



WOKING DANCE SPACE

# Joining Forces

18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Rhoda McGaw Theatre, Woking

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**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Approximate timings**

Act One 60 minutes

Interval 20 minutes

Act Two 60 minutes

**The performance will end at approximately 10:00pm**



# Welcome

Welcome to Joining Forces 2023! We are thrilled to take you on a journey through the vibrant and exciting world of dance that exists in the heart of Woking.

Woking Dance Space is a hub for creativity, movement, and expression, where dancers and enthusiasts of all ages and abilities come together to explore the art of dance. Joining Forces is a showcase of the diverse range of styles, genres and techniques that are practiced and celebrated in and around Woking, from classical ballet to contemporary fusion, from tap to hip-hop.

Performing arts groups, companies and venues have taken a big financial hit in recent years, with many unable to continue to operate. This is why it is important to reach out and mount collaborative productions such as this.

Your presence here today is the most important way you can show your support for amateur performing groups and ensure we are here in the years to come

Before Christmas Woking Dance Space had the opportunity to work with Guildford Opera Company on their production of 'Eugene Onegin', and they have asked us back again for this years opera production.



Now it is our turn to share the stage. Not every group can afford to hire and crew a venue such as this for a week, and the idea of Joining Forces is to provide local groups with an opportunity to perform in a theatre. Our first Joining Forces show was in 2008, and this year's show will be the sixth time we have invited guests to share the stage with us.



We'd like to welcome back dancers from BellyTricks, Miss Sassy J Allure and Her Hotpant Honeyz, DancAYers and First Dance. We hope everyone enjoys their week on stage!

The talented dancers, choreographers and teachers from all of the groups have dedicated countless hours rehearsing and we are honoured to present Joining Forces to you.

So sit back, relax, and prepare to be swept away by the magic of dance. Thank you for joining us, and enjoy the show!

# Act One

## **Le Jazz Hot**

Choreography Laura Porter  
Music Henry Mancini & Leslie Bricusse, from Glee  
Woking Dance Space

## **The Night King**

Choreography Emma Brewer  
Music Ramin Djawadi, from Game of Thrones  
First Dance

## **Mayal**

Choreography Melissa Hoare  
Music Oryantal Müzik  
BellyTricks

## **Smooth Criminal**

Choreography Fran Carasco  
Music Michael Jackson  
Woking Dance Space

## **Black Burlesque Blues**

Choreography Justine Webber  
Music Beth Hart & Joe Bonamassa  
Miss Sassy J Allure and her Hotpant Honeyz

## **Dark Faeries**

Choreography Gretchen Fox Kiefer  
Music Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, Manfred Symphony Opus 58  
Woking Dance Space

## **Gotta Start Somewhere**

Choreography Emma Brewer  
Music Cedric Neal, from Back to the Future: The Musical  
First Dance

## **Prince Medley**

Choreography Kiss - Emily Little,  
Stare - Charlotte Wyschna, When Doves Cry - Laura Porter  
Music Prince  
Woking Dance Space

# Act Two

## **It's All Coming Back to Me Now**

Choreography Caroline Lee  
Music Céline Dion  
Woking Dance Space

## **Pick Up Your Feelings**

Choreography and performed by Diana-Louise Towe  
Music Jazmine Sullivan

## **Into the Deep**

Choreography Melissa Hoare  
Music DjHo  
BellyTricks

## **Revolt**

Choreography Emily Ayres  
Music Nathan Lanier  
DancAYers

## **Read All About It**

Choreography Charlotte Wyschna  
Music Emeli Sandé  
Woking Dance Space

## **Immersion**

Choreography Emma Brewer  
Music Luca Longobardi & George Frideric Handel  
First Dance

## **New Beginning**

Choreography Shani Nash  
Music Luke Faulkner  
Woking Dance Space

## **Backstage Romance**

Choreography Emma Brewer  
Music 'Moulin Rouge! The Musical' - Original Broadway Cast  
First Dance

## **Danzon**

Choreography Gretchen Fox Kiefer  
Music Arturo Márquez  
Woking Dance Space

# We Are

## **BellyTricks**

BellyTricks Bellydance provide beginner and improver bellydance classes, workshops and American Tribal Style bellydance courses, taught by Melissa Hoare.

