DIGITAL ARTIST DIRECTORY



CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES ORGANISMES ARTISTIQUES As a means of ensuring continued international dialogue and exchange, CAPACOA regularly convenes a series of virtual digital exchanges with partners around the globe.

The International Market Development Initiative (IMDI) was launched in September 2020 as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This project brought together international gatherings of over 150 presenters/curators/producers and artists from 14 different countries and regions around the world. In addition, as part of our 2021 virtual conference, we also shared digital Snapshots and Showcases that offered more virtual explorations of the lives and works of Canadian and International artists. We also continue to look for opportunities to highlight the work of Canadian and International artists through our bi-weekly Artist Studio Visits.

A key component of the IMDI project has been the opportunity for presenter participants from Canada to introduce and endorse Canadian artists to their international peers, and in turn, be introduced to artists from our partner countries and regions. As a result of this work, we have created a digital artist directory as a guidebook to the amazing artists involved in all of these initiatives.

The directory provides biographies, digital links, social media handles, and contact information for many Canadian and International artists. It features those that participated in our cohort program and Artist Studio Visits, as well as those who were featured in Showcases and Snapshots during our 2021 conference. The directory is available in four languages: English, French, Spanish and Portuguese.

Enjoy perusing through this directory to learn more about these amazing Canadian and International artists, and feel free to share with your networks far and wide!

If you have any questions, please contact CAPACOA's International Market Development Consultant & Strategist Judy Harquail at jlharquail@gmail.com.

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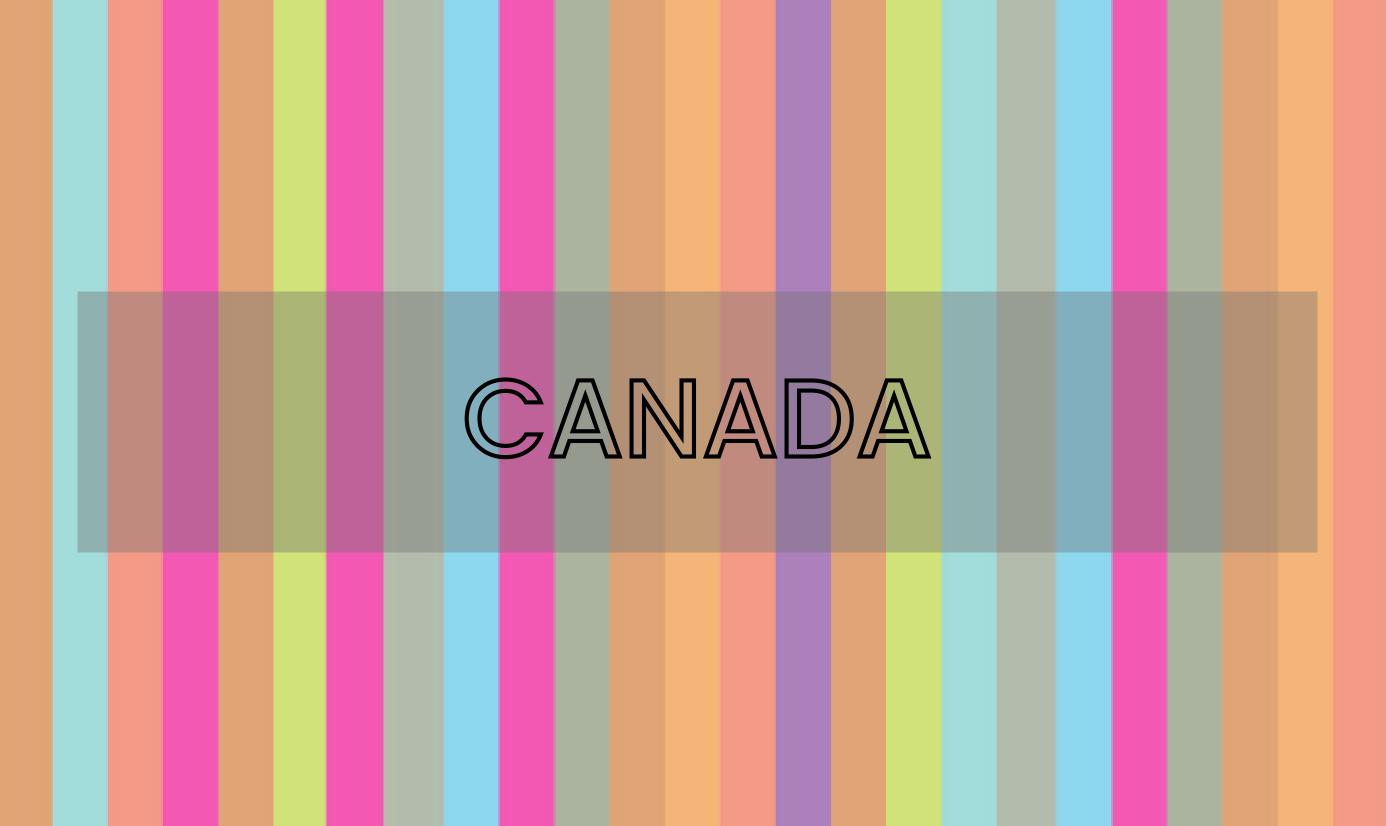
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2B THEATRE



2b theatre company is a Kjipuktuk/Halifax-based, internationally renowned theatre company creating vital, innovative, and rigorous original works that challenge what theatre is and what it can be. We centre care for our artists and audience members and create works that are accessible to both new and artistically seasoned audiences. Our shows have been performed in 64 cities in 13 countries on five continents. 2b has been invited to perform at festivals and venues including the Sydney Festival, Bristol Old Vic, the Perth Festival, PuSh, Usine C, New Zealand Festival, Ten Days on the Island (Tasmania), LitLive! (Mumbai), Cork Midsummer Festival, Melbourne Arts Centre, Under the Radar among many others.

