SOMERSET

DANCE



Dance Performances & Opportunities Happening Across Somerset

The Octagon Theatre

Take Art

The Brewhouse

The David Hall

The Playhouse Theatre

Westlands Entertainment Venue

DANCE IN SOMERSET

The Octagon Theatre, Westlands Entertainment Venue, Take Art, The David Hall, The Playhouse Theatre and *The Brewhouse* have joined forces to bring you Somerset Dance, showcasing all of the incredible dance performances and opportunities happening across Somerset in the coming months.

The pandemic has had a huge impact on the dance and theatre industry over the past 18 months, resulting in many venues closing for prolonged periods. As the industry begins to recover, we wanted to use this opportunity to celebrate the reopening of venues across Somerset and promote dance activities taking place in a venue near you!

To promote dance activities, performances and opportunities across Somerset we have partnered up with theatres and arts venues across the county to advertise all the dance opportunities in one place. This partnership has been funded by The Octagon Theatre's Move To Improve project, which seeks to develop opportunities in Somerset to take part in, and watch dance.

The Move To Improve project focuses on developing dance within our region, improving access to dance across South Somerset, supporting emerging artists, and diversifying the Octagon Theatre's dance offer. There are amazing opportunities to see, take part in and get inspired by dance across our county and we hope you will enjoy seeing just some of the incredible events taking place right on your doorstep.

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WHY IS DANCE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE PROGRAMME AT THE OCTAGON THEATRE & WESTLANDS ENTERTAINMENT VENUE?



Adam Burgan,
Arts & Entertainment Venues Manager
The Octagon Theatre & Westlands Entertainment Venue

My first experience of live theatre was when I was a small boy and my parents took me to see 'The Nutcracker', performed by Birmingham Royal Ballet at the Birmingham Hippodrome, as a Christmas treat. I remember the tree growing, the snow and the mice! I was captivated by the music and the dancers and it started my passion and love of theatre.

The arts are a universal language and dance along with music in particular need no words to convey emotions, ideas, tell stories, or bring joy and entertainment. Arts and culture have a pivotal role in our health and wellbeing – they can provide escapism, inspire us, and help us to learn things about each other and the world around us. Artists are storytellers at heart, and our stage is their canvas – a blank space just waiting to be brought to life.

The large stage at The Octagon Theatre enables us to host medium and large scale dance companies, and with seating that wraps around the stage with excellent sight lines from wherever you sit, it creates an intimate experience as we sit back and watch incredibly exciting new work. The programme on stage inspires our participatory work offstage and we are very proud of our dance classes as a place where people can learn new skills, improve their fitness and mental health, make new friends and have fun.

Somerset produces amazing talent and there are so many wonderful dancers from our county who have gone on to form professional careers in Dance. For many their first experience of dance will have been in their local theatre. I am delighted that we are working in partnership with our friends at brilliant venues across Somerset to bring to you all the amazing performances and opportunities to experience dance. There is 'something for everyone', and I hope you'll find yourself spoilt for choice and are tempted to discover something new.

WHAT'S ON...

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TAVAZIVA: BOY'S KHAYA

THE OCTAGON THEATRE
TUE 28 SEP 2021 | 7:30PM

Powerfully moving and personal, ***BOY'S KHAYA*** is the latest work and account of Bawren Tavaziva's early life in Zimbabwe told through a mesmerising combination of Contemporary, Ballet and African dance, with a music and spoken-word soundtrack.

Artistic Director Bawren Tavaziva has created a deeply relevant new work that questions who we are today in this divided world.

Performed by five outstanding Dancers, post-colonialism and injustice create a rich source of untold truths in ***BOY'S KHAYA***, making this extraordinary thought-provoking work a comment on what it is to be human.

The Octagon Theatre, Yeovil

Tickets from: £10

BOOK NOW





MERRY HELL: A 'CHANCE TO DANCE' EVENT

THE DAVID HALL
SAT 2 OCT 2021 | 8PM

Multi-award-winning ***Merry Hell*** offer joyful, uplifting Folk-Rock, with a message for troubled times. Native to the North-West of England, this eight-piece musical charabanc was built from the embers of the much-loved Folk-Punk band The Tansads, developing a life and feel all of its own.

Their energy and passion is complemented by their love of what they do and their desire to share hope and togetherness with as many people as are willing to listen. Through six well-received albums and hundreds of gigs, they've offered voices of hope and beacons of light to anyone valuing both melody and positive humanity.

