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14-23 JULY 2023

# FESTIVAL OF DANCE



ALLEYNE DANCE  
MESSUMS 4X20  
CHOREOGRAPHY PLATFORM  
SPOKEN MOVEMENT

PERFORMANCES  
WORKSHOPS  
EVENTS

MESSUMS  
**4X20**

Choreography Platform

# WELCOME TO THE FESTIVAL OF DANCE 2023

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*"WE CANNOT WAIT TO OPEN OUR DOORS AND WELCOME YOU TO OUR FESTIVAL OF DANCE: A WORLD OF PERFORMANCES, DEBUTS AND ENGAGEMENT IN AN ARTFORM THAT IS AS ENHANCING OF LIFE AS IT IS EPHEMERAL. I HOPE YOU LEAVE WITH LASTING MEMORIES OF MOMENTS SHARED AND EXPERIENCED, AS WELL AS THE NAMES OF ARTISTS AND TALENTS TO BE REMEMBERED WHEN THEY REAPPEAR AT VENUES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO EVERYONE WHO HAS MADE THIS HAPPEN."*

**- JOHNNY MESSUM**

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The ten-day festival will feature live performances, discussions, film screenings, parties, networking dinners, and free community dance workshops on-site and in local schools. In addition, the final Sunday - 23 July - will be dedicated to the inaugural Messums Dance Film Festival, a day of curated screening of award-winning work by some of the best national and international dance filmmakers.



# MAIN EVENTS

FRI 14 JULY	19:30-21:00	Alleyne Dance presents 'Far From Home'
FRI 14 JULY	21:00-22:30	Post-Show Dinner at Messums Restaurant
SAT 15 JULY	19:30-21:00	Alleyne Dance presents 'Far From Home'
SAT 15 JULY	21:30-00:00	Dinner & FOD Opening Party
SUN 16 JULY	9:00-12:00	4X20 Choreography Platform Workshops
TUE 18 JULY	19:00-21:00	4X20 Choreography Platform Premiere
TUE 18 JULY	21:00-22:30	Patron and Supporter Dinner and After-party
FRI 21 JULY	19:30-20:30	Spoken Movement presents 'Family Honour' + Q&A
FRI 21 JULY	20:30-22:00	Post-Show Dinner at Messums Restaurant
SAT 22 JULY	20:00-21:00	Spoken Movement presents 'Family Honour' + Q&A
SAT 22 JULY	21:30-00:00	Dinner & FOD Closing Party
SUN 23 JULY	11:00-16:00	Messums Dance Film Festival

## PLEASE NOTE:

There will be a number of free events happening on-site during Festival of Dance, such as youth and beginner adult dance workshops, artist talks, discussion events and more.



# OPENING WEEKEND

## Alleyne Dance presents: Far From Home

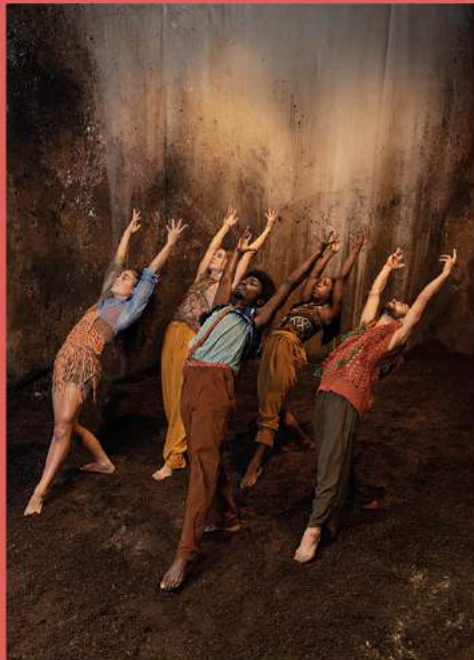
Fri 14 July, 19:30 - 21:00

Sat 15 July, 19:30 - 21:00

*"FAR FROM HOME BRINGS TO THE STAGE THE HUMANITY OF TOLD AND UNTOLD STORIES BY VOICES NOT ALWAYS HEARD."*

Bringing Alleyne Dance's dynamic, powerhouse style to the stage, *Far From Home* is a hard hitting, atmospheric, abstract narrative dance production that explores the topic of immigration, and the consequences of the search for "a better life" for those forced to seek it due to social or political devastations.

Performed by 6 professional dance artists the performance ensemble highlights the emotional and mental stresses of migrant families, as well as the impact on communities where migrants "settle", unpicking the meaning of tolerance and practice of integration.



# MESSUMS 4X20 CHOREOGRAPHY PLATFORM PREMIERE



Tue 18 July,

19:00 - 21:00 including interval

21:00 - 22:30 Patron and Supporter dinner and after-party

The cornerstone event of the festival, this unique platform commissions two emerging choreographers to present one pre-existing and one newly developed choreographic work of up to 20 minutes each, with a maximum of 4 dancers - hence 4X20. Following the Wiltshire premiere, 4X20 will embark on a national tour in Autumn 2023.

Chandenie Gobardhan presents: **CREATOR** and **Rudra (working title)**.

John-William Watson presents: **Hang in There, Baby** and **Why This Chair Does Not Exist**.

## Workshops

Sun 16 July, 9:00 -12:00

Chandenie Gobardhan and John-William Watson will offer free workshops delving into their creative practices and choreography methods.

### Chandenie Gobardhan

9:00 - 10:20

Beginning with a warm-up developed through Chandenie's movement research which is fueled by techniques from Bharatanatyam, Hip-hop and Contemporary Dance, participants will then be able to explore their own creativity through tasks focusing on musicality, rhythm, cycles and stillness. The workshop will also delve into choreographic phrases from Chandenie's Rudra Repertoire.

### John-William Watson

10:30 -11:50

The workshop will focus on two main movement ideas: musicality and randomness. Through guided improvisation we will search for a sandbox-like vocabulary, where any random movement, image or gesture can be used to create a highly musical, playful vocabulary - exploring the movement language and ethos used within John-William's work.



# CLOSING WEEKEND

## Spoken Movement presents: Family Honour

Fri 21 July, 19:30 - 20:30 including Q&A  
Sat 22 July, 20:00 - 21:00 including Q&A

Family Honour examines the eponymous concept through the eyes of a young girl trapped in moral codes mandated by her immediate environment, confronting her past 'sin' against tradition. Abandoned by her father, she seeks solace from memories resembling him. Inspired by an intense discussion held in Kwame's own family, the performance draws the audience into a world where hip-hop isn't just rubbing shoulders with theatre, but is theatre. How far would you have to go to maintain the family's honour?



## Messums Dance Film Festival

Sunday 23 July, 11:00-16:00



The inaugural Messums Dance Film Festival offers our audiences an exciting cross-section exploring the synergy between the movement of the dancer and the movement of the camera. The selection of films will be presented across 3 categories: Dance Shorts, Experimental Dance Films and Narrative works.

Join us for a day of dance as you've never seen before, meet some of those creatives behind the works on screen, and celebrate our very first winner of the Messums Dance Film Prize.

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- JOHNNY MESSUM



# OTHER EVENTS

## PARTIES

**Saturday 15 July, 21:30 - 00:00**

Opening Party with DJ Rommel

**Saturday 22 July, 21:30 - 00:00**

Closing Party with DJ Francesca Rose

## WORKSHOPS, DINNERS AND OTHER EVENTS

There will be many more exciting events happening during the 10 festival days, varying from dance workshops to dinners and discussion events. Follow @messumswiltshire and @messums4x20 on Instagram or find out more and book your spot by scanning the QR code below.

To find out more and book your ticket click on the QR code and browse our event page.



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