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Adrienne Wong's work straddles theatrical and digital space. Her show Landline (created with Dustin Harvey) continues to tour nationally and internationally. Her show Me On The Map (created with Jan Derbyshire) was selected for the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity 2017 Playwrights Colony. Adrienne is Artistic Director of SpiderWebShow Performance, and her writing has been published in the Canadian Theatre Review, and the anthology Asian Canadian Theatre. SpiderWebShow Performance is a nationally-driven digital performing arts organization that exists to distill, synthesize, and analyze the intersection of live performance and digital technology, which include practical, aesthetic and social ramifications.

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Delivering its unique Afro-electro music infused with percussive yet futuristic flavors, Afrikana Soul Sister is the happy collision of landscapes and people who don't usually tend to intertwine. Most of all, it is also a reunion of brothers and sisters. Tackling the relationship with nature, strength of work, respect for elders and the beauty of life through lyrics in Mandingo and Wolof dialects, Afrikana Soul Sister manages to achieve an open yet comfortable balance between modernity and tradition. Carried by frenzied rhythms and intoxicating grooves, the outcome is a stunning, memorable experience

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Annabelle Chvostek is a singer-songwriter, composer and producer whose musical achievements range from jazz to contemporary folk. Her sixth solo album String of Pearls harkens back to the grittiness of 1930s tango, Berlin cabaret, and Hot Club Jazz. Co-produced in Toronto and Montevideo, String of Pearls bridges Annabelle's Canadian songwriting tradition and the sounds of her East European heritage with a long-standing connection to Uruguay and its culture. Meticulously produced, arranged, and performed, String of Pearls is a vibrant cross-cultural collaboration that features some of Uruguay's stellar classical, tango, and jazz musicians alongside prominent members of Toronto's Jazz Manouche scene.

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Co-founded by Sylvie Bouchard and artistic director David Danzon, CORPUS is known for its precise and surrealist humour that combines movement with theatrical imagery. CORPUS' unique and engaging performances are presented in both traditional and unusual locations for large and diverse audiences. Created in 1997, CORPUS now has 15 pieces in its repertoire and has presented over 2500 performances across Canada in 34 countries. Several productions have been nominated for Dora Mavor Moore awards. In 2001 CORPUS won the gold-medal at the IV Games of la francophonie (Street Theatre category). In 2022, CORPUS is proudly celebrating its 25th anniversary.

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CRAZY SMOOTH



Crazy Smooth is one of Canada's top street dancers, performers, choreographers, instructors, judges, and community leaders. He is the founder and artistic director of Bboyizm, an award-winning street-dance company that has been instrumental in the preservation and proliferation of street dance in Canada and internationally.

Crazy Smooth was selected as the 2019–2021 Long Term Artist in Residence at the Centre de Création O Vertigo in Montreal and named the 2020 Clifford E Lee award recipient by the Banff Centre for the Arts with his latest work "In My Body".

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Juno nominated Cris Derksen is an Internationally respected Indigenous Cellist and Composer. In a world where almost everything — people, music, cultures – gets labelled and slotted into simple categories, Cris Derksen represents a challenge. Originally from Northern Alberta she comes from a line of chiefs from North Tallcree Reserve on her father's side and a line of strong Mennonite homesteaders on her mother's. Derksen braids the traditional and contemporary, weaving her classical background and her Indigenous ancestry together with new school electronics to create genre-defying music. As a performer Derksen performs nationally and internationally as a soloist and in collaboration with some of Canada's finest, including Tanya Tagaq, Buffy Sainte Marie, Naomi Klein, and Leanne Simpson, to name a few. Recent concert destinations include Hong Kong, Australia, Mongolia, Sweden, and a whole lot of Canada. A new album of Cris Derksen's works will be released in 2022.

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DUMB INSTRUMENT

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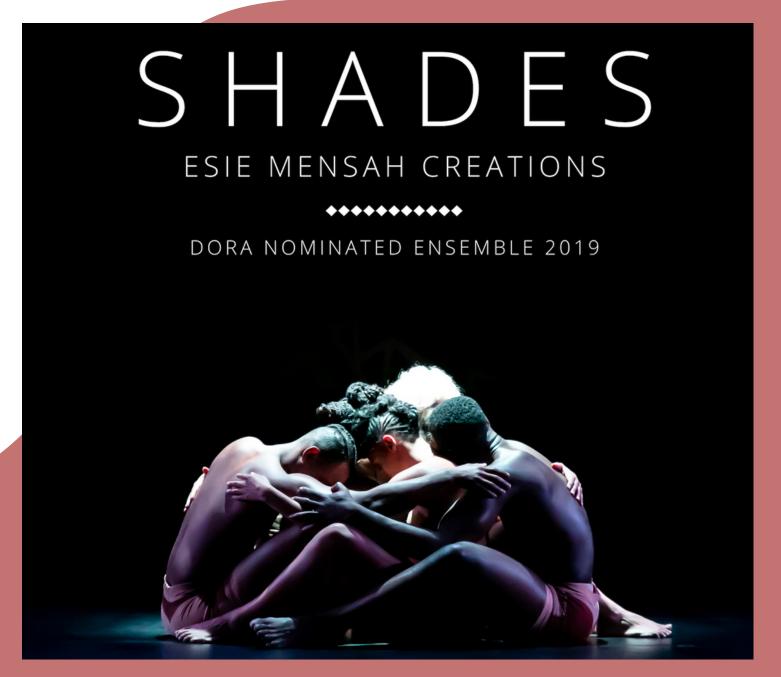
EB is a multidisciplinary artist and social orchestrator. Her acclaimed directing projects, including *Kiinalik: These Sharp Tools* (Created by Evalyn Parry, Laakkuluk Williamson Bathory, Erin Brubacher, and Elysha Poirier with Cris Derksen) and *Is My Microphone On?* & *Concord Floral* (both written by Jordan Tannahill and developed with teenagers led by EB), have taken her to festivals including The Edinburgh International Festival, Theater der Welt, and Festival Internacional Cervantino. EB is the author of *In the small hours* (Gaspereau Press), and the co-author of *7th Cousins: An Automythography* (Book*hug).Together with Erum Khan, she is the co-founder of the performance umbrella Generous Friend.

