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Welcome to Dance Live 2009

Welcome to the DanceLive 2009 – presenting the very best of contemporary dance and live music.

This is our fourth festival and promises to be our best festival yet with performances, discussions and workshops running throughout the last 3 weeks of October.

We've also been able to link up with the start of the sound festival, with jointly programmed events highlighting the best in live music and dance, including a new event for 2009 – a symposium on *making music for dance – making dance with music* investigating how creative teams work together.

The Festival is a feast of dance and live music, featuring a wide range of contemporary dance companies and musicians performing in Aberdeen and Banchory, complemented by a full programme of workshops, classes and talks. We hope the programme will

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Enjoy it all!

Ian SpinkArtistic Director

How to Book

Tickets are available from ABERDEEN PERFORMING ARTS on **01224 641122** (or online at **www.boxofficeaberdeen.com**) for events at HMT, THE LEMON TREE and WOODEND BARN.

Tickets for performances by The Curve Foundation and Tabula Rasa at citymoves, Dudendance and for all workshops at citymoves are available on the door. Tickets can be reserved in advance by calling **01224 611486**.

Discounts are available for performances if you are attending the workshop by that company. Please take your workshop receipt along when collecting performance tickets. Concessions prices are available if you are a student, under 16, over 60, disabled (or a companion) unemployed, or a Young Scot. Proof of entitlement may be required.

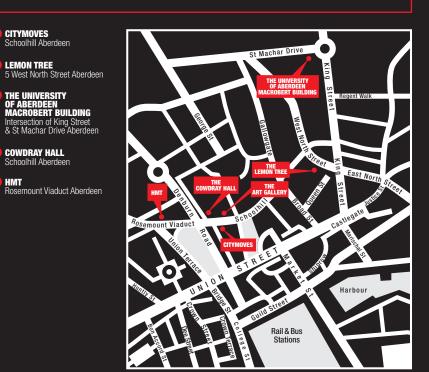


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Curious Seed (Curious Seed) Retina Dance Company (Bart Van Leuven) Vincent Dance Theatre (Hugo Glendinning)
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Workshops & Classes: David Hughes Dance (Guy Veale)







Tabula Rasa Dance Company

Lisbon Diaries

For this studio showing choreographer Claire Pençak has developed a vocabulary of forty three phrases, created from a daily record of observations, photographs and short sound recordings made over a 6 week period in Lisbon in May and June 2008 — one phrase for each day of the diary.

DATE: Sunday 11 October

TIME: **7.30pm**VENUE: **citymoves studio**

COST: £5

BOOKING: Available on the door or call 01224 611486

Dudendance

Spacemar

Stark and compelling contemporary dance that uses a haunting, physical language to question the evolutionary process and what it is that makes us human.

A lone survivor undergoes a series of evolutionary mutations from prowling animal/ robotic machine to alien shape - shifting force. Inspired by the simulation exercises used to prepare astronauts for the unknown dangers of space flight Spaceman questions what makes us human. Devised by performer Paul Rous Spaceman defies a singular interpretation using a movement language which is immediate and compelling.

Based in Huntly, Aberdeenshire since 2002, Dudendance have a long and varied history and currently produce performance, film, installation and site-specific works. Their work has a strong visual content and surreal edge which communicates to both a local and international audience.

Performer/Choreography: Paul Rous Choreography: Clea Wallis DATE: Saturday 17 October
TIME: 7.00pm

VENUE: citymoves studio
COST: £5

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'Taken as a piece of physical theatre Rous's slow and meticulously detailed morphing from one inhabited "skin" - a dainty female to upright male, prowling animal to robotic machine - are thrillingly well done with incredible clarityand precision maintained throughout."

Mary Brennan, The Herald





DATE: VENUE:

COST:

Sunday 18 October TIME: 7.00pm

The Lemon Tree studio

£9 / £7 (£5 with Jack Webb's workshop see p13.)

BOOKING: www.boxofficeaberdeen.com / 01224 641122

East Coast Moves

An unmissable programme of new work by choreographers working in the East Coast of Scotland. You, Except Broken is an intense and physical duet that finds the two people on a journey and on the verge of a profound discovery, choreographed by Jack Webb. Enso is a new dance installation from LaNua, directed and choreographed by Merav Israel, inspired by the Zen calligraphy called enso, Japanese landscape paintings and haikus.