Bellydance is an umbrella term for many Middle Eastern dance styles that include beautifully fluid undulations and clever isolations that look good on any body shape.

It can be good for toning the arms and the waistline but it's also great fun! BellyTricks classes are friendly and welcoming and all students are given the opportunity to perform locally.

For more information visit [www.bellytricks.co.uk](http://www.bellytricks.co.uk)

## **Dancers**

Susie Beaumont, Alison Blomfield, Sophie Blomfield, Sue Bonsor, Chrissy Hazelden, Melissa Hoare, Jacky Hussey, Jane James, Pamela Lyon, Sam McCarthy, Debbie Osborne, Alba Ramos



## **DancAYers Company and DancAYers Youth Company**

DancAYers Company and DancAYers Youth Company was formed in 2008 and is a Contemporary Jazz Dance Company. We aim to inspire passion for high quality dance execution and performance flare through a strong sense of emotion and storytelling within the choreography.

The company has previously performed in Dublin, Ireland with Ciarán Hinds ("Belfast"); South Hill Park, Bracknell; The Space Theatre, London; Battersea Arts Centre; Milton Keynes Theatre;



Stratford Circus Theatre, London. They were delighted to be selected to perform Akram Khan's 'The Big Dance', London and Rafael Bonachela's 'Beats For Peace' – for the Commonwealth Games.

DancAYers Company go into schools to teach and also run workshops in Woking in the holidays for adults and young dancers. Today we have two dancers who have graduated from the Youth Company and are now performing with the Company. Congratulations Ella and Erica!

For more information please contact: [emily.ayers@hotmail.com](mailto:emily.ayers@hotmail.com)

## **Dancers**

Emily Ayres, Luisa D'Amato, Julia Dalby, Ella Faughnan, Ali Godwin, Alison Keeley, Erica Miller, Roslyn Walsh

## **First Dance**

First Dance Studios was set up in March 2005 to teach couples first dances for their weddings – hence the studio name – and to date have taught over a thousand couples!

First Dance Studios offer daytime and evening dance and exercise classes alongside Woking Dance Space, teaching Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary, Tap, Musical Theatre, Street Jazz, Ballroom and Pilates and they have their very own choir and bootcamp. They are based at Italia Conti in Woking.

For more information visit [www.firstdancestudios.co.uk](http://www.firstdancestudios.co.uk)

## **Dancers**

Zarah Alam, Wendy Arthur, Jane Bell, Andrea Butler, Angela Campbell, Theresa Chambers-Blaney, Katie Dance, Sian Formby, Frances Freeland, Sarah Gill, Amy Goldthorpe, Laura Parker, Susie Potter, Julia Platia, Sarah Ratcliff, Katie Samuel, Corinne Spiller, Diana-Louise Towe, Sophie Vickery, Emma Welch, Jackie Wells



# We Are

## Miss Sassy J Allure and her Hotpant Honeyz

Miss Sassy J Allure and her Hotpant Honeyz are delighted to be invited back to be part of the Joining Forces extravaganza. Miss Sassy J teaches her Confidence Burlesque courses at Woking Leisure Centre. It is a ladies only



class teaching the aspects of pin up, tease and show girl poses as well as finding confidence within yourself. The beginners course is open to all ages and abilities (the current HPH troupe has an age range from 24 - 75) and the courses run for 6 weeks. If you would like to join a course (there is a beginners Confidence Burlesque course starting on the 16th June) please contact the leisure centre on 01483 771122 or Justine Webber (lbj\_72@hotmail.com) for further information. We would like to thank Woking Leisure Centre as they have been incredibly supportive by allowing us extra time to rehearse in their studios for this show.

## Dancers

Laura Alderton, Danila Avvisati, Lindsay Cheeseman, Zoe Gosden, Ceri Hovland, Heather Kane, Alison Keeley, Beth O'Connell, Sheryl Radcliffe, Odette Rodger, Madeleine Tidbury Thorne, Justine Webber

## Woking Dance Space

Woking Dance Space is a community-based dance studio that has been providing dance classes from its home in Mayford, Woking for over twenty-five years.