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ILL-ABILITIES



ILL-ABILITIES™ is an International Breakdance Crew comprised of seven active members from around the world: Redouan "Redo" Ait Chitt (The Netherlands) Sergio "Checho" Carvajal (Chile) Jung Soo "Krops" Lee (South Korea) Jacob "Kujo" Lyons (U.S.A) Lucas "Perninha" Machado (Brazil) Luca "Lazylegz" Patuelli (Canada) Samuel Henrique "Samuka" da Silveira Lima (Brazil) This crew originated from an idea by Montreal-based dancer/motivational speaker Luca "Lazylegz" Patuelli to create an all-star team of some of the world's best differently—abled dancers. ILL-ABILITIES™ was officially formed in 2007, with four founding members Lazyegz, Tommy Guns, Kujo, and Checho whose goal was to compete and perform internationally showing the world that anything is possible.

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NEWORLD THEATRE



Neworld Theatre creates, produces, and tours new plays, performance events and digital works. Our work centers stories and perspectives that challenge systems of oppression. Our motto is 'plays well with others' which means that collaboration and working across perceptions of difference are vital to the way we work. We deliver community-engaged programs and are at the forefront of developing cultural infrastructure and sectoral capacity in Vancouver and across the country.

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NOVA DANCE



Nova Dance connects communities and cultures through the power of performance. Founded by Nova Bhattacharya, an award-winning Bengali-Canadian artist, our dancers have backgrounds in a diverse range of dance vocabularies. We are proud to be a place that embraces multiple techniques, disciplines, generations, opinions and cultures. Our body of work serves to create reflective experiences for today's world; has toured nationally and internationally; and has been nominated for 6 Dora Mavor Moore Awards. Our programming has been recognized for creating exciting new entry points into live performance, and for providing a professional context for historically marginalised artists and dance forms.

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Taking their name from the word for heart or soul in the Afro-Cuban religion of Santeria, Juno-Award winning OKAN fuses Afro-Cuban roots with jazz, folk and global rhythms in songs about immigration, courage and love. Having recently worked with Bomba Estereo, Lido Pimienta, Hilario Duran and Telmary Diaz, OKAN has followed up on their Juno and Canadian Folk Music Award-nominated and Independent Music Award-winning debut album Sombras, with their sophomore release Espiral, (Lulaworld Records, 2020) Earning international acclaim from OkayAfrica, NPR and Songlines, Esprial debuted at the number one position on the !Earshot International charts and was included in CBC Music's top 20 and NPR's top 10 Alt Latino's albums of the year.

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PAPER CANOE PROJECT



Paper Canoe projects was founded in 2013 to support the development and production of multidisciplinary projects in Theatre, Film and Music. Paper Canoe Projects seeks to explore the connection between body memory and creative expression in the development of new works. Works include A Side of Dreams (multidisciplinary one act that incorporates aerial hoop, music, projection, puppetry and mask), I Call myself Princess (2 act play with Opera, world Premiere in Toronto 2018, Globe Theatre 2020) and the award winning Prophecy Fog (touring in January - April 2023)

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PARTS+LABOUR_DANSE



Parts+Labour_Danse consists of two Montreal choreographers who have become increasingly prominent in recent years. Emily Gualtieri and David Albert-Toth explore the ambiguities of the human experience in dynamic works that captivate and challenge audiences. Pitting the concrete against fantasy, collaboration is the key word in their creative universe, shaped by the contributions of performers and designers intimately involved in the creative process. They have produced their works since 2011 across Canada and in Europe, winning various awards and nominations over the years.

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PEGGY BAKER DANCE PROJECT



Led by one of Canada's foremost contemporary dance artists, Peggy Baker Dance Projects initially focussed on the solo dance form in the 1990s, working with extraordinary creators and performers. The company's repertoire now encompasses solo and ensemble works, performed by a company of outstanding dancers. This exceptional body of work is matched by a slate of compelling education, engagement, and enrichment programs for all ages and abilities. Recent works include who we are in the dark, a collaboration with Sarah Neufeld and Jeremy Gara from Arcade Fire; and an integrated art installation examining female identity entitled her body as words.

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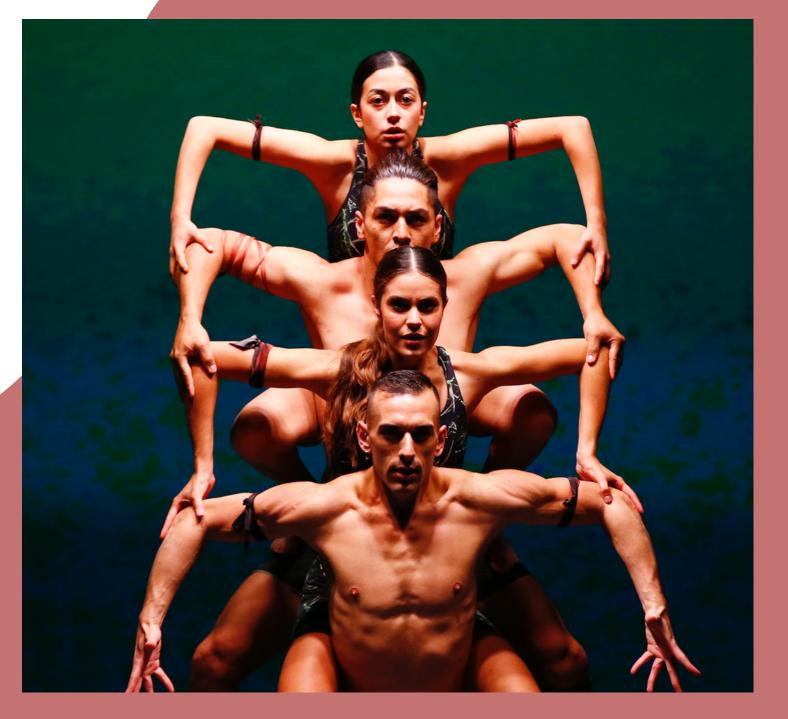
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RED SKY PERFORMANCE