The David Hall, South Petherton

Tickets from: £18

BOOK NOW



THE LITTLE PRINCE

THE BREWHOUSE
SAT 6 NOV 2021 | 11AM & 3PM

A story of love and friendship for children and grown-ups alike. Welcome to the incredible story of ***The Little Prince***, retold in this live show by a pilot stranded in the desert.

Find out how ***The Little Prince*** leaves behind his own tiny asteroid and beloved rose and journeys through the universe, coming face to face with the baffling world of grown-ups! Have you ever heard of a king who reigns over nothing? Or a businessman obsessively counting stars?

Once on planet Earth, ***The Little Prince*** is welcomed by a mysterious snake and a truly wise and friendly fox before encountering the lone pilot. Together they discover the power and beauty of friendship and the complexity of love.

Based on the world-famous story by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, ***The Little Prince*** is brought to life using Protein's award-winning mix of dance, humour and spoken word.

The Brewhouse, Taunton

Tickets from: £9

BOOK NOW

THE LITTLE PRINCE: DANCE WORKSHOP

SAT 6 NOV 2021 | 12:30PM | £19.50

Move, make, and play in this family-friendly dance workshop with the Artistic Director and Choreographer of Protein Dance.

This post-show workshop offers families the opportunity to reflect on and react to ***The Little Prince***.

Recommended for ages 8-12.

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THE LEYLINES: A 'CHANCE TO DANCE' EVENT

THE DAVID HALL
SAT 5 FEB 2022 | 8PM

Established in 2013, **The Leylines** are a West Country collective with a genre-defying, eclectic sound that ranges from Traditional Folk to full blown festival Rock.

The band was founded by a group of musicians in Weston-super-Mare, wishing to combine their individual musical styles into something that isn't quite Folk, sort of Punk, 100% heart-pounding revelry.

*"**The Leylines** are fantastic live, they will ensure that everyone - whether they dance or simply listen - will have a fabulous night."*



The David Hall, South Petherton

Tickets from: £15

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The David Hall, South Petherton

Tickets from: £17

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CUT CAPERS: A 'CHANCE TO DANCE' EVENT

THE DAVID HALL
SAT 5 MAR 2022 | 8PM

Cut Capers are a sensational nine-piece band whose energetic live performance and infectious sound has won them a cult following on the British festival scene.

Mixing a swinging vintage-style brass section with Funk, Soul and Hip-Hop, they have, over the years, established themselves as a formidable live outfit, playing regular headline shows at venues throughout the country, and main stage performances at many of the UK's biggest festivals – including Glastonbury and Boomtown Fair.

SPRING FORWARD 2022

TACCHI MORRIS ARTS CENTRE
FRI 18 MAR 2022 | 7PM

THE OCTAGON THEATRE
TUE 22 MAR 2022 | 7PM

THE MCMILLAN THEATRE
THU 24 MAR 2022 | 7PM

It's **Spring Forward** time again, the most exciting and inclusive platform in the Somerset dance calendar, bringing together hundreds of dancers of all ages to perform on one of three professional stages. Now in its 16th year, this year's **Spring Forward** will be showcasing the best and brightest of Somerset youth dance alongside a striking array of community dance groups, including adult and older dancers.

Enjoy a kaleidoscope of styles and choreography including Jazz, Contemporary, Ballet, Street Dance and Dance Theatre, along with fantastic, fun and feel-good performances from local school groups, youth dance companies and Somerset dance schools.



Venue info

Octagon Theatre, Yeovil
01935 422884 | www.octagon-theatre.co.uk

McMillan Theatre, Bridgwater
01278 556677 | www.mcmillantheatre.com

Tacchi-Morris Arts Centre, Taunton
01823 414141 | www.tacchi-morris.com

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The Brewhouse, Taunton

Tickets from: £31
VIP Meet & Greet Tickets Available.
Please see venue website for further details.

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NEIL JONES: GINGERLAND

THE BREWHOUSE
FRI 1 APR 2022 | 7:30PM

Straight from his Director/Choreography debut at Sadler's Wells, BBC *Strictly Come Dancing* Professional Dancer **Neil Jones** presents his very own New Live dance show ***GingerLand***.

Join Neil as he goes from the back of Claudia's area to starring in his very own dance show – comedy, special effects and a lot of fantastic dancing. Neil will show you the real reason he's a three-times World Champion, eight-times British Champion and well known for his choreography in the World of Ballroom Dancing.

