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moving JOMBA! online...

As Durban and South Africa's benchmark dance festival JOMBA! reaches its 22nd year, it is clear that we will not be able to deliver a festival in the same manner as previous years. COVID-19 has shifted the arts world very significantly. In this fragile environment, dance (still defined as a full contact 'sport') remains separated from rehearsal spaces, from theatre venues, and various sites in our cities. The somatic, visceral body is absent right now, but the CCA and the JOMBA! team believe, as a holding block for future embodied work, that we can still offer dance makers and audiences space to engage in serious and important new art and dance making via a re-visioned JOMBA! 2020.

Our 2020 Festival offers 7 vibrant platforms for you to engage with.

DR LLIANE LOOTS

Artistic Director:

JOMBA! Contemporary Dance Experience

PLATFORM ONE: JOMBA! LEGACY (celebrating 21 years of JOMBA!)

We have invited nine key dance makers from all over the globe who have had a significant impact on making JOMBA! the premier contemporary dance festival in Africa.

PLATFORM TWO: JOMBA! DIGITAL EDGE GRANTS

JOMBA! has given nine KZN based dance makers a grant to create a dance film which will premiere at JOMBA! 2020.

PLATFORM THREE: DANCE ON SCREEN (USA)

A one-hour curated package of ten short dance films emanating from the USA. Emphasis is on crafted filmmaking and choreographers working in the idiom of screen dance in the USA.

PLATFORM FOUR: DIGITAL JOMBA! FRINGE

This year's open JOMBA! FRINGE is digital. The top three are awarded a small cash prize.

PLATFORM FIVE: CONVERSATIONS - DANCE IN LOCKDOWN AND DANCE IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Short digital works by four invited choreographers will be shown, followed by a webinar discussion on dance in lock down, going digital ...

PLATFORM SIX: JOMBA! KHULUMA BLOG AND DIGITAL NEWSPAPER

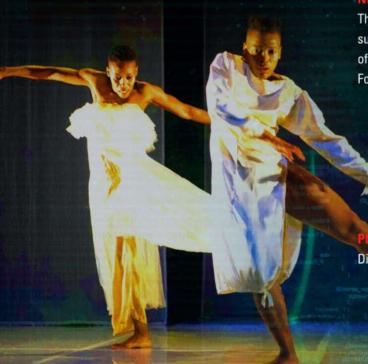
This year's blog and digital newspaper will involve the ongoing support of dance writing and dance criticism through a series of closed webinars/seminars for graduate dance students.

For 2020 this will be a four-way partnership between:

- University of KwaZulu-Natal (Durban, South Africa)
- University of the Witwatersrand The Ar(t)chive (Johannesburg, South Africa)
- See Chicago Dance (Chicago, USA) and Columbia College Chicago (USA)
- University of East London (London, UK)

PLATFORM SEVEN: 21 YEARS OF PHOTOGRAPHING JOMBA!

Digital photographic exhibitions of Val Adamson's work.



The 2020 programme will be delivered via YouTube and via our website.

All digital domain access information can be obtained from our website:

jomba.ukzn.ac.za

TUESDAY 25 AUGUST

19h00: WELCOME: Ismail Mahomed (Director: Centre for Creative Arts)

OPENING ADDRESS: Lliane Loots (JOMBA! Artistic Director)

SCREENING: **JOMBA! 2020 DIGITAL EDGE** dance films from the nine commissioned Durban and PMB artists (in alphabetical order): Jabu Siphika, Kristi-Leigh Gresse, Leagan Peffer, Nomcebisi Moyikwa, Sandile Mkhize, Sifiso Kitsona Khumalo, Tegan Peacock, Tshediso Kabulu, Zinhle Nzama

After opening night these nine works will be available at jomba.ukzn.ac.za for viewing until the end of the festival.

WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST

19h00: LEGACY PROGRAMME: DEEPLY ROOTED DANCE THEATRE (Chicago, USA)

- INDUMBA (2017) excerpt choreography by Fana Tshabalala
- PARALLEL LIVES (2018) choreography by Gary Abbot
- DANCE REVIVAL (2019) excerpt from Goshen choreography by Tshediso Kabulu

THURSDAY 27 AUGUST

12h00: REPEAT SCREENING: DEEPLY ROOTED DANCE THEATRE (Chicago, USA)

19h00: LEGACY PROGRAMME: GREGORY MAQOMA AND VUYANI DANCE THEATRE (South Africa)

- EXIT / EXIST (2014)

FRIDAY 28 AUGUST

12h00: REPEAT SCREENING: GREGORY MAQOMA AND VUYANI DANCE THEATRE (South Africa)

Exit/Exist (2014)

19h00: LEGACY PROGRAMME: ADEDAYO LIADI AND IJODEE DANCE COMPANY (Lagos, Nigeria)

AYE ASAN (VANITY) (2011) with Flatfoot Dance Company

SATURDAY 29 AUGUST

12h00: REPEAT SCREENING: ADEDAYO LIADI AND IJODEE DANCE COMPANY (Lagos, Nigeria)

- AYE ASAN (VANITY) (2011) with Flatfoot Dance Company

15h00: LIVE: DANCE IN A DIGITAL AGE - CONVERSATION WITH VINCENT MANTSOE (South Africa/France)

SCREENING: CUT... (2020)

19h00: LEGACY PROGRAMME: ANITA RATNAM (India)

- STONE ... once again (2017)

MA3KA (2009)

SUNDAY 30 AUGUST

12h00: REPEAT SCREENING: ANITA RATNAM (India)

- STONE ... once again (2017)

- MA3KA (2009)

15h00: LIVE: DANCE IN A DIGITAL AGE - CONVERSATION WITH ONDIEGE MATTHEW (Nairobi, Kenya)

SCREENING: GENERATIONS (2020) and ESSENTIAL SERVICES (2020) both by Ondiege Matthew

19h00: SCREENING #1: USA DANCE ON SCREEN

Ten award-winning USA screen dance films curated by Lauren Warnecke, Peter Chu, Rachel Miller and

Tara Aisha Willis.