Red Sky Performance is a leading company of contemporary Indigenous performance in Canada and worldwide. Since its creation in 2000, Red Sky's vision has been to elevate and expand contemporary Indigenous performance and make a significant contribution to the artistic and cultural vibrancy of Canada and the world. Now in our 22nd year of performance (dance, theatre, music, and media), Touring since 2003, we have received widespread critical acclaim, delivering over 2,955 performances across Canada including international performances in 17 countries on four continents, including two Cultural Olympiads (Beijing and Vancouver), World Expo in Shanghai, Venice Biennale, and Jacob's Pillow, among others. At the same time, we remain deeply rooted and invested on a grassroots level and regularly perform in urban, rural, and reserve communities across Turtle Island.

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Reneltta Arluk is an Inuvialuk, Cree, Dene from the Northwest Territories, raised by her grandparents on the trap-line until school age. It is through this life experience and training that gives Reneltta the unique cultural and artistic Indigenous lens from which she works from. For over twenty years, Reneltta Arluk has been part of or initiated the creation of Indigenous Theatre across Canada and overseas. In 2008, Reneltta founded Akpik Theatre, the only professional Indigenous Theatre company in the Northwest Territories. Adhering to its namesake, the cloudberry, Akpik Theatre strives to flourish in the northern climate it reflects by developing, mentoring and producing performance-based work that is northern Indigenous inspired and created. Reneltta is also published poet. She is also a mom to her son, Carver. Reneltta Arluk is currently Director of Indigenous Arts at Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity.

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RHODNIE DÉSIR



BOW'T TRAIL RÉTROSPEK is a conversation between present and past with more than 130 testimonies collected on 7 lands of America. Since 2020, the choreographic-documentary approach of Rhodnie Désir has been awarded The Grand Prix and the Prix Envol (Prix de la Danse de Montréal); she was chosen as one of the "25 to watch" by Dance Magazine in NY, and she was nominated by APAP NY for the career award (2021).

On stage and accompanied by two musicians, Désir traverses majestic and transcendent polyrhythmic sound textures while her body is mysteriously enveloped in video projections and plural memories singularly uniting the audience to the universe of her journeys.

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ROCK BOTTOM MOVEMENT



Rock Bottom Movement is the creative home for choreographer, Alyssa Martin and a team of distinctly comedic dance and theatre artists. The group has become known in Toronto for their playful, tongue-in-cheek approach to the creation of neo-absurd dance theatre. Initially founded as a busking company in 2012, the group has since grown to share work for stage and film at home and abroad, especially enjoying their experiences creating collaboratively in residencies at numerous art centres throughout Canada. The group imbues all that they do with a sense of fun and mischief, holding their audiences close to their hearts.

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Often described as a darker Simon and Garfunkel, Rube & Rake engage audiences with a mixture of stories, intricate guitar work, and rich vocal harmonies. After working together for the past 6 years out of St. John's, NL, Josh Sandu and Andrew Laite have fused an intimate musical connection that comes across in every new song and performance. Winners of the 2020 Music NL Folk/Roots Artist of the Year award, they have spent the last three years touring Canada honing their craft. Their music is an exercise in creating something beyond the sum of their parts.

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SANTEE SMITH



Kaha:wi Dance Theatre (KDT) is an Indigenous led arts company, founded by visionary Six Nations Artistic Director Santee Smith.

Exploring the intersection of Indigenous and new performance the company's focus is on embodied storytelling and interdisciplinary collaborations. Inspired by story, land and human interconnections, KDT's projects open up space to questioning, learning and transformation while privileging Indigenous creativity, mindset and process.

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For Boca del Lupo, collaboration is the core tenet of our creativity. Working across cultures and disciplines our productions are energized by the collision and confluence of difference. Since our inception in 1996, our artistic focus has been one that explores cultural hybridity and interdisciplinary through consciously convening artists from diverse backgrounds and giving them voice within the work through our established processes. We also have a well-established track record in touring, a strong level of engagement with our professional arts services organizations and meaningful outreach into the community. We proudly take our place as a theatre company that relentlessly expands creative possibilities through unprecedented innovations and partnerships with a repertoire that includes 60 original creations and unique presentations. Boca del Lupo has a foundation in theatre but has evolved into a multidisciplinary company often partnering with artists and organization that are beyond the conventional boundaries of our form and our sector.

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SOLEIL LAUNIERE



Pekuakamilnu originally from Mashteuiatsh, Soleil Launière lives and works in Tiöhtià: ke - Mooniyang (Montreal). Multidisciplinary artist and director combining performance art, movement, theater and voice, she interweaves the presence of the two-spiritual body and experimental audiovisual while being inspired by the cosmogony and the sacred spirit of animals from the Innu world. She expresses in actions a thought on silences and universal languages. Since 2008, Soleil has produced several performances, within the framework of indigenous and non-indigenous artistic gatherings and events inside or outside conventional distribution networks across the continents. Between 2019 and 2021, she presented her first production Umanishish directed by Xavier Huard at Usine C, she codirected with Patrice Dubois Courir d'Amérique presented at Quat 'Sous Theater, directed and presented Sheuetamu, a production born from the aboriginal artist residency at the National Theater School of Canada, directed Meshtitau presented at the FTA and co-directed and wrote AKUTEU that will be presented at the Theatre d'aujourd'hui in 2022.