Neil will take you on a journey of what made him unique within the dancing world and introduce you to the people who influenced him as a dancer – who just happened to all be ginger!

GIOVANNI PERNICE: THIS IS ME

THE PLAYHOUSE THEATRE
TUE 26 APR 2022 | 7:30PM

THE BREWHOUSE
SAT 21 MAY 2022 | 7:30PM

Strictly Come Dancing favourite, **Giovanni Pernice**, is back with a brand new show for 2022, ***Giovanni Pernice: This is Me!***

The showman is set to light up the stage, along with his cast of professional dancers, for his fourth year of touring.

With the Italian's natural charm, combined with beautiful choreography perfectly complemented by a fabulous soundtrack, ***This is Me*** pays homage to the music and dances that have inspired Giovanni's career, from a competition dancer to one of the biggest names on the hit BBC show.

Expect all of your favourite Ballroom and Latin dances and more…



The Playhouse Theatre, Weston-Super-Mare

Tickets from: £35
VIP Meet & Greet Tickets Available.
Please see venue website for further details.

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The Brewhouse, Taunton

Tickets from: £34
VIP Meet & Greet Tickets Available.
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The Octagon Theatre, Yeovil

Tickets from: £26
VIP Meet & Greet Tickets Available.
Please see venue website for further details.

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REMEMBERING THE OSCARS

THE OCTAGON THEATRE
FRI 29 APR 2022 | 2.30PM & 7.30PM

Following the success of *Remembering The Movies, Strictly Come Dancing* couple Aljaz and Janette will return to the road for the brand new show ***Remembering The Oscars***.

Remembering The Oscars will celebrate the iconic award-winning songs and films through a dance spectacular led by Strictly's **Janette Manrara** and **Aljaz Skorjanec**, who married in July 2017.

The production promises to range across a number of acclaimed films, from Disney favourites to the Golden Ages of Hollywood and beyond. Contemporary numbers from the likes of Lady Gaga, Adele and Eminem will sit alongside classics such as those by Burt Bacharach, Rodgers & Hammerstein and Irvin Berlin. Songs include *Wishing On A Star, Swinging On A Star and City Of Stars* from the Academy Award-winning *La La Land*.

IAN WAITE & VINCENT SIMONE: ACT TWO

THE BREWHOUSE
SUN 15 MAY 2022 | 3PM

THE PLAYHOUSE THEATRE
TUE 17 MAY 2022 | 7:30PM

Returning after their sell out shows at The Brewhouse in 2019, **Ian Waite** and **Vincent Simone** are back on the road in 2021 with a brand new show.

The fabulous *Strictly Come Dancing* stars promise another wonderful evening of old fashioned variety – dance, comedy and song! With beautiful costumes, gorgeous lighting and world class routines, including the Viennese Waltz, the Foxtrot, the Rumba… and of course… there has to be another incredible Argentine Tango routine by the master! The boys will be joined by their stunning dance partners and a world class singer.

If you enjoyed *The Ballroom Boys*, then make sure you don't miss the hilarious dancing duo when they bring you…. **ACT TWO**!



The Brewhouse, Taunton

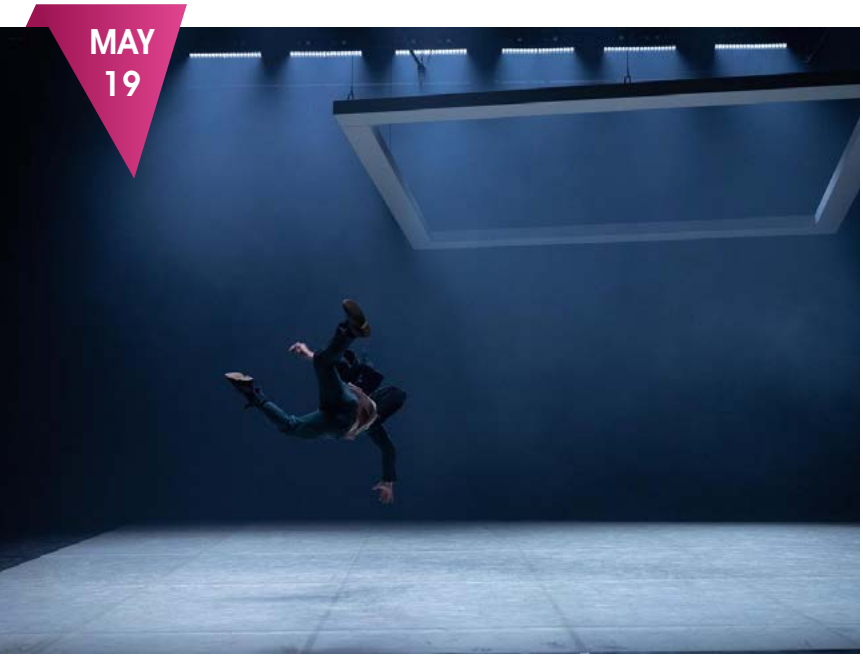
Tickets from: £29
VIP Meet & Greet Tickets Available.
Please see venue website for further details.