Scottish Ballet 40th Anniversary Tour

Rubies is taken from George Balanchine's 1967 full-length work Jewels, which was inspired by New York jewellery designer Claude Arpels. Crisp and witty, Rubies contains some of Balanchine's most dazzling and virtuosic dance set to a sumptuous Stravinsky score.

Choreography: George Balanchine Igor Stravinsky

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WorkWithinWork created by William Forsythe, former director of Frankfurt Ballet, unites the dancers' classical discipline and experimental playfulness using

Berio's haunting

Duetti for two violins. The resulting displays of dance virtuosity shimmer in and out of the

shadows on the beautifully lit stage.

Choreography: William Forsythe Music: Luciano Berio Design:

Friday 23 & Saturday 24 October

VENUE: **HMT Studio**

(Discounts available including £10 tickets for students and under 26s on the day. Please contact the Box Office.)

BOOKING: www.boxofficeaberdeen.com / 01224 641122

Yannis Thavoris TIME: **7.30pm** COST: £12.50 / £22.50

In Light and Shadow is inspired by a range of Baroque dances and painters including Vermeer, Rembrandt and La Tour. The ballet focuses on the interplay of light and shadow as übercontemporary lines are juxtaposed with the rich and celebratory music of Bach. Beginning with a delicate, reflective duet to the aria from Bach's Goldberg Variations, the ballet opens out into a rich tapestry of explosive solos, duets and ensemble work to Bach's Third Orchestral Suite.

Krzysztof Pastor Choreography: Johann Sebastian Bach Design: Tatyana Van Walsum

Related Events:

Free pre-show talk with Scottish Ballet's Artistic Director Ashley Page on Friday 23rd at 6.30pm and with Richard Honner on Saturday 24th at 6.30pm. Audio described performance preceded by a touch tour on Friday 23rd.

OUTSIDE IN: Saturday 24th at 4.00pm. (See p.12 for details.)

Curious Seed

Found

You find a letter. It's not yours. Do you read it? Choreographer Christine Devaney and her outstanding company, including composer Luke Sutherland (Venus As A Boy — Fringe 2007), present bold beautiful and charged dance theatre.

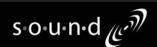
Found explores the fragile depths of human emotion as one person's reality is deeply affected by a life imagined. Driven by movement and live music, Found's strong sense of narrative is supported by text and film.

Choreography/Performer: Christine Devaney
Co-composer/Musician/Writing Mentor: Luke Sutherland
Co-composer/Musician: Jer Reid
Performer/Contributing Writer: Michael Sherin
Design: Karen Tennent
Lighting Design: Jeanine Davies
Video Artist: Jonathan Charles

On Almost But Not Quite, Curious Seed's first production:

"A powerful performance... and sometimes achingly beautifully, danced."

Journal from the Fringe.



DATE: Saturday 24 October TIME: 7.30pm
VENUE: Woodend Barn, Banchory COST: £9 / £7
BOOKING: www.boxofficeaberdeen.com / 01224 641122







Antipode is about extremes and opposition. The performers share the stage but are on their own path exerting their own physicality, exploring their own extremes. They collide, caress, fight, play and reject as they stampede along their pathway with commitment and single vision.

A full-length production set to a soundscore by Belgian composer, musician and double bass player Joris Vanvinckenroye, Antipode is the power of singular vision and its opposite. Beauty, power and exhilaration performed by six astounding male dancers.

Choreography: Filip Van-Huffel
Composer/Musician: Joris Vanvinckenroye

"Van Huffel's vocabulary is a fresh and unusual mix of abstract moves, mime and theatricality. He bends his dancers in amazing shapes with an intriguing interplay of limbs, quirky balances and exciting athleticism." Stephanie Ferguson, The Guardian



DATE: TIME:

VENUE:

COST:



'Brave, intelligent entertainment.' The Times

The dark stretches before us. There are people waiting. We would like to show you something, but we are not sure how. We are going to tell you what it is like, doing and faking, and doing and not doing. The dark stretches before us, but here we are, faced with the question, how do we go on?

If We Go On is a series of individual acts that lay bare the mechanics of theatre, placing the investigation of language at the centre of the work. Through miniature dances and stuttering songs, militant manifestos and extended exits, If We Go On embraces uncertainty, hesitancy and not knowing with a dark, intelligent humour.