2020programme

MONDAY 31 AUGUST

19h00: DIGITAL JOMBA! FRINGE

Adjudication Panel: David April, Tiny Mungwe and Smangaliso Ngwenya

The three winning films will be available for further viewing on the website until the end of the festival.

TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

19h00: LEGACY PROGRAMME: MUSA HLATSHWAYO AND MHAYISE PRODUCTIONS (South Africa)

- ABOMHLABA(THI) (2019)

WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

12h00: REPEAT SCREENING: MUSA HLATSHWAYO AND MHAYISE PRODUCTIONS (South Africa)

ABOMHLABA(THI) (2019)

19h00: LEGACY PROGRAMME: LESLIE SCOTT AND BODYART (New Orleans, USA)

DANCE FOR CAMERA

- legal canvas (2017)
- afternoon gold (2018)
- re/stage (2012)

DANCE FOR STAGE

- WATER STORY (2019)
- THREAD (2014)

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

12h00: REPEAT SCREENING: LEGACY PROGRAMME: LESLIE SCOTT AND BODYART (New Orleans, USA)

DANCE FOR CAMERA

- legal canvas (2017)
- afternoon gold (2018)
- re/stage (2012)

DANCE FOR STAGE

- WATER STORY (2019)
- THREAD (2014)

19h00: LEGACY PROGRAMME: ROBYN ORLIN (South Africa/Germany)

"Beauty remained for just a moment then returned gently to her starting position ..." (2012) with Moving Into Dance Mophatong dancers

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

12h00: REPEAT SCREENING: LEGACY PROGRAMME: ROBYN ORLIN (South Africa/Germany)

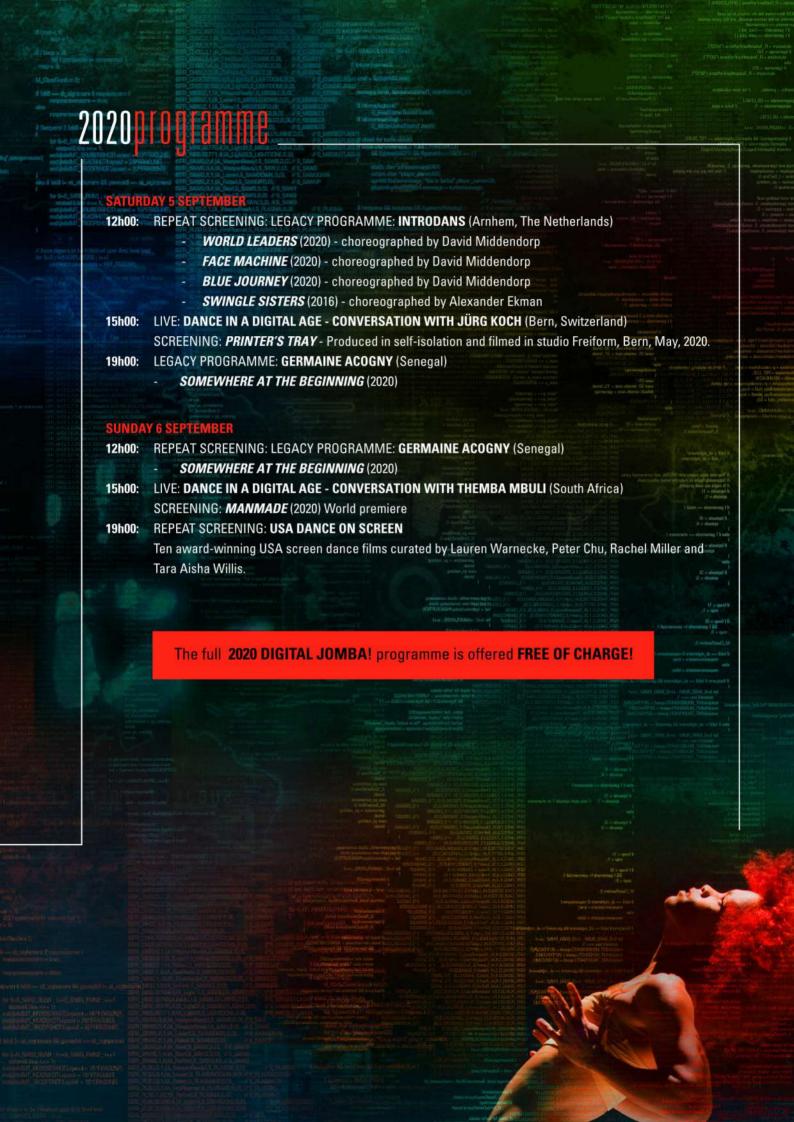
"Beauty remained for just a moment then returned gently to her starting position ..." (2012) with Moving Into

Dance Mophatong dancers

19h00: LEGACY PROGRAMME: INTRODANS (Arnhem, The Netherlands)

- WORLD LEADERS (2020) choreographed by David Middendorp
- FACE MACHINE (2020) choreographed by David Middendorp
- BLUE JOURNEY (2020) choreographed by David Middendorp
- SWINGLE SISTERS (2016) choreographed by Alexander Ekman

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JOMBA! digitaledge 2020

DIGITAL JOMBA! 2020 is very proud to have commissioned nine KZN based dance makers to create digital screen dance work to premiere at the festival. Challenged to work with the theme *Intimacies of Isolation*, the dance makers were offered some digital technical support by the JOMBA! Production Manager (Wesley Maherry) but other than this, the work is their vision and making. There are different modalities of filming, from cell phone to cameras; and all were welcomed. At this 'holding room' time in history, JOMBA! is proud to play a part in supporting artists to re-imagine their creativity and their dance work for a digital space.