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The Playhouse Theatre, Weston-Super-Mare

Tickets from: £32
VIP Meet & Greet Tickets Available.
Please see venue website for further details.

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The Octagon Theatre, Yeovil

Save The Date:
Thursday 19th May 2022

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BALLETBOYZ

THE OCTAGON THEATRE
THU 19 MAY 2022 I 7:30PM

Bold, boisterous and beautiful: **BalletBoyz** are back. Meet the six extraordinary young dancers who feature in this explosion of mesmeric dance, fused with the witty and distinctive **BalletBoyz** trademark use of film and behind the scenes content.

Winners of numerous awards across the world, BalletBoyz are one of the most cheekily original and innovative forces in dance, thrilling audiences and critics with their unique style, blending achingly beautiful dance both exhilarating and graceful, with stunning music and film.

Deluxe features work by some of the world's most exciting artists, including choreographer ***Xie Xin***, composer ***Jiang Shaofeng***, **Punchdrunk's *Maxine Doyle*** and jazz musician and composer ***Cassie Kinoshi*** of the Mercury-nominated **SEED Ensemble**.

SHINE 2022

THE OCTAGON THEATRE
SAT 11 JUN 2022 | 7:30PM

SHiNE is a chance for us to showcase incredible local talent, and offer participants the opportunity to perform on our regional stage.

Our drama and dance groups along with The Octagon Choir will perform for you this evening in a joyous celebration of music, drama and dance.
The Octagon Academy will also be joined by other groups associated with The Octagon Theatre to create a thoroughly entertaining evening.



The Octagon Theatre, Yeovil

Save The Date:
Saturday 11th June 2022

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HERE COME THE BOYS

THE OCTAGON THEATRE
THU 16 JUN 2022 | 2:30PM & 7:30PM

Here Come the Boys returns with three of *Strictly Come Dancing's* most popular and incredible dance superstars in this brand-new dazzling production.

This dancing extravaganza will feature most genres of dance. Join our three strictly professionals alongside a spectacular cast of international dancers, a world champion beatboxer, a huge LED screen and lavish production, in what promises to be the hottest ticket for 2022.

Full cast to be announced.

The Octagon Theatre, Yeovil

Tickets from: £29.50
VIP Meet & Greet Tickets Available.
Please see venue website for further details.

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RHYTHM OF THE DANCE

THE PLAYHOUSE THEATRE
WED 6 JUL 2022 | 7:30PM

THE OCTAGON THEATRE
TUE 26 JUL 2022 | 7:30PM

This dance and music extravaganza contains a wealth of Irish talent, an exciting 2-hour trip through hundreds of years of Irish dance and music, 22 award-winning World Irish dance champions with 25 dazzling costume changes.

Experience flailing fiddles, flutes, and inspiring dances along with live vocalists, all complimented by a top live Irish trad band of multi-instrumentalist musicians and a sensational sound and light show as seen on TV from China to California, from Siberia to Sydney.

Worldwide, toes are tapping and hands are clapping to the feet of Rhythm of the Dance!

Enjoy the 21st Anniversary tour of ***Rhythm of the Dance***, over five million fans across fifty countries already have!

The Playhouse Theatre, Weston-Super-Mare

Tickets from: £29 BOOK NOW

The Octagon Theatre, Yeovil

Tickets from: £23 BOOK NOW

MOTIONHOUSE: NOBODY

THE OCTAGON THEATRE
WED 14 SEP 2022 | 7:30PM

A dance-circus adventure

Fast-moving and highly physical, ***Nobody*** explores the tension between our inner lives and how we make sense of the world around us.

Motionhouse's renowned dance-circus style combines with mesmerising choreography to tell this ultimately uplifting story, full of twists and turns.

