

Indepen-dance

Presents

Gathered  Together

Scotland's International
Inclusive Dance Festival

Wed 4 - Sat 7 Sep

Summer Newsletter

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We have a busy summer ahead as we prepare for Gathered Together - Scotland's Inclusive Dance Festival in September at Tramway!

As we wrap up for summer our last class will be Saturday 29th June for Wake up Extravaganza followed by our Members group.

Our next term will start back on Monday 22nd July.

Photo Credit: Brian Hartley

GATHERED TOGETHER IS BACK FOR 2024

We are very excited to finally announce that Gathered Together - Scotland's biennial International Inclusive Dance Festival, held by Indepen-dance is back for 2024.

Keep up to date with our social media for announcements on performances and workshops from inclusive dance company's including Danskompaniet Spinn (Sweden), Danza Mobile (Spain), Jolt Dance Company (New Zeland) and many more to be announced.

Our staff and members will be leading workshops, performing and hosting an opening and closing party including an inclusive ceilidh.



SAVE THE DATE: WED 4 - SAT 7 SEPTEMBER 2024

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WELLIES ON TOUR 2024

Our company performance piece choreographed by Anna Newell has had another very successful year on tour. The performance has allowed Indepen-dance and our staff to travel and share our work with international audiences.

Four Go Wild in Wellies

began on tour this year at Everybody festival in **Nuremberg, 10th - 14th May**. Our team then travelled for the first time for Indepen-dance to **New York City, 27th May - 17th June** to perform over 16 shows and workshops at New Victory theatre. We have a small **Scotland tour from 17th - 20th July** including St Andrews and Irvine. The team are excited to then travel to **Oslo** to perform a run of shows from **4th - 9th September**.

Four Go Wild in Wellies is a performance for children ages 3 -5 and their families to explore family, friendship and connection.

“Oodles of fun ... the giggles keep on coming”

—The List



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STAR STORY: SHAUN, OFFICE & STUDIO MANAGER



"Shaun joined us in 2018 as our Communications Administrator and quickly became part of the Independence family. Known as the go-to person for all class queries, Shaun's well-mannered and welcoming approach has made every phone call to the office special.

During the challenging times of COVID-19, our organisation was significantly impacted, but Shaun's role became more crucial than ever. His focus shifted to managing our social media platforms as we transitioned to online classes for nearly two years.

Work for us did not stop then and neither did Shaun's dedication and enthusiasm. When our new Office and Studio opened, Shaun earned a well-deserved promotion to Office and Studio Manager. In this role, he took on additional responsibilities for the Health and Safety of our staff while continuing to support and guide our members and their support and families and ensuring the effective running of our new Studio and Office. Shaun, your dedication and hard work over the past six years has not gone unnoticed. Thank you for being you, the office wouldn't run the same without you."



**WELL DONE
SHAUN!**



**"I loved dancing and having all
of my family in the audience"**

- Member

Photo Credit: See Independence

DINNER & SHOWCASE RAISES OVER £12,000

Thank you to all who attended our Dinner and Showcase at Hilton Glasgow in March. We raised an amazing amount of over £12,000.

"It was inspiring to see so many people coming together to support our cause and celebrate the power of inclusivity and expression through dance.

Your contribution not only helped us raise funds but also helped raise awareness about the importance of accessible arts for everyone in Scotland. I'm also very grateful to Insite Group - our headline sponsor for the evening and Hanlon Builders - our corporate sponsors, for their financial support both at the Dinner & Showcase and beyond." - Karen Anderson - Artistic Director

A special thank you to everyone who made the night a success from organisations, donations, performances, preparation and volunteers.

Congratulations to all of our members for their hard work rehearsing and performing and to all our staff who supported.



**"Performances were very special
I feel so lucky to have been in the
crowd to watch, well done to
everyone involved"**

- Attendee



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UPDATES FROM . . .

MEMBER'S GROUP



Our Members group is back and is well under way. Our Members have been meeting and feeding back ideas to our staff. If you are a member who would like to join please get in touch, meetings are four times a year in person and online, make your voice heard!