JABU SIPHIKA

YA KUTOSHA - an intimate and terrifying exploration of gender-based violence and what it means to be trapped in the home.

Dancer / choreography: Jabu Siphika

Camera: Gabriel Masango

KRISTI-LEIGH GRESSE

FELLOW... - an exploration of an artist's state of mind in isolation. It is a journey through this maze in search of light.

Dancer / choreography: Kristi-Leigh Gresse

LEAGAN PEFFER

KAIROS - a personal exploration of when passion and purpose meet. In love, in anger, in deceit, in loss as in failure, this work interrogates how life allows us to face struggle.

Videography / editing: Ntuthuko Mbatha Dancer / choreography: Leagan Peffer

NOMCEBISI MOYIKWA

Unganyakum - this work is an experimental multidisciplinary contemplation; a devotion; a prayer decomposed. It is an engagement with silence - demonstrated by blank spaces. It is an intentioned meditation that seeks evidence for this question: What does it mean to insist not to die?

Text: Mlondiwethu Dubazane, Khwezi Becker and Yanelisa Mbana

Score: Nomcebisi Moyikwa and Yanelisa Mbana

Direction / videography: Nomcebisi Moyikwa

Human beings: Nomcebisi Moyikwa and Yanelisa Mbana





"intimacies of isolation"

SANDILE MKHIZE

TIME - an exploration of history, forefathers, revolution and ways of being under COVID-19 - and a seeking for our humanity.

Camera: Ntuthuko Mbatha Choreography: Sandile Mkhize

Dancer: Cue Ngema

SIFISO KITSONA KHUMALO

WALLS - a deeply intimate exploration of a father-daughter relationship set against the separation imposed by COVID-19 and the lockdown.

Dancers / choreography: Sifiso Kitsona Khumalo and his daughter, Lethiwe Zamantungwa Nzama.

TEGAN PEACOCK

CONTROL - **ALT** - **DELETE** - this short film offers an intimate exploration of the struggle with control or the loss of it. Both internally and externally our lives have been radically altered and everyone is fighting to regain control and find a new normality ...

Collaboration: Tegan Peacock and Jono Hornby

Choreography: Tegan Peacock **Murals / illustration**: Jono Hornby

TSHEDISO KABULU

SPACE OF COLOUR - is an unflinching exploration of race and its intersection with class, in an intimate look at poverty and the uneven distribution of power and resources in South Africa; set against the backdrop of isolation and the COVID pandemic.

Choreography: Tshediso Kabulu

Dancers: Tshediso Kabulu and Motlatsi Khotle

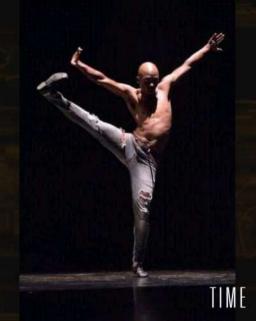
Poetry: Khwezi Becker Music: Anelisa Stuurman

ZINHLE NZAMA

SHADOW - is an intimate look at friendship and the validations of having someone there for you always, even when you cannot hold hands in a world that now asks for distancing.

Choreography: Zinhle Nzama

This work is performed by two bodies: Zinhle Nzama and Kirsty Ndawo





JOMBA! digitaledge 2020

DEEPLY ROOTED DANCE THEATRE

Chicago, USA -

DEEPLY ROOTED DANCE THEATRE (DRDT), under the artistic direction of Nicole Clarke-Springer, re-imagines and diversifies the aesthetics of contemporary dance by uniting modern, classical, American, and African-American traditions in dance and storytelling. Through its uncompromising pursuit of excellence, DRDT demonstrates the transformative power of art and beauty through dance education, performance, and cultural enrichment in Chicago and on the world stage. They have a long history with JOMBA! and have facilitated many exchanges and collaborations between South African artists and their DRDT home base in Chicago.

INDUMBA

Premiere: 2017

Choreography: Fana Tshabalala

Originally creating INDUMBA to illuminate the perpetual impact of unresolved apartheid politics in South Africa, Fana Tshabalala, Artistic Director of Broken Borders Arts Project, spent three weeks in residence with Deeply Rooted Dance Theatre in July 2017, to adapt INDUMBA for an American audience. "Indumba" means African healing hut. This is an excerpt.



PARALLEL LIVES

Premiere: 2018

Choreography: Gary Abbott

A contemporary narrative inspired by poor, working women who have shared life-changing events, both beautiful and tragic.

DANCE REVIVAL (GOSHEN EXCERPT)

Premiere: 2019

Choreography: Tshediso Kabulu

Music: Donald Lawrence

The Story of the Exodus brings together Deeply Rooted Dance Theatre and Grammy Award-winning producer, songwriter, and gospel artist Donald Lawrence in a collaboration of gospel music, dramatic narrative, and dance theatre, exploring historic biblical themes of power, oppression, and deliverance in a contemporary setting. This is an excerpt.



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GREGORY MAQOMA AND VUYANI DANCE THEATRE

Johannesburg, South Africa

EXIT/EXIST

Choreography / performance: Gregory Magoma

Premiere: Dance Umbrella 2012, February 17, Market Theatre, Johannesburg

Direction: James Ngcobo

Music composition: Simphiwe Dana

Costume design: David Tlale
Acapella quartet: Complete
Guitarist: Giuliano Modarelli

Lighting: Ralf Nonn

Video animation: Mileta Postic

Sound design: Andile Kentse Mpahlwa

Set design: Oliver Hauser

In EXIT / EXIST, Maqoma returns
to his ancestral past to re-interpret the
complexities of our contemporary world. The
narrative centres around the great Xhosa chief and warrior,
Maqoma, who, in the late 1800s, clashed with the English over
cattle and land and finally met his death on Robben Island. Maqoma reconfigures
memory in a transformational and poignant solo performance that fuses storytelling
with his own unique contemporary dance vocabulary and spirited live music. Through
his signature integration of traditional and contemporary dance, he invites audiences
to reflect on who we are, where we come from, and how all of these facets, past and

GREGORY VUYANI MAQOMA became interested in dance in the late 1980's as a means to escape the political tensions growing in his place of birth, Soweto, South Africa. He started his formal dance training in 1990 at Moving Into Dance where in 2002 he became the Associate Artistic Director. Maqoma has established himself as an internationally renowned dancer, choreographer, teacher and director. He founded Vuyani Dance

Theatre (VDT) in 1999 when he was undertaking a scholarship at the Performing Arts Research and Training School (PARTS) in Belgium under the direction of Anne Teresa De Keersmaeker.

present, inform our personal and collective identities today.