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Veda Hille is a Vancouver musician, composer, theatre maker, and performer. She writes songs, makes records, co-writes musicals, collaborates in devised theatre, and fulfills other interesting assignments as they arise. Veda performs in a wide of array of places, alone or with bands, ensembles, symphonies, and casts. Her career spans 30 years of working in Canada and abroad, and shows no sign of flagging.

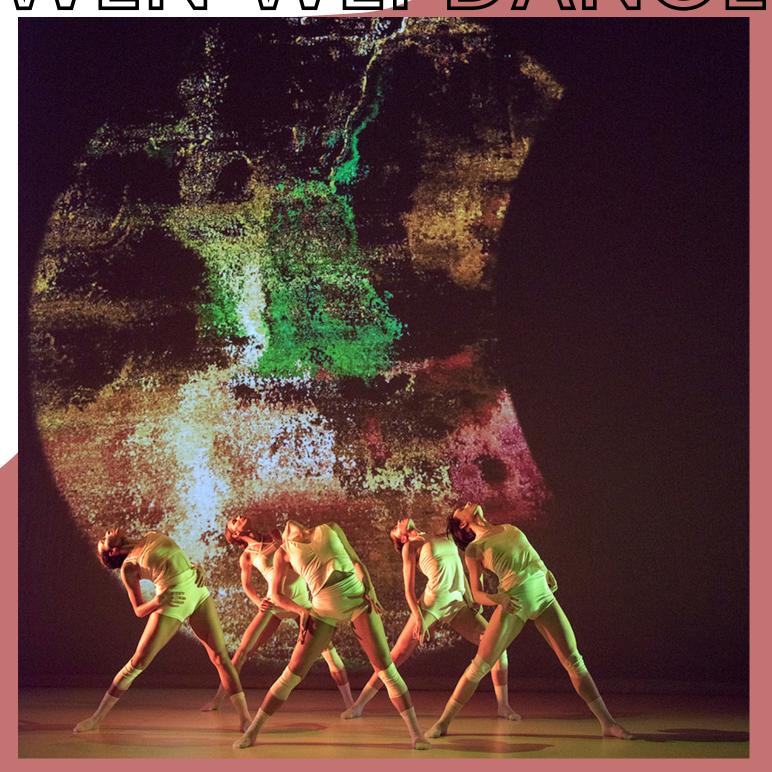
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WEN WEI DANCE



Wen Wei Dance's work reflects a multiplicity of dance and social experiences. Each creation is influenced by the evolution of personal identity, and strives to reflect the underlying experience of social, cultural and personal development. Wen Wei Dance creates provocative performances of a distinctive trans-cultural sensibility. With a highly individual style, Artistic Director Wen Wei Wang fuses precise choreography with stunning visual design and music, turning each work into a rich and unique world.

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Wesli: Melding Haitian Streets Sounds, Ritual Vibes, Reggae Rebellion Since stringing his first oilcan for a guitar, musician-songwriter Wesli took seemingly disparate elements, and tinkered til they powerfully grooved. Wesli takes Haitian traditions (vodou), street styles (rara), and links them with everything from reggae to Afrobeat to hip hop. Born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, he has grown into his role as a prolific songwriter, guitarist and producer, winning awards and fans along the way. Wesli's unstoppable creativity led to signing with Cumbancha Records, and touring North America, Haiti, Colombia, Brazil, Europe, Africa and Asia. He runs a music school in Haiti

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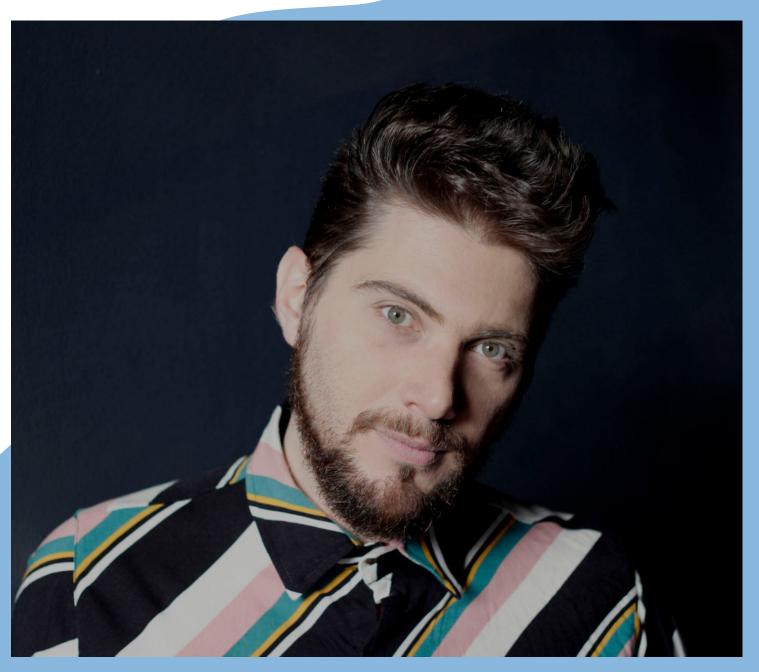
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GUILLERMO BALDO



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Marco Canale (1977) is a theater and film director from Buenos Aires, Argentina. He has created projects of performing arts and films that take a little bit of biography, documentaries and fiction, traveling around public and private spaces in different cities. His project "La velocidad de la luz", developed with elders from different social contexts, was performed at the FIBA, in Argentina, at the Theaterformen, in Germany, and the FAR, in Switzerland, and in the TOKYO Festival in Tokyo, Japan. His first feature film, NOH, which was created during the staging of "La velocidad de la luz" in Tokyo, received an honorable mention from the jury in the Mar del Plata Film Festival, in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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MARIANA OBERSZTERN



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In 2016, he participated in the International Writing Program of the University of Iowa and, in 2019, in the International Writing Program of Beijing, China. He received the German Rozenmacher Prize for New Dramaturgy in 2015 (FIBA-UBA) and the National Competition of the Instituto Nacional del Teatro in 2016. At the Konex Awards, he was included in the list of the Best Five Directors of the Decade (2010–2020).

