

#DUFest22
7-23 October
in-person & online

21 & 22 October 2022
7.30pm

Duration 55 minutes (no interval)

Oona Doherty
NAVY BLUE



Credit: Sijne Hashelder

WELCOME

The 44th Dance Umbrella Festival, my inaugural one as Artistic Director and CEO, brings together some of the most distinctive international and UK based artists making choreographic work. The thematic thread that knits together the live performances, films and conversations is an awareness of our collective difference and how enriching this experience is.

The undeniable talent in this year's festival and its highly individual, intersectional female line-up is a testimony to the remarkable range of international makers transforming the sector.

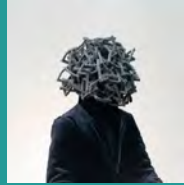
Dance Umbrella must be accessible to audiences; the hard-core dance fans as well as the dance-curious. We have prioritised affordability of ticket prices for our live and online experiences, and we are in new venues and localities across London including; the National Gallery, Studio 3 Arts in Barking, Brixton House and Sedgehill Academy in Lewisham, not to mention online.

DU is your global/local festival.

Freddie Opoku-Addaie

Artistic Director and Chief Executive
Dance Umbrella

Live Programme



Georgia Tegou &
Michalis Theophanous
Reverie
7 & 8 OCT
The Place



Oona Doherty
Navy Blue
21 & 22 OCT
Sadler's Wells



Luiz de Abreu / Calixto Neto
Joy Alpuerto Ritter
Linda Hayford
Change Tempo
12 & 13 OCT
Brixton House



Chiara Bersani
Seeking Unicorns
22 & 23 OCT
National Gallery



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Alleyne Dance
**Close to Home:
The Mass Dance
Event**
Free
22 & 23 OCT
Sedgehill Academy



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Do-re-mi-ka-do
15-23 OCT
Studio 3 Arts,
Watermans Arts Centre,
The Albany, Stanley Arts
The Place, artsdepot

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A note from Oona Doherty

How can I develop unison dread on stage? Dance form as a problematic symbol of freedom? Unison as a type of micro-communism? Individualism as a disease? Using classical dance form and theatre norms as the playing field of a violent act?

*A destruction, A death of a form,
A re-birth*

We arch up into the galactic black of deep space. Scattered with shooting stars, with bodies tearing through the night sky a deep acrylic blue.

This is a bow to dance, this is a questioning of what to do next.

Cast & Creative

Choreography

Oona Doherty with the collaboration of the Dancers

Dancers Amancio Gonzalez Miñon, Andréa Moufounda, Arno Brys, Kinda Gozo, Hilde Ingeborg Sandvold, Joseph Simon, Mathilde Roussin, Ryan O'Neill, Sati Veyrunes, Thibaut Eiferman, Tomer Pistiner, Zoé Lecorgne and Magdalena Öttl

Music Collaborator Jamie xx

Writer Collaborator Bush Moukarzel

Video Projection Artist

Nadir Bouassria

Lighting Design and Technical

Director John Gunning

Stage Manager Lisa Marie Barry

Costume Design Oona Doherty and Lisa Marie Barry

Management and Production

Gabrielle Veyssiere

Production and Administration

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Credits

Navy Blue is a creation of Oona Doherty, produced by OD Works

Co-produced by Kampnagel International Summer Festival (DE), Sadler's Wells (UK), Théâtre National de Chaillot (FR), La Biennale di Venezia (IT), Maison de la Danse (FR), Belfast International Arts Festival (UK), The Shed (NYC)

A Big Pulse Dance Alliance co-production, co-produced by Dance Umbrella (UK), Dublin Dance Festival (IRE), Torinodanza Festival (IT) and Julidans (NL); presented by Tanz im August/HAU Hebbel am Ufer (DE), Zodiak – Side Step Festival (FI), ONE Dance Week (BG), International Dance Festival TANEC PRAHA (CZ), New BalticDance (LT), CODA Oslo International Dance Festival (NW)

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Creative
Europe



Credit: Dajana Lohert



Oona Doherty

Oona Doherty has been performing dance-theatre internationally since 2010 with companies including: TRASH (NL), Abattoir Fermé (BE), Veronika Riz (IT), Emma Martin/ United Fall (IRE), Enda Walsh and Landmark Productions (IRE).