EXIT/EXIST





Co-choreography / performance: Anita Ratnam

Choreography: Hari Krishnan

Sound design: Vedanth Bharadwaj at SAMA studios

Her birth and marriage were not her decisions. Her life was prescribed by loneliness and solitude. Lawless beauty, discarded wife, shunned woman; Ahalya represents the many facets of her gender through centuries of misinterpretation and misogyny. Her enigma endures...her unfinished tale waits to be retold. This work was made after Donald Trump's election as USA president.

MA3KA (EXCERPTS)

Performance / production: Anita R Ratnam

Choreography: Hari Krishnan

Music / sound design: Anil Srinivsan, Darbuka Siva

Voice / vocals: Revathi Sankkaran, Subhiksha Rangarajan and KSR Aniruddha

Recording engineer: Vedanth Bharadwaj at SAMA studios

From awesome to ferocious, beautiful, graceful and powerful - all at once.

She is the God Mother Trinity Supreme.

- Saraswati: Knowledge Mother. Calling on us to awaken in wisdom.
- Lakshmi: Prosperity Mother. Her Lotus feet walking through our lives, footprints of Abundance.
- Meenakshi: Warrior Mother. Divine Lioness, with her battle-ready Trishul, defends to protect and save us.

ANITA RATNAM is highly respected as a performer, writer, speaker, arts entrepreneur and culture mentor. She has been described as an 'intersectionist', whose work weaves the many disciplines of dance, theatre, spoken word, ritual, archaeology, dramaturgy and women's issues. For over forty years, her distinguished career has witnessed over 1300 performances in 37 countries. Her formal training in Theatre, Bharata Natyam, Mohiniattam, and Kathakali has given Dr Ratnam a distinctive movement vocabulary that she has named 'Neo Bharatam' - a contemporary Indian kinetic situated on a mature body. Her main area of focus is in the reinterpretation of traditional tropes from myth and legend using a feminist lens.

STONE ... ONCE AGAIN

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MUSA HLATSHWAYO AND MHAYISE PRODUCTIONS

Durban, South Africa

ABOMHLABA(THI)

Choreography: Musa Hlatshwayo

Performers: Aphelele Nyawose, Snethemba Khuzwayo and Njabulo Zungu

Stage management: Mthabiseni Masuku

Premiere: 2019

Mhayise Productions would like to thank the African Culture Fund for their contribution towards the preparations of staging and presenting *ABOMHLABA(THI)*.

ABOMHLABA(THI) is a full-length dance theatre piece inspired by the late Honourable Credo Mutwa's stories around the creation of abantu, the earth, land and landless, the displacement of black bodies and their continuous search for belonging in a land torn by political borders and boundaries.



MHAYISE PRODUCTIONS, led by its Artistic / Creative Director MUSA HLATSHWAYO, is an internationally acclaimed performing arts production company based in KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa. Now in its 14th year, the company features full-time dancers and trainees. The company specialises in creating cutting-edge and socially conscious contemporary performing arts through the medium of dance, theatre, and multidisciplinary site specific / installation performances and campaigns.

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LESLIE SCOTT AND BODYART DANCE COMPANY

New Orleans, USA

DANCE FOR CAMERA

Direction: Leslie Scott

Performers: Jonathan Bryant, Kayla Johnson, Heather Raburn

Video / editing: Heather Rebecca In Partnership with Beautify Earth - 2017

afternoon gold

Direction / editing: Leslie Scott Performer: Rachel Abrahams

Premiere: 2018 - Portland Dance Film Festival

Cinematography / editing: Jason Bahling

Artistic direction: Leslie Scott

Music composition: Benjamin Shelton

Performers: Megan Krauszer, Andrea Lanzetti, Steph Mas,

Erin Okayama, Allison Ploor, Andi Work.

Premiere: Triskelion Film Festival, Brooklyn 2012

DANCE FOR STAGES

WATER STORY

Direction: Leslie Scott (Premiere 2019)

Performers: Rachel Abrahams, Isabel Umali, Jasmine Sugar,

Kristi Tornga and the GSVU

students.

Video design: Hsuan-

Kuang Hsieh

THREAD

Irondale Arts Center and Summerhall @ Edinburgh Fringe

(co-production) 2014 **Direction**: Leslie Scott

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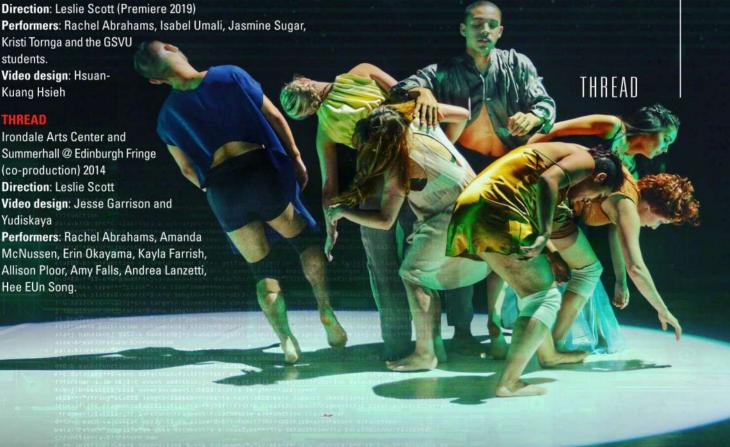
Performers: Rachel Abrahams, Amanda McNussen, Erin Okayama, Kayla Farrish,

Allison Ploor, Amy Falls, Andrea Lanzetti,

Hee EUn Song.