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JADE DEWI TYAS TUNGGAI



Australian born dance-artist, choreographer, director and educator, Jade Dewi Tyas Tunggal, with convict-settler Scottish heritage is also directly descended from Yogyakarta's first Sultan 1755 (Kangjeng Hamengku Buwana) and Borobudur, Java Buddhist Community 800AD. Newtown Performing Arts Dux, Bachelor Dance Honours (Florida University USA), Masters Choreography HD (Melbourne University) and international freelancing with diverse arts companies and institutions, all support 25years of award-winning touring and ongoing dance-culture-embodiment studies. Jade's live-arts performance works ignite audience's imagination with powerful trance, masking and ritual. Her current work is SMOKE, a trans-indigenous collaboration with Kirk Page, reweaving culture and nature in a quest for healing.

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Started by Thomas E.S. Kelly and Taree Sansbury in 2017, Karul Projects tells stories of Indigenous knowledge and its relevance and responsibility in modern and future Australia's identity. Karul is a Yugambeh word which means 'everything' because Karul will be doing everything it can, using whatever it needs to use, to tell whatever story needs to be told, to strengthen and empower the cultural knowledge of this land so future generations of any background can continue to learn and enjoy from Aboriginal Australia's rich heritage.

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Paula Aros Gho is a Chilean scenic artist who studied at the University of Chile to be an artist and director (2002) and who has an MA in Devised Theater from the Dartington College of Arts, England (2007). She devotes her life to directing, dramaturgy and teaching, focusing mostly on the notion of scenic performativity. Her research and her main interest is to evidence the shared presence of artists, audiences and specific contexts. Her work is based on research with text production during the staging process. She is interested in site-creation, working with the community and local casts, and mediating during the play itself.

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Platform for researching body and scenic arts. It is managed collaboratively by the meeting and flow of bonds, languages and ideas coming from artists from Concepción, Chile. It has focused its research in contact, improvisation, contemporary dance and experimental creation on stage and audiovisual formats. Since 2015, it has been centered on promoting training practices and instances, opening areas for body and movement research, and encouraging creation in the area of contemporary dance. The group is formed by Natalia Figueroa Quiroz, Francisco Carvajal Cancino and Loreto Urrutia, all inter-disciplinary stage artists that put forward their ideas on dancing, vocalism, art design and social sciences. Besides, there is an outer ring of musicians, audiovisual directors and art mediators. They are currently going through a creative process called FAUNA, with financing from the Fondo Nacional de Desarrollo Cultural y las Artes, FONDART 2022 (Chile), together with dancers from all parts of the country.

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LA QUINTA DEL LOBO



La Quinta del Lobo is an interdisciplinary multimedia ensemble of performing arts, established in 2010 in Bogotá, Colombia, Their works explore the creative possibilities that emerge from the intersections between the arts, science and technologies that define our era. Their projects usually involve a wide range of creators; (visual artists, musicians, dancers, designers, architects, engineers, craftspeople, etc.). Since 2017 they have been working on the Hybris project, which is temporarily suspended due to the pandemic. In 2020 they were invited for an artistic Residency by the Teatro Colón in Bogotá to create Infinito, the play was premiered in Bogotá in 2021 and also in Porto Alegre em Cena, Brasil, where a version with local histories and artists was created. With this play they have also been invited to ExpoDubai as part of the official selection of the Colombian Pavillion.

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TEATRO CENIT



Teatro Cenit has dedicated their work to the study of the principles that rule the work of the actor, the construction and use of masks, the theatrical experimentation in unconventional spaces and the use of multimedia. For more than 25 years they have been focused on the creation of a methodology of work that they have called "Theatre as Bridge," using theatre as a tool in psychosocial rehabilitation programs with refugees victims of torture at the Italian Council for Refugees in Rome, with vulnerable populations in zones of conflict in Colombia, helping to rebuild and integrate communities suffering isolation and discrimination, contextualized within contemporary performative frameworks.

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INSTITUTE OF INTERCONNECTED REALITIES



The Institute of Interconnected Realities (IIR) is a platform influenced by the concept of Decentralized Choreography. The implication of this term is that the choreographic event unfolds in multiple sites simultaneously none of which are more important than the others. Decentralized Choreography is not only a concept that inspires choreographic thinking on stage but under the IIR it offers new perspectives on dramaturgy, production, spectatorship, curation a.o. The IIR supports and presents research projects and artworks – in various scales and media – that look at the potential of choreographic thinking. The IIR is a choreographic event in itself.

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Nønne Mai Svalholm works conceptually and cross-disciplinary with dance and choreography. Since 2015 she has worked with a dogma: including citizens over the age of 60+ as performers. Their presence as well as the sculptural dimension of the choreographic work has become her artistic DNA. An early loss of Seaholm's parents has created in Nønne Mai a deep need to work with elder citizens. Together, they constitute a sort of "extended family" or "shelf chosen family". Her artistic vision is to examine existential questions and to push the boundaries of choreographic thinking and interaction with her surroundings.

