

PRESS RELEASE

**MIDSUMMER DANCE DRAMA FESTIVAL
SANQUHAR, SCOTLAND
20 – 24 JUNE 2024**

Presented by
NONSUCH HISTORY & DANCE
Supported by LABAN GUILD INTERNATIONAL,
UNESCO International Dance Council members

THURSDAY 20th June 2024

1pm – 2pm SUMMER SOLSTICE SHOW

CRAWICK MULTIVERSE

NONSUCH / OPERA LABAN / BALANCE

Tickets from <https://www.crawickmultiverse.co.uk/our-events/summer-solstice-2/>

4pm – 5pm FAMILY DANCE WORKSHOP

SANQUHAR TOWN HALL

BALANCE

*FREE EVENT (donations welcome)

7.45pm DANCE PERFORMANCE

SANQUHAR TOWN HALL

BALANCE SHOW

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FRIDAY 21st June 2024

9.30am – 10.45am DANCE WORKSHOP

SANQUHAR TOWN HALL

UPS AND DOWNS

Expressive Dance and Improvisation Workshop

MONIKA KOCH (Austria)

*FREE EVENT (donations welcome)

1.30pm – 2.30pm VICTORIAN GARDEN PARTY

A' THE AIRTS, SANQUHAR

NONSUCH

Family fun with dance and song

Please contact <https://attheairts.org.uk>

7.45pm MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM DANCE

SANQUHAR TOWN HALL

NONSUCH (Renaissance period)

Social Dancing

*FREE EVENT (donations welcome)

SATURDAY 22nd June 2024

7.45pm OPERA LABAN PERFORMANCE

SANQUHAR TOWN HALL

DENISE TELLES HOSTRA (Brazil)

*FREE EVENT (donations welcome)

SUNDAY 23rd June 2024

1pm – 2pm DANCE DRAMA PERFORMANCE

CRAWICK MULTIVERSE Sun Amphitheatre

NONSUCH Laban Centenary Dance Drama project (Prometheus / Agamemnon)

*FREE EVENT with ticket to Multiverse <https://www.crawickmultiverse.co.uk>

7.45pm VICTORIAN BALL

SANQUHAR TOWN HALL

NONSUCH (19th century period)

Social Dancing

*FREE EVENT (donations welcome)

INFORMATION

NONSUCH HISTORY & DANCE

Nonsuch is a registered UK charity

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NONSUCH has run international dance courses in Sanquhar since 2018, and works regularly on Theatre, Film & TV including with Len Goodman & Lucy Worsley on BBC4 DANCING CHEEK TO CHEEK.

Artistic Director: Darren Royston is an international choreographer, appearing on TV as Shakespeare's Dancing Master.

KENEISH DANCE (Birmingham, UK)

BALANCE – a cellular dance show

Keneish Dance present a show called BALANCE.

How do your cells regenerate themselves in your body?...

Come see a dance show to learn more!

This is a ground-breaking collaboration between science and art. Contemporary dance choreographer Keisha Grant has been working alongside Professor Darius Koester, at Warwick University, with PhD Biology students and professional dancers. The show dives deep into the profound mechanics and behaviour of regenerating cells. Dancers move within zorb balls and interact as energised bodies sharing the space. Cells have to be resilient in challenging environments. This is a metaphor for struggles of injustice in the wider human world. How can we find balance in an ever-changing world?

Get ready to be captivated by the elegance of cellular dance, conveying a powerful message of healing.

The performance will be presented by five young professional dancers. A preview will be performed at the Crawick Multiverse for the summer solstice 1pm, with a workshop for Families and children of all ages at 4pm, before the full performance at 7.45pm at the Town Hall (50 minutes).

Keisha Grant, Artistic Director, Keneish Dance.

Born in Birmingham, UK to Jamaican parents, Keisha began dance lessons in ballet, tap, and jazz, being awarded the most promising dancer in the West Midlands, before at age 18 receiving a Dance and Drama Award at Trinity Laban in London. Having toured internationally as a dancer, she founded Keneish Dance in 2009. This project is supported by the Arts Council of England and Laban Guild International.

For more information see:

<https://www.keneishdance.com/about/>

OPERA LABAN: Denise Telles Hofstra (Brazil)

A Solo performance with the singer Denise Telles Hofstra from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Singing and dancing the poetry of Brazilian composers Heitor Villa-Lobos and Tarsila do Amaral.

Denise trained in the art of movement, using Rudolf Laban's interpretation of the architecture of the body.

Come see harmony between dance and song, and become immersed with the music of Brazil for an hour-long show.

NONSUCH HISTORY AND DANCE (UK)

MEDIEVAL MIDSUMMER SUMMER SOLSTICE SHOW

Inspired by the cosmic land art forms of the Multiverse, we will present historical dances to celebrate the Summer Solstice.

A Medieval Midsummer pageant, where the Sun & Moon invite the planets of Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Venus and Mercury to each lead a dance to display their dignified powers.

There will be an opportunity in the final part of the show for people to join in the circle dance around the Sun, performing one of the oldest dance songs in English that has been handed down to us: "SUMER IS ICUMEN IN" – Summer is Coming!

INTERNATIONAL DANCE & DRAMA COURSE 2024 – offers classes in dances from medieval, Renaissance, Victorian periods and exploring the ideas of Noverre's *Lettres sur la Danse* (1760)

Vis a Vis Tanztheater: MONIKA KOCH (Austria)

UPS AND DOWNS

Expressive Dance and Improvisation Workshop:

Friday 21st June, 09:30 – 10:45 Sanquhar Town Hall.

An introduction workshop, suitable for all levels from beginner to advanced.

We will dance, improvise and create movement and dance together, guided by our own hopes, visions and dreams.

Using ideas from the European Dance Tradition, rooted in the work of Rudolf Laban, the grandfather of contemporary dance, this introduction will include Elements of Movement meditation and focused breath work.

"In the moment of improvisation we forget everything just like children absorbed in play,

exploring endless, extraordinary possibilities through the rhythms of human emotion in contact with others.”

Anneliese Monika Koch is a graduate of Trinity Laban London, Moscow School of Dramatic Art, Hilde Holger School of Modern European Dance, Bremen University Germany, and has been professor at Trinity Laban on MA European Dance Theatre and for Vienna University.

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