LESLIE SCOTT is the founder and Artistic Director of the New Orleans based BODYART DANCE COMPANY, and Assistant Professor of Dance and New Media at Tulane University. Scott regularly combines her decades of experience in producing and non-profit development for her multiple teaching and consulting activities across the globe. As a choreographer, working in both traditional and non-traditional spaces, her work has been performed in notable venues and sites from LA, NYC, Dallas, St Louis, New Orleans, Houston, Edinburgh, New Zealand and Durban, South Africa. Scott holds an MFA in Choreography from the California Institute of the Arts and a BFA in Modern Dance, with an emphasis in photography, from Texas Christian University.



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ROBYN ORLIN

South Africa/Germany.

"Beauty remained for just a moment then returned gently to her starting position ..."

Concept / choreography: Robyn Orlin

Premiere: 2012

Dancers: Moving Into Dance Mophatong - Muzi Shili, Sunnyboy Motau,

Thandi Tshabalala, Teboho Letele, Julia Burnham, Oscar Buthelezi, Sonia Radebe

Assistant choreographer: Nhlanhla Mahlangu

Music: Yogin Rajoo Sullaphen

Video: Philippe Lainé

Costume design: Marianne Fassler

Lighting: Denis Hutchinson **Stage management**: Thabo Pule

Production: City Theatre & Dance Group, MIDM, Moving Into Dance Mophatong and

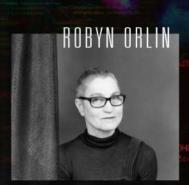
Damien Valette Prod, Paris.

Co-production: Tilder, City Theatre & Dance Group, Biennale de la danse de Lyon,

MAC-Maison des Arts de Créteil, Maison de la musique de Nanterre

robyn orlin hails from jozi/egoli but now lives in berlin/germany with her husband, south african filmmaker oliver schmitz and their daughter ruby nomalanga ... she loves long titles (maintaining that her pieces are never about just one thing and that she hates writing programme notes) ... she has spent a fair share of her career declaring war on the 'tutu', but now sees herself more as an accidental choreographer, whose day jobs could consist of making the odd movie, to directing opera, to playing with puppets, or directing theatre, but always making sure she can have a good laugh with the artists, technicians and public involved in her processes ... but in all honesty she feels that her work is about putting bread on the table, trying to understand the world around her with which she wants to make peace ... but all that really matters at the end of the day, is that her ducks quack on cue ...













Arnhem, The Netherlands

INTRODANS, frequent guests to JOMBA! over the past 21 years, takes a contemporary approach to ballet: one that's creative and surprising. Offering dance work that is dynamic, dazzling and gravity-defying, they captivate in a total dance experience. INTRODANS believes that the language of dance is universal and so it can bring together and move entire generations. They achieve this by appealing to a broad public and actively connecting with them. They perform for the young and the old(er) and

organise activities and projects for a wide spectrum of target groups.

Founded in 1971 by Hans Focking and Ton Wiggers

Artistic direction: Roel Voorintholt General direction: Ton Wiggers

Patroness: H.R.H. Princess Margriet of The Netherlands

WERELDLEIDERS (WORLD LEADERS)

Choreography: David Middendorp

Animation / technology: Dutch Tilt Studios and David Middendorp

Premiere: 2020

WORLD LEADERS depicts a debate between two extremely powerful people. Middendorp was inspired by hand movements of politicians, translating them into dance. The dancers move like puppets in a game-like setting where the real and virtual reality influence each other. To make this possible, seventeen cameras are hidden in the decor and the wings are full of computers.

FACE MACHINE

Choreography: David Middendorp

Audiovisual design / lighting design: David Middendorp

Premiere: 2015 (INTRODANS premiere: 2020)

Middendorp's **FACE MACHINE** is inspired by the now familiar phenomenon of the 'selfie'. The face (of a constantly changing dancer) is projected in huge format on the backdrop of the stage, and so it seems as if the other dancer's dance, roll and walk across this face ... often with hilarious consequences.

BLUE JOURNEY

Choreography: David Middendorp

Music: Radiohead, Street Spirit, Videotape, Like Spinning Plates

Animation / set design: David Middendorp

Premiere: 2008

David Middendorp created **BLUE JOURNEY** especially for Introdans in 2008. A revised version of the piece reached the semifinal of America's Got Talent and enchanted millions of television viewers. After the performance, jury member Howard Stern said: "I believe we have been 'Middendorfed'. It is the best dance ever in the show." The choreography is a prime showcase for Middendorp's exceptional ability to combine expressive live dance and video animations into magical and poetic images.

SWINGLE SISTERS

Choreography: Alexander Ekman

SWINGLE SISTERS is one of Ekman's early works, with which he immediately won two awards at the International Competition for Choreographers in Hanover. This work, in which three female dancers 'sit' at a table on wheels and cough aloud in a tight and infectious rhythm, immediately revealed his major talents: a fantastic sense of humour and masterful timing.





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GERMAINE ACOGNY

Ecole des Sables, Senegal

SOMEWHERE AT THE BEGINNING

Premiere: 2015

Concept / direction: Mikael Serre Choreography: Germaine Acogny

Assistant choreographer: Patrick Acogny

Music composition / live performance: Fabrice Bouillon LaForest

Video: Sébastien Dupouey

Text: Togoun Servais Acogny, Aloopho, Germaine Acogny, Euripides (Medea)

Adaptation: Mikaël Serre

Production: JANT-BI, Senegal Co-Production: Les Théâtres de la Ville du Luxembourg / Théâtre de la Ville, Paris / Institut Français, Paris Residency and **Co-production**: La Ferme du Buisson, scène nationale de Marne-la-Vallée

Residency: Le Centquatre, Paris.

