

MELISSA RAYNE - OUTSIDER DANCE ARTIST

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Modalities: Art Jazz, Butoh, Classical Ballet, Contemporary, DanceArt, Dance Theatre, Duncan Dance, Gaga, Improvisation/CI, Martial Arts, Modern Dance, Pilates

Current Works

Diagrams of Love featuring Rob McNeill - premiered October 2024

Find out more here: <https://www.melissaraynedance.com/diagramsoflove>

Invoke/Evoke - premiered October 2024

Find out more here: <https://www.melissaraynedance.com/invoke-evoke>

Undefined featuring Samantha Dilen, Sarah Hirsch and Thomas Broda - premiered October 2024

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Selected Professional Experience 2014-present

Critspace @Siobhan Davies - Choreographer/Dancer - February 2025

elrow x BOOMTOWN Halloween Weekender - Puppeteer - October 2024

People's Postcode Lottery Xmas Commercial - Supporting Dance Artist - October 2024

Hidden Dance Film - Dancer/Choreographer - Spring 2024

elrowHorrorween London XXL 2023 – Puppeteer – October 2023

Constanze, West Green House Opera – Dancer/Puppeteer – July 2023

The Furies, Isadora Duncan/London's Finest – Dancer – June 2023

elrowTown London 2022 – Puppeteer – August 2022

The Hatchling, Trigger Theatre/Platinum Jubilee – Assistant Choreographer Trainee – June 2022

Homeward Bound, Belinda Roy/Folkestone Fringe Festival – Dancer – August 2021

Transmogrification, Alejandra Rosas Hernandez/ZeroPlusz Tancstudio – Dancer/Co-Creator – Nov 2019

Diversium/What We Hide, Footnotes Dance Company – Dancer – Feb 2018

Traviata, InverseDance/GG Tanc Eger – Ensemble Dancer – Spring 2016

Boundless/Bolero, Budapest Dance Theatre – Dancer – Dec 2015

The Night Ball, BalletLorent – Performer – Spring 2014

Weightless Utopias, Helen Benigson/Site Gallery – Performer – Feb to March 2014

Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell, Phoenix Dance Theatre/BBC TV – Dancer – Jan 2014

Past Works

Alchemists for Trinity Laban & Protein Dance En Route Together, London - Summer 2024

The Furies RELOADED created at Trinity Laban Playing Fields, London - Spring 2024

The Tree of Life commissioned by Thamesmead Festival, London - 2023

Children of the Mantic Stain created and performed at Space Clarence Mews, London - 2022

Nothing Special entered for SzoloDuo Tancfestival, Budapest - 2017

Classically Undone in collaboration with Eten Cafe, Sheffield - 2015

Qualifications, Training & Awards

Arts Council England Developing Your Creative Practice Award - Spring 2024

Comprehensive Teacher Training, Corpus Pilates - 2015

AAT Foundation Certificate in Accounting - 2006

BTEC National Diploma Performing Arts, Bridgend College - 2001

Teaching Experience

Free To Be, Thamesmead Festival August 2025

- Facilitating two Creative Dance and Movement workshops for SEND participants

Melissa Rayne Dance 2022 to present

- Leading DanceArt Labs for professional dancers in London

Trinity Laban February 2024 to December 2024

- Dance Artist on Dance for Wellbeing Programme in South East London, working with Neurodivergent and SEND adults

Acosta Dance Centre September to December 2023

- Teaching Creative Dance & Improvisation classes for all-levels adults (beginner to professional dance artists)

Greenwich Dance 2022 to 2023

- 'Familiar Spaces' Inclusive Creative Dance & Composition Workshops for ArtsUnboxed

- Ad hoc cover for Move & Play children's dance classes on Spring Parks Programme
- Steward on Spring Parks & Summer in the Square/Park Programmes
- Volunteer Dance Artist on Dance for Wellbeing Programme in Bexley and Thamesmead

Budapest 2015 to 2020

- Creative Dance and Movement for children (7-10), Közösségi Orosz Iskola Summer School 2019
- Creative Improvisation, Contemporary Dance and Pilates for adults and professionals, Juranyi Inkubator Haz 2018 to 2020
- Pilates Apparatus & Matwork classes for adults and children, 2016 to 2020

Breathe Pilates 2014 to 2015

- 1-1 and group Classical Pilates classes

References

Maria da Luz Ghoumrassi - Choreographer
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Aaron Markwell - Dance Artist & Founder DANE
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