Digital projections and the shape-shifting set create an environment where nothing is quite what it seems...

We follow seven characters on their journey of self-discovery, while a group of curious crows questions their every move.

Nobody is a spellbinding and strikingly visual adventure - a highly relevant and moving show that resonates with the times we live in.



The Octagon Theatre, Yeovil

Ticket from: £16.50

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The Brewhouse, Taunton

Tickets from: £13

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I'M NOT DEAD, I'M ONLY SLEEPING

THE BREWHOUSE
WED 19 OCT 2022 | 7:30PM

I'm Not Dead, I'm Only Sleeping is a dance theatre production which explores the ways we choose to live and die, tackling the feelings and emotions that surround death and the longing we all feel to live more fully in the moment.

Audiences will follow the lives of four people as they face death (both literal and metaphorical) within their relationships. This tender, provocative new work is about love, devotion, loss, memory and resolution. It talks to the importance of connection at times of adversity and how we shouldn't wait for death to reignite our relationship with life.

This production uses movement, voice over, text and original score to help tell the story and create a more familiar narrative experience.

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www.octagon-theatre.co.uk/

***The Octagon Theatre* has one of the largest stages in the region with an intimate auditorium that seats 622.**

We aim to bring our patrons a high quality theatrical experience, programming a diverse range of productions including professional and amateur theatre, dance, opera, music, comedy and children's shows. Our priority is to provide access to the creative arts for all with a diverse programme to entertain, educate & inspire multiple generations.

Over the coming years, there are plans in place to develop The Octagon Theatre, which will see the theatre transformed into a flagship venue for the arts & entertainment in Somerset. Members of South Somerset District Council voted unanimously in favour of the redevelopment of the Octagon, with the project is set to cost in the region of £23 million, with £10 million having been awarded to the project by central Government.

Our programme of dance encompasses everything from Ballet to Irish Dancing, Hip Hop to Ballroom Dancing with many *Strictly Come Dancing* Stars taking to our stage each year. Our Contemporary Dance programme includes companies such as Ballet Boyz, Motionhouse, James Wilton Dance, and Tavaziva.

We are delighted to announce our programme of upcoming dance performances and hope to welcome you to the theatre soon.



See it safely #BackOnStage

To book to see a performance at The Octagon Theatre, please either call the Box Office: **01935 422884** or book online at **www.octagon-theatre.co.uk/**

To find out more about plans to develop The Octagon Theatre **click here**

OCTAGON ACADEMY

The Octagon Academy is the place to sing, dance and act with the emphasis on fun and enjoyment.

Our weekly classes take place across The Octagon Theatre and Westlands Entertainment Venue. There are plenty of classes to choose from for all ages and abilities. So if you love to sing, were born to dance or want to get fit The Octagon Academy has something for you!

Plus participants to our classes get the opportunity to tread the boards and regularly perform on stage at both The Octagon Theatre and Westlands Entertainment Venue.

FEATURED CLASSES INCLUDE:



Westlands Entertainment Venue, Yeovil

Age Group: 50+
Price: £6 per week

BOOK NOW

SILVER SWANS BALLET CLASS

WESTLANDS ENTERTAINMENT VENUE
THURSDAYS | 9:15AM - 10AM

Whether you're an experienced dancer, have briefly dabbled, or are a complete novice, we welcome all older learners of any ability. It's never too late to enjoy ballet, getting lost in the music and the movement, finding muscles you'd forgotten about. You'll glide out of the studio feeling unstoppable.

SOMERSET GRADUATE DANCERS

THE OCTAGON THEATRE
WEDNESDAYS | 7:15PM - 8:45PM

Join us for weekly contemporary dance sessions with **Somerset's Graduate Dancers**.

The perfect blend of technique and performance, dancers will be lead through a flowing warm up before focusing on contemporary styles such as Limon, Cunningham & Release technique.

The second half of class aims to be the perfect chance to release your inner creativity! Through taught repertoire, improvisation and exciting creative tasks, the group will develop a performance piece that will be showcased later this autumn.



The Octagon Theatre, Yeovil

Age Group: 18+ years
Price: £6 per week

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The Octagon Theatre, Yeovil

Age Group: 13 - 21 years
Price: £5 per week

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SOMERSET YOUTH DANCE COMPANY

THE OCTAGON THEATRE
THURSDAYS | 7PM - 8PM

Join us for a series of contemporary-based classes, perfect for young, aspiring dancers aged 13-21. Working alongside industry professionals, dancers will focus on technique and choreography helping further develop their skills and passion for dance and performing. Nationally recognised, SYDC is a great insight in to the professional world for those with a keen interest in dance - don't miss out!