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MEZQUITE DANZA CONTEMPORÁNEA



This year, Mezquite Danza Contemporánea celebrates its 25th anniversary. This contemporary dance company promotes dancing and is the alma mater of the local School of Contemporary Dance at Torreón, Mexico. In its choreographic productions, it delves deeply in its own mythology with self-criticism and observation, aiming at creating plays with no superfluous facade, no fireworks. At the northeast region, it combines isolated and undervalued regional efforts at promoting dancing thanks to residencies and artistic exchanges. In addition, it works for contemporary dance to be lived, to be a cultural expression that broadens sensitive knowledge, bonds and socialization. It does not receive any sort of subsidy. It attracts audiences, trains new dancers and works in peace.

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Founded in 2011 in the city of Mexico by Gabriel Zapata, Valentina Sierra and Fernando Bonilla, the group has produced 21 plays, among them Siglo XX que estás en los cielos, Algo en Fuenteovejuna, Almacenados and Una Bestia en mi jardín, performed in the most popular theaters in Mexico.

At an international level, the company has taken part in the Sleepless Night Miami Festival EUA 2012, the International Theater Festival of Manizales in Colombia in 2012, 2013, 2017 and 2019, the International Arts Festival in Costa Rica, in 2017, and the Almagro International Classical Theater Festival, Spain, in 2019.

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SANDRA SOTO



Sandra Soto is a Mexican dancer of butoh. She discovered this Japanese dance in 1998, when she lived in Japan for 4 years and established a creative bond with one of the creators of this artistic movement: Kazuo Ohno. She took part in Flower of the Universe, directed by Yoshito Ohno. In the II International Butoh Festival in Kyoto, Japan, in 2019, she presented La Llorona, a Mexican staging of butoh. She has participated in conventional and alternative spaces and programs, such as "Inmersa Danza", "Llorona", "Trilogía", "U Qux Cah" and "U Qux Uleu". She directs the Festival POPOL Butoh in Nodo Sonoro, an alternative space in Zapopan.

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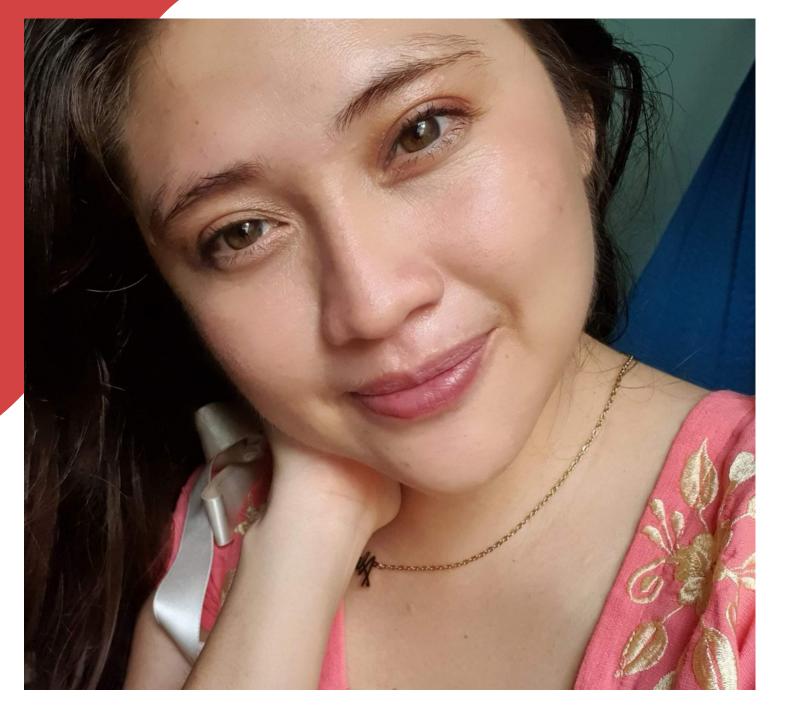
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Alejandra Sasil Sánchez Chan studied Linguistics and Mayan culture at Universidad de Oriente, Mexico. She has also graduated as a Technician in Literary Creation in Mayan language in the Centro Estatal de Bellas Artes.

She has published her work in magazines and literary anthologies such as Yook T'aan (Palabras en Camino), Al Pie de la Letra, T'aan, U túumben k'aayilo'ob Xya'ache' (Los Nuevos Cantos de la Ceiba) Vol. II, and Salkabil Woojo'ob, among others.

She has received a scholarship from the Fondo Nacional para la Cultura y las Artes and, in 2016, she also took part in the Programa de Estímulo a la Creación y desarrollo artístico (PECDA) program from the Premio Estatal para la Juventud. She has won statewide poetry competitions, such as Al Espíritu de la Letra (2016) and Tiempos de Escritura (2020). She currently coordinates the SOLYLUNA Book Club, which promotes early literacy in local communities in the state of Yucatán. She is also an editor at K'iintsil, the back cover of the La Jornada Maya peninsular newspaper

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ATAMIRA DANCE COMPANY



Renowned for highly artistic and inventive work, Atamira Dance Company is one of Aotearoa/New Zealand's leading contemporary dance companies, currently led by Artistic Director Jack Gray and Executive Director Marama Lloydd. A skilled collective of Māori choreographers and dance artists shape and share Matauranga Māori (knowledge) with national and global audiences inspired by historical events, personal whakapapa (genealogy) and their unique cultural landscape. Over 21 years Atamira has created and toured a large body of dance works nationally and internationally, driven by choreographic and design excellence maintaining their position at the forefront of cultural and technical innovation.

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AMUND SJØLIE



Amund Sjølie Sveen is a North-Norwegian artist, writer, researcher and marching-band drummer. His work has for many years focused on the narratives and power struggles in the north, taking the Arctic as a starting point for investigating both local and international political questions in our globalized world of marked economy. His work is regularly presented at major local, regional and international contexts, both in the Arctic and elsewhere. He is a regular participant in the public debate in Norway, and is associated with the Arctic University in Tromsø as a researcher.