Doherty's ground-breaking choreography has earned her multiple awards and prestigious opportunities both in Ireland and abroad. Her solo work *Hope Hunt and the Ascension into Lazarus* (2015) earned her Tiger Dublin Fringe Festival Best Performer Award in 2016 and won the Total Theatre Dance Award at the Edinburgh Fringe in 2017. Her first group piece *Hard to Be Soft – A Belfast Prayer* was voted no.1 UK dance show of 2019 by *The Guardian*. In 2019 she created *Lady Magma: The Birth of a Cult* and 2021 saw her first collaboration with (La) Horde collective at the helm for Ballet Nationale de Marseille (FR).

Oona Doherty was awarded the Silver Lion at the Venice Biennale Danza in 2021.



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SEEKING UNICORNS

Chiara Bersani

Award-winning Italian artist Chiara Bersani explores what she describes as the 'Political Body', giving a misunderstood mythical creature - the unicorn - its own voice, story, and choice.



Dance Umbrella
Festival 2022

22 & 23 Oct, 12pm & 3pm
National Gallery

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Digital Pass

Hunter

A film by Oona Doherty & Luca Truffarelli

Translating her award-winning live work *Hope Hunt and The Ascension Into Lazarus* through film, Oona Doherty explores working class identity in her native home of Belfast.

The Devil

A film by Oona Doherty & Luca Truffarelli

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Oona Doherty places her eight-month pregnant body as the central protagonist through a series of blood-curdling and visceral scenes in this macabre drama.

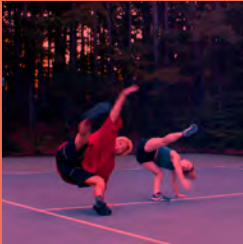


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World premiere

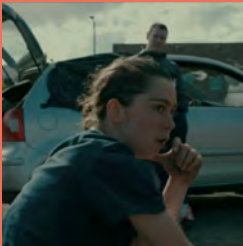
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Hunter



Oona Doherty
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SAY
SAY: AF (And Friends)

Choreographer's Cut

Returning for a third season, step inside the mind of a choreographer as three leading artists give an in-depth commentary on one of their dance works.



Saburo Teshigawara / KARAS
on Glass Tooth



Hetain Patel
on Let's Talk About Dis



Wendy Houston
on Haunted

Sound in Motion: A Podcast Series

Explore the vital relationship between composer and dance artist in Dance Umbrella's brand new podcast series.



Amy May



Michael 'Mikey J' Asante MBE



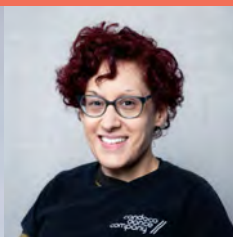
Vincenzo Lamagna

Panel Discussion: Candoco and Boy Blue - Forging Paths

Two trailblazing dance companies celebrating landmark anniversaries come together in-conversation with **Dr 'Funmi Adewole Elliott**, delving into how both companies forged paths within the dance sector, in the UK and beyond.



Charlotte Darbyshire



Kimberley Harvey



Michael 'Mikey J'
Asante MBE



Kenrick 'H2O' Sandy MBE

Articles

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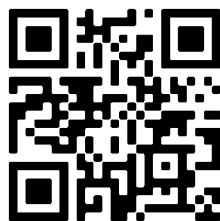
Fearlessness in non-conformity
by Julia Cheng



ATUNDA: The Metaverse and the Data Dance Union
by Qudus Onikeku

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With our new Artistic Director and CEO **Freddie Opoku-Addaie** at the helm our mission is to broaden the idea of what mainstream contemporary dance is and who it's for. We strive to diversify what it looks like, who makes it, who experiences it, where we see it and how it interacts with other art forms.

Two and a half years into the pandemic, this is a critical time for the arts, artists and developing future audiences. Your support will help us to deliver on our ambitious programme: from vital investment in artists; presenting outstanding dance at our annual festival and bringing life-changing experiences to young people and communities across our global city of London. We could not do this without you.

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Pictured: A still from the film *Radioactive Practice* (2022) by Abby Z and the New Utility, commissioned by Dance Umbrella. Credit Jeremy Jacobs.



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