For more information on the Octagon Academy, to view our timetable of classes or book your space head to: **www.octagon-theatre.co.uk/whats-on/academy/**

TAKE ART

take art

takeart.org/

Take Art is a pioneering Somerset based charity and Arts Council England funded National Portfolio Organisation that delivers a high-quality arts programme with a local, national and international focus.

We do this by providing opportunities for people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities to experience, participate and work within the arts.

Since 2003, our dance development programme has provided performance and participation opportunities that benefit artists, companies, practitioners, children and young people, students, teachers, audiences, and venues, collaborating with various partners alongside our other specialisms - Early Years, Music, Rural Touring & Theatre.

As the strategic lead for dance in Somerset, we are instrumental in helping shape, resource and sustain the local dance sector, offering artistic and business support to professional dance artists and companies, as well as providing opportunities for networking, training, and mentoring. Our participatory projects, festivals, workshops, and events provide a platform for dancers of all ages and abilities to be part of an evolving and ever-growing community.

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Find out more at **www.takeart.org** or email Alison Lord, our Dance Director, on **alison@takeart.org** or Nadine Griffiths, our Dance Coordinator, on **nadine@takeart.org**.

Alternatively, you can give us a call us **01460 249 450**.

CURRENT DANCE PROJECTS

SPRING FORWARD

Spring Forward is an annual dance festival offering unrivalled opportunities for Somerset and Southwest based dancers to perform on a professional stage, participate in workshops and watch world-class dance performances. The festival has been running for over 15 years and traditionally takes place throughout March and April, aiming to provide dancers of all ages and abilities the opportunity to engage as a dancer, participant, teacher, youth dance group leader, dance artist and audience member in one of the professional venues we work with. Since 2005 Spring Forward has provided over 7000 dancers the opportunity to perform on a professional stage as part of 35 spectacular dance platforms. Our next Spring Forward platform will take place in Spring 2022.



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LITTLE BIG DANCE

Little Big Dance is a major three-year national initiative created by South East Dance in partnership with Take Art, DanceEast and Yorkshire Dance, with more than £371,000 investment from Paul Hamlyn Foundation and Arts Council England. The project supports choreographers and dancers to create captivating and diverse work for and with under-fives and their families, particularly those from marginalised backgrounds with little or no access to the arts. Throughout two 18-month cycles, eight commissioned works will be developed, with four scaled for production in regional venues. Little Big Dance will support eight dance artists to gain valuable skills by working in a variety of pre-school settings in areas of England with little or no access to the arts.

OUR TURN

Our Turn is a two-year arts intervention project using dance to provide creative daytime activities that support the health and well-being of adults living with memory loss or dementia. The project is funded by Somerset County Council and will support the delivery of regular weekly dance sessions led by specialist dance artists. The project will help support falls prevention, improve physical and mental health and wellbeing, reduce loneliness and isolation as well as provide carers with respite. We are looking for organisations who provide services supporting older people with memory loss and dementia to refer people to our programme.



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RURAL TOURING DANCE INITIATIVE

The Rural Touring Dance Initiative (RTDI) was launched in 2015 with the aim of bringing exciting and innovative dance theatre and dance performance to rural locations, using the established rural touring schemes to help make this happen successfully. Take Art are one of the lead partners within the project, alongside leading dance institutions The Place, China Plate, and the National Rural Touring Forum (NRTF). This innovative project, funded by Arts Council England, is helping to increase the quality, quantity and diversity of dance promoted by Rural Touring schemes all over the country. So far, the scheme has worked with 40 companies, promoting 140 shows to just under 13,000 audience members. Each year, Take Art's rural touring promoters have been offered the opportunity to take part in RTDI and one of our long-established promoters has become a Dance Ambassador for the project. Since 2015, we have programmed over a dozen dynamic dance performances in Somerset village halls including Lost Dog, Protein Dance, Uchenna, Joan Cleville and Phoenix Dance amongst others.

TAKE ART DANCE NEWSLETTER

Take Art send out a bi-monthly dance newsletter with all the latest dance news. To sign up to Take Art's mailing list and to stay in the loop, **click here**.