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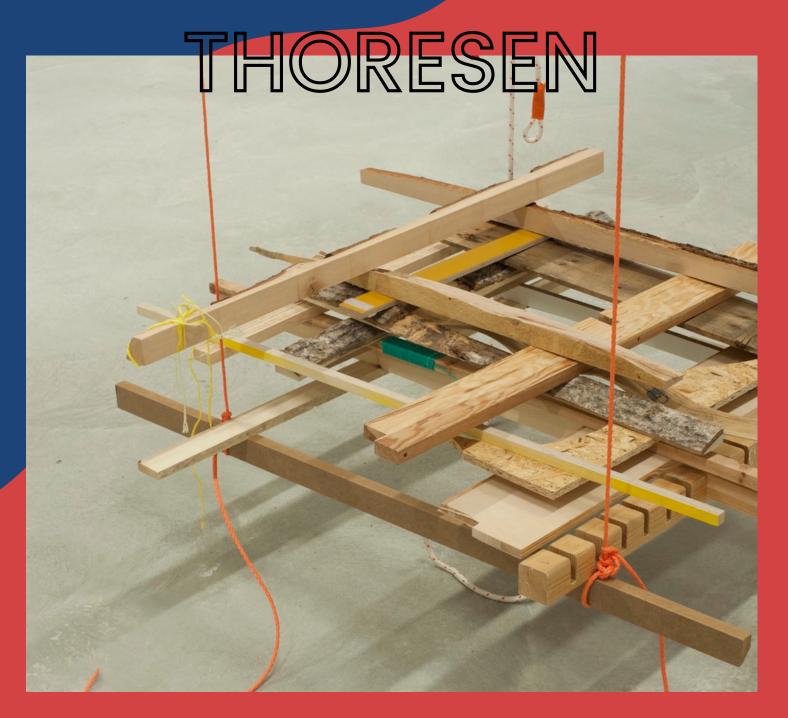
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HOTEL EUROPA



Hotel Europa is a company formed by André Amálio (Portugal) and Tereza Havlíčková (Czech Republic). They have been developing documentary theatre performances that explore the boundaries between theatre, dance and performance. They use in their work an overlap of autobiographical material, family stories, national histories, testimonies, interviews and historiographical research. They deal with unaddressed issues of the recent past such as Colonialism, Fascism and Communism trying to make a bridge between the past and present. In their performances they are also discussing recent matters such as migration, environmental problems and gentrification. The work of Hotel Europa has been performed in Portugal, Brazil, France, Germany, Spain, Czech Republic and Slovakia.

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RITA BRAGA



Rita Braga is a songwriter and multi-instrumentalist hailing from Portugal. She has toured all across Europe and also in the US, Brazil, Australia and Japan, performing songs in multiple languages. Braga's 3rd album Time Warp Blues (2020) has been called "a delightful, expressionist foray into an idiosyncratic, retro-futuristic world of the quirky" with her "strange songs that take in influences from the 1920s sometimes played on the ukulele but with tick tock drum machine and sometimes Silver Apples like synth backing". She has also written and performed a sci-fi minimal ukulele pop operetta called A Quantic Dream.

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His work is at the interface between performing arts and visual arts. He received his doctorate in visual arts from EBA-UFRJ, having earned a master's degree from the same university, and holds a postgraduate diploma in the Laban/Bartenieff Movement System from Faculdade de dança Angel Vianna/ Laban. He graduated in Dramatic Arts from the Escola Superior de Teatro e Cinema.

Currently Tiago is working on CORTEJO (2022). He created the following performances: BRASA (2021); ATL NTICO (2020); FIUME (2020); CICERONE (2020); ENTREVISTAS (2018); ALLA PRIMA (2016); GOLDEN (2014); HIGHLIGHT (2011). He worked together with David Marques on APAGÃO (2017) and CRITIQUE (2020). From 2009 to 2014, he worked in collaboration with Raquel André, having created TURBO_LENTO (2013); LAST (2012) and NO DIGITAL (2011).

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Yone Rodríguez is one of the most renowned timple players of his time thanks to his continuous training, talent and expertise. In his concerts, Yone combines different styles and cultures, such as African music, flamenco rhythms and jazz. In 2019, he made his big entrance into the Asian continent: he toured around South Korea, giving three concerts and showcasing his music at the Seoul Music Weel professional fair, where his show was awarded the Best International Showcase prize. In addition, he was selected to showcase his talent at the Mapas Festival, in Tenerife, Spain, and at Visa for Music, in Rabat, Morocco.

He has recently released his new album, called "Semilla," which was nominated as Best Roots Music Album at the Canary Awards.

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Finn Anderson is a Scottish songwriter and theatre-maker who has co-created four award-nominated musicals, released two albums, and collaborated with leading companies and artists throughout the UK and internationally. Finn co-created 'Islander' (Musical Theatre Review's Best Musical Award winner, Off West End Award 'Best New Musical' nominee). Following a sell-out run in Edinburgh, 'Islander' has received several international productions in multiple languages, been adapted for radio with BBC Radio 4 and screen with Dundee Rep and Eden Court Highlands. Finn released his second singer-songwriter album in October 2021. He has performed throughout the UK, including regularly with 'Bogha-frois: Queer Voices in Folk', a community of musicians working to increase LGBTQ+ visibility in the Scottish folk tradition.

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Mele's work embodies stories from the collective voice, creating visceral and sensory collaborations through her ancestral heritage. Working between directing, creative producing, choreography and performance. Activating social questions, remembering and celebrating. Over the years Mele has been in dialogue with the creative sector in Scotland around decision making related racist structures and artists. Mele has been initiating artistic platforms for Black and People of Colour (BPOC). Through the mediums of dance, performance, visual art. research, music production, writing, poetry, video, graphic design and illustration.

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