GERMAINE ACOGNY is considered as the 'mother of Contemporary African dance'. She created her own Technique of Modern African Dance, and with her husband Helmut Vogt she created the Ecole des Sables in Senegal, an International Centre for traditional and contemporary African Dances. She teaches, dances and choreographs for her company JANT-BI and also

performs solo pieces, touring worldwide. She directed the MUDRA school in Dakar created by Béjart and the president Senghor. In 2008, the magazine *Jeune Afrique* selected Germaine as part of the one hundred personalities who 'make' Africa. In 2016, Germaine received the distinction of *Officier de la Légion d'Honneur* of the French Republic. She received two New York Bessie Awards for the creations of *Fagaala* (2007) and for her performance in *Mon élue noire-Sacre # 2* (2018).





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IN CONVERSATION WITH..

VINCENT MANTSOE

South Africa / France



C U T...... PART ONE:

Choreography: Vincent Sekwati Mantsoe
Music composition: Mpho Molikeng

Videography: Frank Pizon

Collaboration / co-production: Institute Français South Africa and The Market Theatre.

The tension of pulling the log, the weight and momentum of cutting wood, the energy in-between two extreme points. A strike in motion that can break various e-motions and power. Cut the cot, break the pattern, stand tall, move in a precise path.



VINCENT SEKWATI KOKO MANTSOE's recognition as a choreographer, teacher and performer demonstrates that to be successfully integrated into the performance arena as a contemporary artist, one does not have to disavow one's cultural heritage. Growing up in Diepkloof, Soweto, Mantsoe's innately musical understanding of movement and its transformational potential

was founded in the early years. When still a boy he would assist in the dancing and drumming that his grandmother, his mother, and two of his aunts performed in their capacity as sangomas. In 1990 he was accepted into the newly established trainee programme of Moving Into Dance Mophatong (MIDM) under the leadership of Sylvia Glasser. Winner of international and national awards in performance and choreography, Manstoe has created works for international and national dance companies across the globe.







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ONDIEGE MATTHEW - DANCE INTO SPACE

Nairobi, Kenya

GENERATIONS

Soloist: Ondiege Matthew Premiere: May 2020

This solo dance is accompanied by spoken word, performed by Teardrops at the Kenya National Theatre during lockdown.

ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Choreography: Ondiege Matthew

Premiere: JOMBA! 2020

Dancers: Kennedy Wafula, Lorriette Aluoch, Novaline Akoth,

Kelvin Tesha, Rodgers Maithya

ESSENTIAL SERVICES is a depiction of the ordinary Kenyan response to the Covid-19 pandemic, and especially the lockdown and the strict guidelines that followed.

DANCE INTO SPACE FOUNDATION (DISF) is a non-profit company which exists to foster the appreciation, practice and training of dance and theatre at local, national and across border levels. DISF develops unique dance theatre and multi-media performances for entertainment, education, awareness and advocacy. They have been involved in various projects covering a wide range of existential subject areas, especially SRHR, democracy and governance, and disability rights. DISF also works with people with disability in a social







Live DANCE in a digital age

IN CONVERSATION WITH..

JÜRG KOCH

Bern, Switzerland

THE PRINTER'S TRAY

Choreography / dance: Jürg Koch

Film / editing: Jürg Koch

Assistant: Joseph Faber

Produced in self-isolation and filmed in studio Freiform, Bern, May 2020.

On the one hand a printer's tray is a sorting box, divided into a number of compartments to store movable type for printing. On the other hand, printer trays are used to store and display keepsakes and souvenirs. Fragments of memories and stories. My Printer's Tray is a collection of short pieces from 1999-2020. They are building blocks and fragments. On the one hand they are pieces, which pursue and develop a specific choreographic idea. On the other hand, they are core phrases from bigger pieces and larger productions. It is an archive as well as an ongoing artistic and choreographic practice.

The first performance of a set from **The Printer's Tray** happened in 1999 in Cardiff under the title Single Suite No.1. For each event or performance, a number of pieces from the collection are selected and presented as a modular set. This is a filmed version of six sections from **The Printer's Tray** created during the COVID19 lockdown period and published online.

More versions and variations of The Printer's Tray can be viewed on: http://www.jurgkoch.com/choreography

JÜRG KOCH is a freelance dance artist based in Bern, Switzerland and has been working internationally as a performer, choreographer and dance educator for the past 20 years. He received his MA from the London Contemporary Dance School. Working with Candoco Dance Company, integrating disabled and non-disabled performers informs his artistic and pedagogic approach. In January 2004 he joined the faculty of the University of Washington as a lecturer and was appointed Assistant Professor in 2008 and Associate Professor in 2014. After working for ten years in higher education he moved back to Switzerland, where he has established a freelance praxis as artist, educator and performer, working closely with BewegGrund (CH) and Dance Unstuck (UK).





USA DANCE on screen

Curated by Lauren Warnecke, Peter Chu, Rachel Miller and Tara Aisha Willis

CURATORIAL STATEMENT

When seeking films for this project, we consciously sought out films which showcased a varied American experience both culturally and stylistically. Our intentions were to give a voice to those who are often unheard from and to present films that have artistic integrity, show a variety of movement styles and explorations, and have multiple ways in which an audience might 'read' them. Overall, we chose films that spoke to the multitude and variety of American communities, cultural experiences, sexual orientations, and gender identities to give JOMBA! audiences a taste of the diverse landscape of American dance makers.

