



ECHO ECHO

FESTIVAL OF DANCE & MOVEMENT

7TH - 18TH NOVEMBER 2017

PERFORMANCES | DAILY CLASSES | SPECIAL EVENTS

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

Welcome to the fifth edition of the Echo Echo Festival of Dance and Movement. It really feels as if it has now become an established event and that we have created a festival with an identity which suits Derry in its concern with warmth, integrity, humanity, relationships and depth. We continue this year with our approach of programming a mix of work by artists with a long term relationship with Echo Echo Dance Theatre Company and artists new to us and to our region. We continue to favour work which is rooted in the idea that it is people who dance... not just bodies. Please do come along to move and be moved.



ALEXANDRA SOSHNIKOVA AND SERGEI GOLOVNEA

'Gravity Free Point' (FAMILY | Free events)

🕒 Tue 7th Nov to Fri 10th Nov - Various locations and times

The silence between movement

Where is the point that it is easiest to change direction from? Where you can start again and find a new surprise? These beautiful improvisation performances will explore such moments in dance and movement. Created by the Echo Echo Ensemble under the direction of Alexandra Soshnikova and Sergei Golovnea of Voices Dance Company, Chisinau, Moldova, and in collaboration with musicians Rohan Armstrong and Meilana Gillard.

Series of 30 minute performances around a variety of city spaces and places. Community performance programme in partnership with Ardnashee School and College, St Cecilia's College, Holy Cross College, Donemana PS, St Patricks PS and Sevenoaks Care Home.

All welcome to public performance:

Wed 8th Nov 12.30pm | The Craft Village (free event)



THE OTHER SIDE OF FEAR & GRAVITY FREE POINT

Double Bill (Tickets £10 / £8 conc)

🕒 Sat 11th Nov 8pm & Sun 12th Nov 8pm | Echo Echo Studios

Alexandra Soshnikova and Sergei Golovnea | Echo Echo Ensemble

The founders of Voices Company in Moldova are two wonderfully poetic and athletic dance artists. Our audiences may remember them from Echo Echo projects during City of Culture 2013. Alexandra and Sergei present their beautiful new duet piece 'The Other Side of Fear' and direct 'Gravity Free Point' by the Echo Echo Ensemble – Ayesha Mailey, Kelly Quigley, Zoe Ramsey, Tonya Sheina and Steve Batts - with musicians Rohan Armstrong and Meilana Gillard.



SHORT WORKS (Tickets £10 / £8 conc)

🕒 Wed 8th Nov 8pm & Thur 9th Nov 8pm | Echo Echo Studios

A truly diverse programme of short dance, movement and physical theatre works selected from an international open call. Artists and companies from far and wide including Belorussia, Hungary, Denmark, Mexico and more. The Short Works programme has been a highlight of recent Festival programmes for audiences and artists alike. Not to be missed!

"Inspiring on so many levels. An amazing range of talent from so many disciplines of such high quality is rarely seen in Derry."

Audience feedback on past Festival Short Works



A double bill of dance and music in which new kinetic and sonic fruits appear from deep roots in tradition.

TRADITION AND BEYOND - Double Bill

(Tickets £10 / £8 conc)

🕒 Fri 10th Nov 8pm | Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Great James Street



Sibéal Davitt & Kristyn Fontanella (Dance) | This is How we Fly (Music & Dance)

'As We Know It' by Sibéal Davitt and Kristyn Fontanella

Enveloping sounds, rhythms, and patterns – a frank conversation between a Sean-nós dancer and traditional Irish step dancer who question and re-question: what is Irish Dance?

'This is How we Fly' is an acclaimed contemporary folk four-piece of sublime talent with a special take on traditional forms in music and dance.

"Elusive and mercurial... It's a bold and unfamiliar path, full of surprising diversions that reveal themselves surreptitiously. This is fresh-faced, unboxable music."

- Irish Times

MINI-A-TOUR (FAMILY | Tickets £5 / Four for £15)

'Fallen From The Moon' a dance performance for kids 4 years and up

🕒 Sat 11th Nov and Sun 12th Nov 2pm | Echo Echo Studios

'Fallen From the Moon' is the story of a girl who lived on the moon all alone. One day, because of her curiosity, she fell off it. She found herself on planet Earth (in a junk yard, more precisely), met a whimsical rat, and made friends with a cat inventor... This magical performance is by Russian dance-artists, Alexander Bondarev and Julia Tokareva. Both are members of the legendary Russian company Do-Theatre.

Schools matinee performances kindly supported by Esmé Mitchell Trust.

Artwork - Lilia Goldbeck





LAVADANS (Tickets £10 / £8 conc)

🕒 **Wed 15th and Thur 16th Nov 8pm** | Echo Echo Studios

‘Vice Versa’

Vice Versa is a multi-media performance project between the visual artist Abdalla Omari (Syria/Belgium) and the dance artist Benno Voorham (Sweden/Netherlands). Vice Versa can be characterised as a documentary performance. A work that is compelling in the way that it addresses some of the most difficult things we can speak about: the impact of war on the individual and more specifically on the lives and experiences of children.