An exceptional ensemble of multi-tasking performers and musicians morph words into movement, shunt gesture into sound and at times burst into song to create a performance they can believe in. In a relentless succession of splintered transactions, where words lose their strength, music strains to be heard and movement meanders into exhaustion and incoherence, *If We Go On* asks: If you had one last



Soundings

Rosalind Masson & Aaron Lewis

Beating/Breaking Shell

Beating/Breaking Shell opens up new modes of expression through the movement of two bodies and the sound of one violin. The piece explores abstract ideas such as yin/yang dichotomy creating something beautiful and visceral, that resonates within the body of the viewer.

Choreographer/dancer: Rosalind Masson Composer/musician: Aaron Jonah Lewis

articulate animal and the other ensemble

Re-membering(s)

This new work from Sue Hawksley is an exploration of the fragments, echoes and traces unfolding within performance, revealing the detail of the moment, creating a series of compelling, improvised miniatures in contemporary music and dance. Performers include dancers Lucy Boyes, Freya Jeffs, Sue Hawksley, Steinvor Palsson, Skye Reynolds; musicians Suzanne Parry (bass clarinet), Richard Worth (flute), Luke Drummond (prepared piano) and Chris Greive (trombone).

Choreographer: Sue Hawksley with the dancers

Composer: Suzanne Parry

Michael Popper & Nigel Osborne

Remembering.....Forgetting (A New Remembering Esenin)

Osborne and Popper collaborate on a new work for choreographed bass voice and cello - stripping away all that is not vital, singer and dancer are one and the same: music and dance inextricably bound together.

Osborne and Popper met in the early 80s when both were working with Ballet Rambert. On Osborne's suggestion, Popper choreographed and performed a solo work to the composer's "Remembering Esenin" and, shortly after, they went on to create a larger work based on the writings of Mikhail Bulgakov. This new creation brings them full-circle: returning to the potent intimacy of the chamber work, and to the extraordinary work of Esenin, his passionate love for his homeland,

and his apparent longing in the same moment for both life and death. Bass/Choreographer/Dancer: Michael Popper

Saturday 31 October

Date: Time: 7.30pm

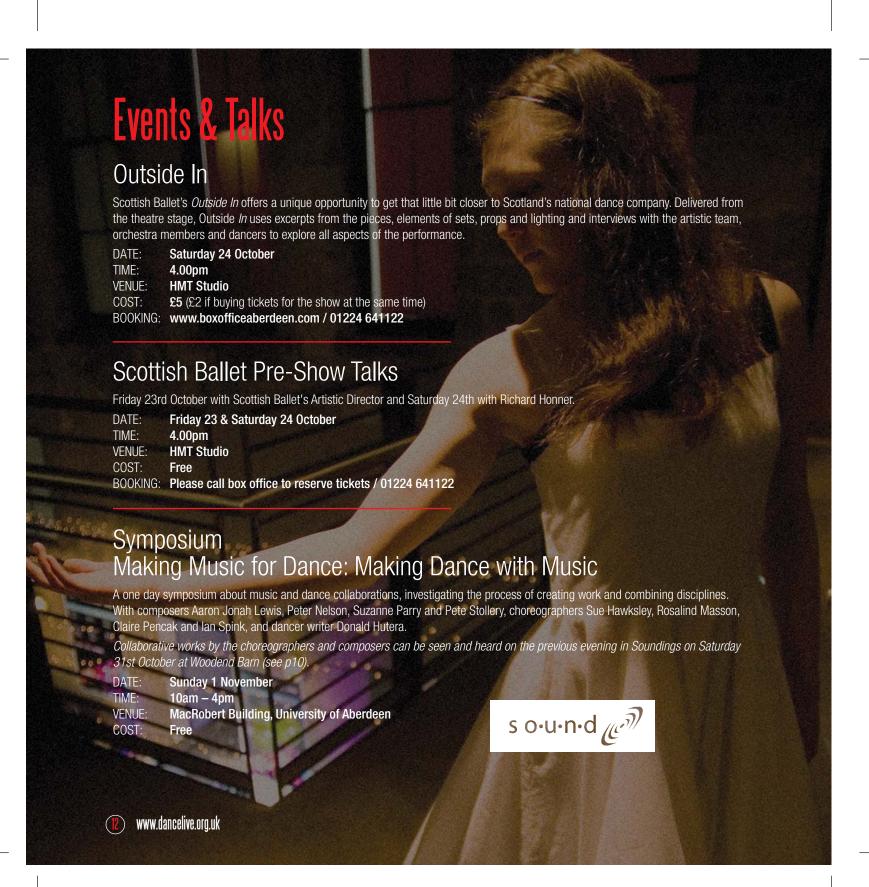
Woodend Barn, Banchory Venue:

Cost: £9/£7

Booking: www.boxofficeaberdeen.com / 01224 641122

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Workshops & Classes

David Hughes Dance

Professional Repertoire Workshop

This workshop will explore repertoire from the company's current touring works with choreography from Tanja Liedtke, Rafael Bonachela and David Hughes. It will also examine movement from the show 'The Red Room' (Lemon Tree on Wednesday 7 October) which will encourage participants to embrace theatrical techniques as a supplement to movement. The workshop will involve some technical dance but will be delivered in a supportive and encouraging manner.

DATE: Thursday 8 October

TIME: 2 – 4pm

VENUE: citymoves studio

BOOKING: Available on the door or call 01224 611486

Jack Webb & Svenja Hamel

Destination Unknown

Join Jack and Svenja for an evening workshop based on principles of improvisation and exploring its uses within creating choreography. In fearless exploration we will work on developing tools to create work that takes steps into unknown territories and exploring new ways of moving. Outside influences such as sound and props will play a part in the improvisations, as well as ideas and images used in the creation of You, Except Broken (East Coast Moves on Sunday 18 October).

DATE: Wednesday 14 October TIME: **6 – 8pm** VENUE: citymoves studio COST: **£5** BOOKING: Available on the door or call 01224 611486



Scottish Ballet

Workshop for Over 50s

Exercise your body and mind in an informal, uplifting session for older dancers led by Scottish Ballet's Education team. The workshop comprises a ballet-based warm up followed by a creative session inspired by repertoire from Scottish Ballet's 40th Anniversary Season (p6). No previous ballet experience is necessary.

DATE: Thursday 22 October

1.30 - 3pm TIME: VENUE: **HMT Studio**

COST: £3

BOOKING: Available on the door or call 01224 611486

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Workshops & Classes

Retina Dance Company

Choreographic Workshop

This choreographic workshop will incorporate taught material, improvisation and an opportunity for the participants to work with choreographic devices used within Retina's work. Incorporating solo and partner work, the content will focus on the process of movement rather than shape, and the internal motivation of movement to produce physically vibrant movement material. Suitable for Intermediate level dancers.

DATE: Thursday 22 October

TIME: 6 – 8pm

citymoves studio VENUE:

£5

BOOKING: Available on the door or call 01224 611486

Dance Taster Day

Citymoves is holding an Open Day with taster sessions in all forms of dance for young people and adults - street dance and salsa, ballet and bellydance, tap and tai chi as well as fitness classes. Come and meet the staff, find out what citymoves has to offer, and try out something new.

DATE: Sunday 25 October TIME: 10am - 5pm **VENUE:** citymoves studio

COST: FREE

Retina Dance Company

Advanced Level Contemporary Class

This technique class with Retina Dance will focus on the process of movement, exploring the flow of energy through the body, emphasising efficiency and freedom. Fast paced and quirky, the class uses continuous flow, weight and breath to energise movement through the space and body. Suitable for Advanced Level dancers.

DATE: Monday 26 October TIME: 12 – 1.30pm **VENUE:** citymoves studio

BOOKING: Available on the door or call 01224 611486

Workshops & Classes

Scottish Ballet Repertoire Workshop

After a short modern ballet warm up, the focus will be on learning elements of the choreography from one or two of the pieces in the Autumn Programme. Intermediate to advanced ballet and/or contemporary. 14 years plus.

DATE: Friday 23 October TIME: 4 – 5.30pm
VENUE: HMT studio COST: £7 (£5 concession)

BOOKING: **HMT Box Office 01224 641122**

Vincent Dance Theatre

Intermediate/Advanced Level Performance Skills

This workshop is an opportunity to work with performing members of the company to explore some of the themes and ideas of If We Go On, Vincent Dance Theatre's new production (p.9). A yoga based warm up will be followed by creative work that will investigate a key question from If We Go On: If you had one last dance in you, what shape would it take?