We offer a wide range of dance classes and performance opportunities to adults of all ages and skill levels, from absolute beginner to professional. The studio is known for its diverse range of dance styles, including ballet, contemporary, jazz, tap and commercial.

We stage our own dance show every year, and also regularly performs as guest with a variety of other local dance, opera and theatre groups.

With experienced and passionate teachers, Woking Dance Space is a welcoming and supportive environment for dancers to explore their creativity, hone their skills and connect with others who share their love of dance.

For more information visit [www.wokingdancespace.org.uk](http://www.wokingdancespace.org.uk) or use the QR Code on the back of this show programme.

## Dancers

Pat Adams, Alysha Ayres, Sarah Barratt, Anna Burrows, Lizzie Burrows, Laura Butterfield, Fran Carasco, Natalie Clark, Linda Convery, Anna Curtis, Luisa D'Amato, Holly Davey, Jana Dubridge, Catherine Ferris, Karen Field, Kelly Frampton, Emily Francis, Gemma George, Sophie Gordon, Becky Gortler, Thea Groombridge, Emma Hatto, Fiona Hockin, Alice Holcombe, Philippa Jarrett, Phoebe Jenkins, Robina Jones, Genevieve Keyter, Hanna Lintott, Emily Little, Louise May, Sam McCarthy, Katie McPhee, Rosie McQueen, Tina Morcom, Shani Nash, Carly Neighbour, Gill Osborne, Suzanne Pinkney, Laura Porter, Lucy Portsmouth, Emma Randall, Sian Roberts, Lucy Russell, Gabriella Scognamiglio, Lianne Shoolbread, Helen Silva Viera, Katharine Stimson, Georgia Stone, Megan Swaisland, Tijana Timotijevic, Natalie van den Bul, Roslyn Walsh, Heather Winder, Michelle Woolmer, Charlotte Wyschna



# Thanks To

Acknowledgement and thanks to all those mentioned below, without whom this production would not have been possible.

<b>Show Director</b>	Gretchen Fox Kiefer
<b>Stage Manager</b>	Carol White
<b>Assistant Stage Manager</b>	Mike Bedford
<b>Theatre Lighting and Sound</b>	MC Production Group
<b>Lighting Design</b>	Chris Elcocks
<b>Front of House</b>	Nick Roach
<b>Wardrobe Mistress</b>	Gen Howgate Zelda Whittern
<b>Costumes</b>	Gill Osborne Dancers and Trustees of Woking Dance Space
<b>Chief Dresser</b>	Sally Powell
<b>Programme Design</b>	Catherine Ferris
<b>Photography</b>	Kevin Price Catherine Ferris Gretchen Fox Kiefer
<b>Transportation</b>	Sam McCarthy

# Future Dates

Events and Performances	
Joining Forces Video Night	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> September
Autumn Term Starts	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September
Beginners Contemporary Course	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September
Beginners Jazz Course	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October
Spring Term Starts	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024
2024 Show	22 <sup>nd</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024

Class Timetable		
Monday	10:00am - 11:00am	Improvers Ballet
	6:30pm - 7:30pm	Beginners Course
	7:30pm - 8:30pm	Lyrical Jazz
	8:30pm - 9:30pm	Improvers Tap
Tuesday	9:30am - 10:45am	Intermediate Ballet
	10:45am - 11:45am	Daytime Jazz
	11:45am - 12:45am	Daytime Tap
	6:30pm - 7:30pm	Zumba
	7:30pm - 8:30pm	Advanced Ballet
	8:30pm - 9:30pm	Open Jazz
Wednesday	6:30pm - 7:30pm	Beginners Ballet
	7:30pm - 8:30pm	Intermediate Ballet
	8:30pm - 9:30pm	Contemporary
Thursday	6:30pm - 7:30pm	Contemporary Jazz
	7:30pm - 8:30pm	Theatre Jazz
	8:30pm - 9:30pm	Theatre Tap
Friday	9:45am - 10:45am	ISTD Advanced 1 Ballet
	10:45am - 11:45am	Relaxed Contemporary
	11:45am - 12:45pm	ISTD Grade 5/6 Ballet
	12:45pm - 1:15pm	Pointe Preparation and Conditioning





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