MEMORY KEEP(H)ER (10 minutes)

Choreography / filmmaker: Jasmine Hearn and Paul William Kruse

Collaboration:Claudette Johnson

MEMORY KEEP(H)ER is a seven-part video series that acts as an archive to hold memories of Claudette Johnson. A collaborative project by filmmaker Paul W Kruse and performer/choreographer Jasmine Hearn with dance, text, and vocalisation that weaves together a non-linear story of the early life of Jasmine's grandmother growing up in Crockett and Huntsville, Texas.

PULL UP (31/2 minutes)

Choreography / filmmaker: Rena Butler Dance / editing: Abdiel Figueroa Reyes

Originally premiered for Hubbard Street Dance Chicago's Stay)Inside/Out, **PULL UP** explores the expression of protest and how it pertains to authenticity in allyship. It is an examination of accountability, education and a commitment to progression.

SEPARATE SENTENCES (15 minutes)

Production / direction /
choreography: Amie Dowling
Co-direction / editing: Austin Forbord
Assistant director / co-choreography:
Artistic direction: Reggie Daniels
Photographic direction: Heath Orchard
Composition: Albert Mathias
SEPARATE SENTENCES is a dance
/ film that explores the
generational impact of

/ film that explores the generational impact of incarceration and the toll on families and communities. Cast members are Bay Area performers, some of whom have been incarcerated or are family members of people who are incarcerated.



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ABBEY (6 minutes)

Choreography / performance: Angella Betina Carlos
Filmmaker / cinematography / editing: Michael Sakamoto

ABBEY depicts the interior life of a sheltered young Filipina alone in a university dance setting in middle America. Sakamoto and Carlos collaborated in an effort to bear witness to, and portray Carlos's tenuous liminality as a stranger in a strange land.

BOUND (61/2 minutes)

Choreography / filmmaker: Monica Thomas

Dancers: Ericka Vaughn Lashley, Stacy DeMorrow Miller, Abby Suskin

Photographic direction: Jason Chiu

Composition: Will Huff

BOUND is a dance film in three parts. As the dancers move through different relationships to an object - books - the symbolism inherent in the physical relationship vacillates as well.

ABOUT INERTIA (101/2 minutes)

Choreography / filmmaker: Tom Tsai **Conception / performance**: Tom Tsai

Slow-motion, acrobatic Breakin' moves echo the struggle for balance when the world is flipped on its head. When being in motion becomes a state of constant regression, being at rest can feel like incredible progress. **ABOUT INERTIA** is a meditative reflection on the effort and endurance that is demanded on the road to recovery.

UPROOTED (5 minutes)

Choreography / filmmakers: Rosely Conz and Stephany Slaughter

Direction: Rosely Conz and Stephany Slaughter

Dancers: Rosely Conz, Atulya Dora-Laskey, Jordan Gasby,

TréVon Mason, Gabriel Vargas, Allison Muenzer, Maggie Schneider

Editing: Rosely Conz and Tavyon Richardson

UPROOTED is a dance for camera project that uses contemporary and Mid-Michigan site-specific dance, metaphor, and movement to address issues of immigration, migration, and displacement to a soundtrack of local immigrant stories that narrate their relationships to the concept of 'uprooted.'

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USA DANCE on screen

subMERGE a dance scene for camera (6 minutes)

Choreography / filmmakers: Marcus White and Ana Maria Alvarez

Video: Marcus White

Dancers: Ana Maria Alvarez in collaboration with (in order of appearance): Christopher Cuenza, Samad Raheem Guerra, Jannet Galdamez, Bianca Medina

This scene is set on Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles - a sixteen-mile corridor that spans across ethnicity and cultural and economically diverse communities in LA. The site is the echo of this film.

SUPREME LOVE (13 minutes)

Choreography / filmmaker: Jumaane Taylor and Film by Cam Be Tap dancers: Ian Berg, Starinah Dixon and Donnetta Jackson

Piano: Justin Dillard Bass: Junius Paul Saxophone: Irvin Pierce

Drums: Isaiah Spencer

Celebrating John Coltrane's A Love Supreme with live jazz and tap dance, **SUPREME LOVE** displays the spiritual, artistic and historical values that infuse human life. **SUPREME LOVE** expresses true life through the art of tap dance.

REVEL IN YOUR BODY (6 minutes)

Direction: Katherine Helen Fisher

Artistic direction / choreography / dance: Alice Sheppard Choreography collaboration / dance: Laurel Lawson Wheelchair design: Laurel Lawson, Paul Schulte

REVEL IN YOUR BODY is a short film directed by Katherine Helen Fisher and starring Alice Sheppard and Laurel Lawson of Kinetic Light. Stunning choreography in glorious slow motion, amidst a breath-taking open blue sky and industrial playground, reveals the joy of flight on wheels. **REVEL IN YOUR BODY** originated as a creative concept when the dancers shared online a slow-motion iPhone video of them jumping on a trampoline while strapped into their wheelchairs.

Audio description for REVEL IN YOUR BODY takes an insider approach for the non-visual experience of the film. Rather than describing only what the dancers are doing, the description takes you inside how the movement feels. Audio describer Cheryl Green has composed an aural experience with the music and text description as an emotional arc with space for mystery. Including this access to the film for blind audience members is required for screening this film.

ABOUT INERTIA

21YEARS of JOMBA! through the lens

A DIGITAL EXHIBITION OF JOMBA! PHOTOGRAPHS

The exhibition (in its various interactive formats) can be viewed for the duration of the festival at:

jomba.ukzn.ac.za

by VAL ADAMSON

DIGITAL JOMBA! 2020 honours Val Adamson by exhibiting 21 years of her photography taken at the JOMBA! festival's many platforms. It is not only a moment of honouring Val's extraordinary photographic eye, but it is also a moment of visually remembering the festival's own 21-year history through these amazing pictures taken with her Nikon cameras.

