Beatrix works wonders with wood, wicker, fabric and metal.



### **Founder**

#### **Alex Rinsler**

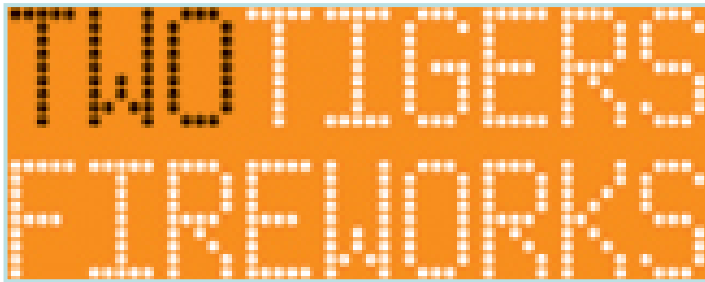
Alex began the FireWorks Collective fire troupe in 2002. After watching large puppets being burnt in Argentina a year later, he was inspired to begin Pirate Technics. With a background in large event campaigns, for Red Bull and Cancer Research UK, he was most recently Director of the Hub in London, a home for social entrepreneurs starting new projects. He looks after business development.



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We collaborate with specialist pyrotechnicians and award-winning firework providers in the UK.



**Two Tigers Fireworks Ltd**  
Eastnor Firework Champions 2010

[www.twotigers.co.uk](http://www.twotigers.co.uk)



**Illuminarium:** one of the UKs only pyrotechnician specialists with expertise in scultured flame effects

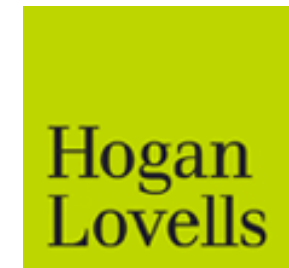
[www.illuminarium.co.uk](http://www.illuminarium.co.uk)

We are also lucky to work with a number of strategic partners for Business Support

**Business Link London** – Pro-bono Business Development support and mentorship

**Beechtree Consultancy** – specialist event insurance brokers  
Group insurance for fire performers, PLI of £5,000,000

**Hogan Lovells LLP** – Pro-bono legal support



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How we work:

Our projects have five stages:

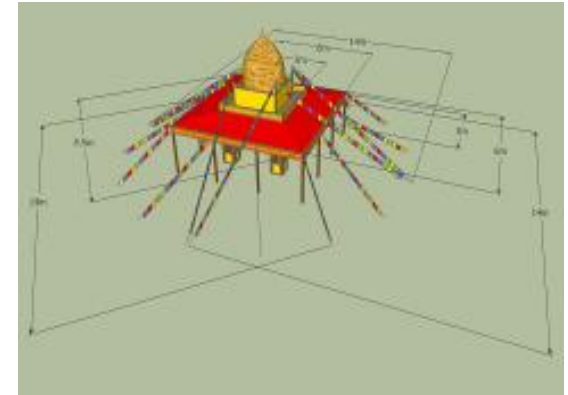
**Creation** – explore the vision

**Germination** – initial sketches

**Development** – feasibility

**Build** – we build

**Burn** – we burn





## Where to find us:

### On the web:

[www.piratetechnics.com](http://www.piratetechnics.com)

[www.burningart.co.uk](http://www.burningart.co.uk)

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