ALLIANCE CONFERENCE 2024

Our Members attended and performed at this years Alliance Conference! Members told us that it was good fun and enjoyed meeting new people from inclusive organisations. Members enjoyed performing the piece *Moonlight*, Choreographed by Katie Miller, to a big audience. Some of our members also held a workshop along with Wils for attendees which was a new experience for some of our dancers.

Y DANCE FESTIVAL

Our performance group Young 1z's performed at the sold out event and participated in a number of workshops to learn new dance practices and techniques, Member Dillon said; "It was really great to see other performance groups from across Scotland come together to perform".

INVERNESS

Some of our members from our Young 1z's group travelled up to Inverness for an overnight stay to participate and facilitate dance workshops. Callum said; "He was very excited about it and had a great time away with his friends".

NEXT MEETING - SAT 20TH JULY AT EXTRAVAGANZA



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WE ARE LOOKING FOR BOARD MEMBERS

JOIN US

We are currently recruiting new members to our Board.

We are particularly interested in hearing from people with skills and experience in -

- Finance or Business
- Arts and Culture sector
- Understanding of Inclusive practice and impact



No previous experience required, but a willingness to ask questions that ensure Indeppen-dance is doing the right things and is using the funds that we have in the right way.

The formal commitment we require is attendance at five Board meetings a year, attend training sessions and participate in some of Indeppen-dance public activities.

You will become an advocate for Indeppen-dance, encouraging interest in the company and contributing to ideas on fundraising.

If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more, Mairi Brackenridge, the chair of trustees, would be happy to talk to you about what's involved and the process of applying.

Please email: admin@indeppen-dance.org.uk

“Joining the board has been one of the highlights of my career and best decision of my life ”

- Mairi Brackenridge, Chair of the Board

ONLINE AND IN-PERSON CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday

11:30am - 12:30pm: Adult Class - Pollokshaws Burgh Hall
1pm - 2pm: Adult Class - Pollokshaws Burgh Hall
1pm - 1:45pm: Monday Moovers - Online

Tuesday

11am - 1pm: Yoga & Coffee Morning - Indepen-dance Bridgeton Venue & Online
5pm - 6pm: Youth Class (ages 5-11) - Indepen-dance Bridgeton Venue

Wednesday

9:30am - 10:45am: Professional Technique Class - Scottish Ballet Studio (Tramway)
11am - 12.30pm: *Adult Performance Company* - Scottish Ballet Studio (Tramway)
1pm - 2pm: Adult Performance Company Class - Scottish Ballet Studio (Tramway)
2:30pm - 4pm: Evolve Class - Scottish Ballet Studio (Tramway) ***Invite Only***
11am - 12pm: Adult Class - Maryhill Community Centre
1pm - 2pm: Adult Cass - Maryhill Community Centre
5pm - 6pm: Youth Class (ages 12-18) - Pearce Institute
6:30pm - 8pm: Young1'z* - Pearce Institute ***Invite Only***

Thursday

9.30am & 10:15am: Dance Your Socks Off (Ages 0-5) - Tramway
11:am - 12:pm: Adult Class - Tramway
11:30am - 12:30pm: Adult Class - Pollokshaws Burgh Hall
1pm - 2pm: TouchTrust - Tramway
1pm - 2pm: Adult Class - Pollokshaws Burgh Hall
5pm - 5:45pm: Dance Energy - Online
7pm - 8pm Parents and Carers Class - Indepen-dance Bridgeton Venue

Friday

11:30am - 12:30pm: Adult Class - Indepen-dance Bridgeton Venue
1pm - 2pm: Adult Class - Indepen-dance Bridgeton Venue
1pm - 2pm: Friday Groovers - Online

Saturday

10am - 10:45am- Wake Up with Wils - Online

**Our online classes are free and take place via Zoom.
Our in-person classes are paid per class or via block booking.
To take part contact : admin@indepn-dance.org.uk**

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