THE
BREWHOUSE
TAUNTON

www.thebrewhouse.net/

The Brewhouse Theatre and Arts Centre is **the largest theatre and arts centre in Taunton, Somerset's County Town. It is a multi-purpose arts centre, catering for professional arts organisations, community groups, schools and businesses, with a 350-seat auditorium that hosts a variety of productions and films, and a 60-seat studio theatre that also operates as a rehearsal studio.**

Taunton Brewhouse opened its doors on 28th March 1977. Since the 70s, it has become a much-valued theatre and arts centre in Taunton – frequented not only by local people but those traveling from all over the South West and further afield. Audiences return again and again for the quality of its shows, enjoying live music, plays, films and event cinema, comedy, family shows and exhibitions.

The theatre and arts centre has become a community hub – known for the warmth of its welcome, from volunteers and staff. It is a place to meet family and friends, enjoy a show or an exhibition, to have a coffee and relax and forget the world outside for a while.

Please see our **What's On** page for online and future events, and our **Take Part** listings for online classes.



To book to see a performance at The Brewhouse, please either call the Box Office: 01823 283244 or book online at **www.thebrewhouse.net/**

TAKE PART - THE BREWHOUSE

The Brewhouse's Take Part participation programme has something for everyone, from arts & crafts workshops to regular dance, drama and music classes. There are various classes to choose from at The Brewhouse, either online or in-person to suit you.

FEATURED CLASSES INCLUDE:

TINY DANCERS

THE BREWHOUSE
MONDAYS | 10:15AM - 11AM

Creative dance and play for under 5s and their adults with Kayla Harkins.

A chance for families to have fun together with creative input and resources such as hoops, feathers, and fabric. Each session includes child friendly warm-ups, free play, action songs and a circle dance.

Please note that an adult must attend with their under 5s – at least one adult for every three children.



The Brewhouse, Taunton

Price: £5.50 per session
Age Group: 2 - 5 years

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LET'S DANCE!

THE BREWHOUSE
MONDAYS | 11:15AM - 12:15PM

A low-impact dance and movement class for those with reduced mobility, or who are recovering from injury.

A fantastic way to stay fit, learn, and most importantly, have fun! No experience necessary. Classes include warm-ups, strength and balance building exercises and a chance to learn different dance techniques. Adaptations are available for those who wish to stay seated.



The Brewhouse, Taunton

Price: £7.50 per session
Suitable for all ages

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The Brewhouse, Taunton

Price: £8.50 per session
Age Group: 18+ years

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FLAMENCO FOR BEGINNERS

THE BREWHOUSE
THURSDAYS | 7PM - 8PM

No special shoes, fancy frocks or perfect partners required to join this beginners flamenco class – just bring your enthusiasm and a little bit of rhythm!

This is an exciting opportunity to learn an expressive dance form with a professional instructor, developing your understanding of the essential foot/heel rhythms, posture, strength, and body control, as well as learning hand movements and expression.

To see more classes on offer at The Brewhouse and to find out how you can Take Part, head to **www.thebrewhouse.net/listings/activities/**

The small hall with the BIG reputation
David Hall

THE DAVID HALL
SOUTH PETHERTON

www.thedavidhall.org.uk

***The David Hall* is one of South West England's foremost Performing Arts Centres.**

We are best known for our lively folk and acoustic music, attracting nationally known artists who love the atmosphere, acoustics and warm welcome – as will you.

Our varied programme includes theatre, dance, film and community events; as well as music ranging from traditional to contemporary. The David Hall lends itself to many different activities, with a closed seated capacity of 160 and cabaret seating for less formal occasions.

We are located in the beautiful South Petherton, Somerset with easy access from the A303 and not far from the M5 and A37.



To book to see a performance at The David Hall, please either call the Box Office: **01460 240340** or book online at **www.thedavidhall.org.uk**

TAKE PART - THE DAVID HALL

The David Hall hold regular weekly classes at the venue for all ages and abilities. There is something for everyone from Yoga to Local Choirs to African Drumming.

FEATURED CLASSES INCLUDE:

FITSTEPS FAB (FOR ALL BODIES)

THE DAVID HALL
WEDNESDAYS | 6PM - 6.45PM

Fitsteps FAB is 'for all bodies', for people who love to dance, want to keep fit, but for a variety of reasons, prefer a lighter intensity and lower impact. This combination of graceful and up-tempo steps creates a class that is a great cardio workout, tones the body, and where real measurable fitness results can be achieved.

