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### **FLYBOY AT THE NATIONAL THEATRE**

**Matthew Robins projects eight new shows on to the flytower of the National Theatre over four weeks this summer in “*Matthew Robins’ Science Fiction Double Feature.*”**

**“the biggest hit I’ve noticed in years” - Danny Baker, BBC Radio London**

**“sublime . . . breathtaking” - Timeout**

**“twisted and childish and even... heart warming” - uktheatre.net**

Matthew Robins returns to the National Theatre this summer with eight new shows over eight nights in “*Matthew Robins’ Science Fiction Double Feature.*” As part of the Watch This Space festival, Matthew Robins and his band will be performing live as he projects his series of romantic paper-cut-out science-fiction shadow operas on to the outside of the flytower, from 31st July - 22nd August.

“*Matthew Robins’ Science Fiction Double Feature*” continues the saga of Flyboy, a mutant half-human half-fly - trying to live a normal life in a small village, despite an amorous robot, visitors from other planets, a wicker cat and Tony, Flyboy’s local bully. Meanwhile, Mothboy is knitting them a lovely new spaceship. Its like *The Archers* but made of cardboard.

As well as his regular musicians Matthew Robins will be joined on stage this summer by various musical guests, including a brass band, a string quartet and a children’s choir.

Last seen at the Barbican’s *Twisted Christmas*, Matthew Robins will be premiering a new Flyboy show each Friday, and then on Saturdays repeating it but with the addition of another miniature science-fiction opera - so each weekend will offer something new - expect tales of giant mutant spiders, robot cats and knitted dinosaurs.

There will also be opportunities to spend money on Matthew’s home-made merchandise.

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***Matthew Robins’ Science Fiction Double Feature***  
National Theatre, Southbank, London

Friday 31st July & Saturday 1st August  
Friday 7th August & Saturday 8th August  
Friday 14th August & Saturday 15th August  
Friday 21st August & Saturday 22nd August

all shows start at 10pm and are un-ticketed and free