Photo - Charles Mugel

JUNEBUG (Tickets £10 / £8 conc)

🕒 **Fri 17th Nov 8pm and Sat 18th Nov 7pm** | Echo Echo Studios (note earlier time Sat)

‘WICCA’

With their newest work *WICCA*, Rosanne Briens, Erin O'Reilly and Sophie Ammann weave together a celebration of Womanhood and the power of Gentleness - sacred, sensual, vulnerable... strong. With an original score by Chris Lynch, their trio explores a sincere and personal representation of feminine existence that finds its power in traversing its natural cycles, and the unity of sisterhood that underlies it all.



Photo - Paul Brown Photography

VELVET ALIBI (Tickets £8)

🕒 **Festival Closing Gig - Saturday 18th Nov 10.30pm** | Echo Echo Studios

Closing Echo Echo Festival for the third year running, Velvet Alibi is a large groove ensemble, hailing from the northwest of Ireland. Their expansive sound merges melodic song-writing and lush vocal harmonies with funky beats and virtuosic improvisation. The band have earned themselves an international reputation for hugely energetic live shows in which they continually zig-zag between many genres, always surprising their audience.

“Adventurous, accomplished and motivating, an orchestra much greater than the sum of all its individually very talented parts.” - Paul Brown, EAF Director

CLASSES (Tickets £4)

🕒 Various | Echo Echo Studios

Echo Echo Studios on the City Walls in Magazine Street will host a series of public classes and workshops during the Festival. These classes are open to all but will be enjoyable and challenging for people with experience of dancing and moving. Further details are available on the Echo Echo website and if you have a specific question please get in touch. All are welcome and do stay for a cup of tea and a chat afterwards!



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Sat 11th Nov - 11am - 1pm | **Sean-nós** dance class with leading Irish choreographer, dancer and teacher, **Sibéal Davitt**.

Mon 13th Nov - 4.30pm- 6.30pm | **Alexandra Soshnikova** and **Sergei Golovnea** - Exploring the idea of the 'Gravity Free Point'.

Tue 14th Nov - 2pm- 4pm | **Alexander Bondarev** and **Yulia Tokareva**, Mini-A-Tour - Where do movements start in your body? How do you float one element into another one?

Tue 14th Nov - 4.30pm- 6.30pm | Youth Dance Workshop (13-18 years) with **Alexandra Soshnikova** and **Sergei Golovnea** - Improvisation and choreography.

Wed 15th Nov - 10am-12noon | **Zoe Ramsey** and **Tonya Sheina**, Echo Echo Ensemble - Gentle Contact Improvisation.

Thur 16th Nov and **Fri 17th Nov** - 10am-12noon | **Benno Voorham** - 'In The Moment' workshop focusing on the instant compositional side of improvisation and developing skills and viewpoints that help us to navigate and make choices in improvisational scores. Attendance at both workshops advised.

Sat 18th Nov - 10am-12noon | Junebug - Floorwork, guided improvisation and repertoire from WICCA "Lets make some magic".

Classes are open to anyone 16 + years. Workshops take place in Echo Echo Studios.

Festival Dance Picnic (FAMILY | £3pp)

🕒 Sun 12th Nov 12noon-2pm | Echo Echo Studios

All ages and abilities welcome to dance, move and eat at one of Echo Echo's favourite and longest running events – the Dance Picnic! No experience necessary and remember to bring some sandwiches or fruit... or cake!



Festival Symposium: 'Ends or means? - Instrumentalism in arts policy and practice' (Free event)

🕒 Sat 18th Nov 2pm - 5pm | Echo Echo Studios

An afternoon of discussion on 'instrumentalism' in arts policy and practice: reasons, causes, effects, alternatives. We are looking forward to the deeply considered and passionate contributions of Steven Hadley, Fionnuala Kennedy and Anthony McCann. Anyone with an interest in the arts as watcher, listener, reader or creator will find the perspectives offered by the discussion very pertinent to the situation of the arts in Northern Ireland and to broader cultural and political questions.



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Booking

All events at Echo Echo Studios unless stated.
Times may be subject to change. Please check
our website and social media for updates.

Online: www.echoechodance.com

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Box Office: Echo Echo Studios, Magazine Street,
Derry-Londonderry, BT48 6HH.

Tickets

Performance Ticket prices £10 / £8 concession

Closing Concert price £8

Family Show £5 / £15 for group of 4

Classes £4

Dance Picnic £3

Performance Pass £50

Access All Events Pass £70

** Large group discounts available by prior
arrangement - please contact us.*

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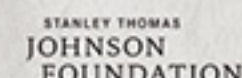
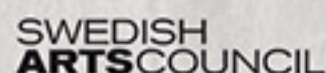
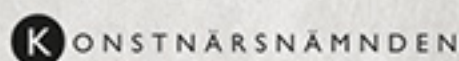
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