Vincent Dance Theatre create powerful, engaging dance theatre mixing together movement, text, theatre, live music and dark humour. Suitable for Intermediate/Advanced level dancers, actors and performing arts students.

DATE: Friday 30 October TIME: 12 – 3pm
VENUE: citymoves studio COST: £7
BOOKING: Available on the door or call 01224 611486

Curve Foundation

Advanced Level Contemporary Dance Class

A Cunningham-based class with Curve Foundation's Artistic Director, Ross Cooper.

Open Level Contemporary Dance Class

This Cunningham-based class will focus on placement and rhythm followed by more challenging phrases and jumps and will be led by Curve Foundation's Artistic Director Ross Cooper. Suitable for beginner and intermediate level dancers.

DATE: Monday 2 November TIME: 12 – 1.30pm / 6 – 7pm VENUE: citymoves studio COST: £3.50 per class

BOOKING: Available on the door or call 01224 611486







Festival at a Glance

С	DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE	TYPE
V	Wed 7 Oct	7pm	David Hughes Dance - Red Room	Lemon Tree	Performance
T	Thurs 8 Oct	2 - 4pm	Professional Repertoire Workshop with David Hughes	citymoves studio	Workshop / Class
S	Sun 11 Oct	7.30pm	Tabula Rasa Dance Company – Lisbon Diaries	citymoves studio	Performance
V	Wed 14 Oct	6 - 8pm	Destination Unknown, workshop with Jack Webb & Svenja Hamel	citymoves studio	Workshop / Class
S	Sat 17 Oct	7pm	Dudendance - Spaceman	citymoves studio	Performance
S	Sun 18 Oct	7pm	East Coast Moves	Lemon Tree	Performance
T	Thurs 22 Oct	1.30 - 3pm	Workshop for Over 50s with Scottish Ballet	НМТ	Workshop / Class
T	Thurs 22 Oct	6 - 8pm	Choreographic Workshop with Retina Dance Company	citymoves studio	Workshop / Class
F	ri 23 Oct	4 - 5.30pm	Scottish Ballet Repertoire Workshop	НМТ	Workshop / Class
F	ri 23 Oct	6.30pm	Pre-Show talk with Ashley Page	НМТ	Talk
F	ri 23 Oct	7.30pm	Scottish Ballet - Rubies, WorkWithinWork & In Light and Shadow	НМТ	Performance
S	Sat 24 Oct	4.00pm	Outside In	НМТ	Talk
S	Sat 24 Oct	6.30pm	Pre-Show talk with Richard Honner	НМТ	Talk
S	Sat 24 Oct	7.30pm	Scottish Ballet - Rubies, WorkWithinWork & In Light and Shadow	НМТ	Performance
S	Sat 24 Oct	7.30pm	Curious Seed - Found	Woodend Barn	Performance
S	Sun 25 Oct	10am - 5pm	Dance Taster Day	citymoves studio	Workshop / Class
S	Sun 25 Oct	7pm	Retina Dance Company – Relative Danger & Antipode	Lemon Tree	Performance
N	Mon 26 Oct	12 - 1.30pm	Advanced Contemporary Class	citymoves studio	Workshop / Class
F	ri 30 Oct	12 - 3pm	Performance Skills with Vincent Dance Company	citymoves studio	Workshop / Class
F	ri 30 Oct	7pm	Vincent Dance Theatre – If We Go On	Lemon Tree	Performance
S	Sat 31 Oct	7.30pm	Soundings	Woodend Barn	Performance
S	Sun 1 Nov	10am - 4pm	Symposium - Making Music for Dance: Making Dance with Music	University of Aberde	een Symposium
N	Mon 2 Nov	12 - 1.30pm	Contemporary Dance Class with Curve Foundation	citymoves studio	Workshop / Class
N	Mon 2 Nov	6 - 7pm	Contemporary Dance Class with Curve Foundation	citymoves studio	Workshop / Class
١	Mon 2 Nov	7.30pm	Curve Foundation - Close Up, Passomezzo & O Caritas	citymoves studio	Performance