No partner needed. This class fuses dance styles with swing and sway roots; such as the Charleston, Foxtrot and Swing Jive. And timeless dances such as Theatre Jazz and Disco, Flamenco to the dramatic Argentinian Tango.



The David Hall, South Petherton

Teacher: Emma Randall
Price: £6 per session
or £33 for a six class bundle.

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SILVER SWANS BALLET CLASS

THE DAVID HALL
THURSDAYS | 2PM - 2:45PM

Specially designed for older learners, Silver Swans ballet classes will help improve your mobility, posture, co-ordination and energy levels.

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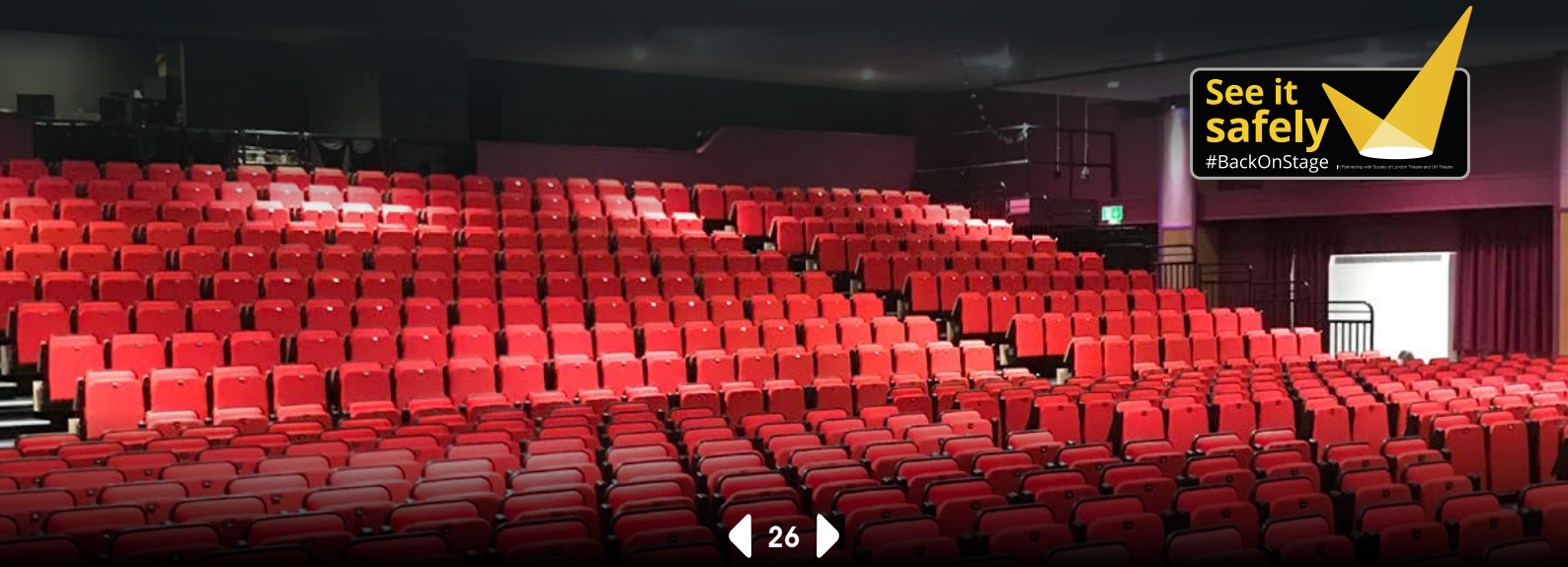
***Westlands Entertainment Venue* is an arts & entertainment venue with a large and beautiful ballroom based in Yeovil, staging over 55 performances, more than 275 screenings and over 1,800 classes and meetings per year.**

The local authority, South Somerset District Council, manage the venue and have done so since the venue re-opened in March 2017 following extensive refurbishment to save the venue from permanent closure. The venue is a central community hub for local residents, offering access to arts, culture and film for residents across the South West.

With a versatile auditorium that can be transformed from a cosy cinema setting seating 295 to a seated capacity of 821, Westlands is one of the few venues which can host a range of events and attract a host of communities to the venue including weekly ballroom and jive events. Our programme of film, theatre and comedy is scheduled with our communities in mind, as we ensure to plan a diverse programme that will entertain, educate and inspire multiple generations.

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