VAL ADAMSON was born in Kenya in 1963 and remained there until the age of twelve when the family moved to Scotland. After graduating in 1984 from Napier College, Edinburgh with a Higher National Diploma in Photography, Val moved to South Africa to pursue a professional career. She became the assistant photographer for the Performing



Arts Council of Transvaal in 1985. After three years in this post she was approached by the Playhouse Company to set up and run their photographic department in Durban. During the 5 years spent at the Playhouse Company she held two exhibitions. The first, *Caught in the Act* (1988), which featured images of theatre, earned her a nomination for The Star Rising, star of the year

award. In 1992 AGFA sponsored two exhibitions of her work entitled *Textured Lives I & II* which featured portraits of top performing artists. She left the Playhouse Company in 1993 to freelance. In 2012, DanceLink recognized her photographic services to dance with an award at the Durban Dance Awards. In 2013 Val created *Love Dance*. This exhibition of her dance photography was commissioned by KZN DanceLink and supported by the eThekwini Municipality Department of Arts and Culture. The exhibition was part of *Giyani Lusha 2013* in Durban. It then appeared at the *JOMBA! Contemporary Dance Experience 2013*, The Witness Hilton Arts Festival 2013 and the National Arts Festival in 2014. In 2014 the eThekwini Municipality named Val a Living Legend by for her work documenting theatre. Based in Durban, Val is still freelancing.



digital JOMBA! FRINGE

This 'open to application' platform for 2020, provides an opportunity for dance makers to present their digital/dance film work for showcasing under the auspices of the JOMBA! festival. A panel of expert adjudicators have assessed the submissions and a selection will be viewed on Monday 31 August at 19h00. Whilst not all submissions will be shown, submissions have come from:

ADEBAJO OLUWEFEMI ISREAL (Nigeria)

DAVID MAHLABA & PHINDA-MZALA ENTERTAINMENT PROJECT (South Africa)

JENA WOODROFFE (South Africa)

JULIE VERONIRINA IARISOA (Madagascar)

LUNGELO KHATHINI (South Africa)

NKOSINATHI BLESSING KHUMALO (South Africa)

PHUMLANI LIFE MNDEBELE (South Africa)

RHIA RYAN (South Africa)

ROBERT SSEMPIJA (Uganda)

SABELO CELE (South Africa)

SBONELO BHENGU (South Africa)

SIFISO E. KWEYAMA (South Africa)

UCHE A ONAH (Nigeria)

PAVISHEN PAIDEYA (South Africa)

KALDI MAKUTIKE (South Africa)

SPHAKEME SHANGASE (South Africa)

JC ZONDI (South Africa)

The adjudication panel members for 2020 are:

DAVID APRIL - a director, teacher, choreographer, and lobbyist in the realm of South African dance and performance, based in Gauteng.

TINY MUNGWE - a South African film / TV producer and festival programmer based in Cape Town.

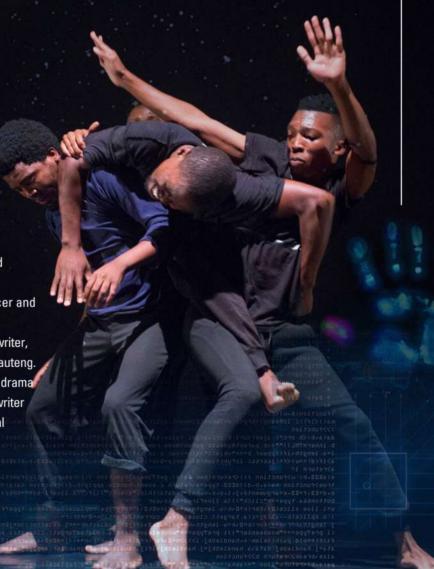
SMANGALISO NGWENYA - a dancer, performer, writer, choreographer, videographer and editor based in Gauteng. CLARE CRAIGHEAD (JOMBA! Fringe facilitator) - a drama and performance studies lecturer at DUT, a dance writer and academic with a keen interest in arts on a digital platform. She is based in KZN.

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

1st place - R1 500.00

2nd place - R1 000.00

3rd place - R 500.00



JOMBA! khuluma and the JOMBA! blog https://medium.com/@JombaDance

In 2010 the inaugural **JOMBA! KHULUMA WRITING RESIDENCY** was hosted under the mentorship of veteran South African dance writer and journalist, Adrienne Sichel. In 2015, Clare Craighead joined Sichel as co-host, and has subsequently taken on the duties of hosting and administering the platform on behalf of JOMBA!

The aim of the residency is to provide graduate students studying dance (mostly drawn from UKZN's Howard College Drama and Performance Studies Programme), the opportunity to grow their skills as dance writers, while also experiencing the rigours of working as a festival journalist. Through a series of seminars and critical discussions, the young writers work throughout the festival, offering their thoughts and responses (both personal and analytical) to the work on show.

This year marks the first DIGITAL JOMBA! CONTEMPORARY DANCE EXPERIENCE and has also prompted a three-country collaboration for the JOMBA! Khuluma platforms, which sees a meeting between South Africa, UK and the USA. Craighead is joined locally by long-time JOMBA! Khuluma collaborator Tammy Ballantyne (The Ar(t)chive, Johannesburg) alongside inputs from UKZN and JOMBA! alumni Dr Sarahleigh Castelyn from the School of Arts and Creative Industries, University of East London (UK); 2018 JOMBA! Khuluma co-facilitator and editor Lauren Warnecke from See Chicago Dance, Chicago (USA) and Associate Professor Raquel Monroe from Columbia College Chicago (USA), who joins us through her connection to See Chicago Dance.

Importantly too, JOMBA! Khuluma, in line with the national agenda to redress and develop historically marginalised languages, has this year welcomed an isiZulu language editor and translator onto our local team - UKZN Honours graduate Lisa Goldstone - thus enabling our JOMBA! Khuluma platforms to be bilingual.

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