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AUSTRALIAN DANCE WEEK 2023

28 APRIL - 7 MAY

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The Ausdance network promotes dance in all its forms every year during Australian Dance Week.

Ausdance ACT hosts the largest Australian Dance Week program in Australia. Throwing the spotlight on a thriving and diverse local dance scene from studio classes, workshops and activities for many ages with loads of free classes and events.

We have a selection of Ausdance ACT presented events featuring high quality professional performance, community events and workshops.

Plan your week here with the calendar, check for updates on our website and social media and immerse yourself in dance!

29 April | Ausdance ACT Australian Dance Week Opening

Join us on International Dance Day as we celebrate Australian Dance Week.

To be officially opened by Minister for the Arts Tara Cheyne MLA with a performance by guest artist Grace Peng.

5.45pm - 7.30pm | Canberra Museum and Gallery

This is a free event however you must RSVP to act@ausdance.org.au

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28 April | Canberra International Music Festival presents *Seeds of Life*, featuring *Hillscape* by Australian Dance Party commissioned by Ausdance ACT



Photo Credit: Olivia Wikner

Seeds of Life marks the ten-year anniversary of the National Arboretum Canberra, and 20 years since the devastating Canberra bushfires. The Djinama Yilaga choir, and rising star clarinetist Oliver Shermacher perform together with local artists for a celebration of life and new growth.

The event culminates with a performance of a new work by Australian Dance Party, co-commissioned by Ausdance ACT and Canberra International Music Festival for Australian Dance Week.

Hillscape is the new work choreographed by Australian Dance Party's Ashlee Bye with new composition by Dan Walker for *Seeds of Life*. We enter the vastness of the landscape to celebrate the Sisyphean cycle of generation and regeneration.

Hillscape is performed by Ashlee Bye, Yolanda Lowatta, and Patricia Hayes-Cavanagh.

11am - 12.45pm | National Arboretum Canberra

Bookings:
<https://cimf.org.au/shows/c1-seeds-of-life/>

28 April - 5 May | ZEST: Dance for Wellbeing Tasters



Photo Credit: Lorna Sim

Try a ZEST Dance for Wellbeing class for FREE during Dance Week. Classes are designed for adults who want to keep their body and brain active and healthy, regardless of their mobility, skill, age or experience. Have fun, feel good!

Various times and locations across Canberra

For more information:
zestdwb.blogspot.com

29 April | Ausdance ACT presents *Compagnie József Trefeli Hungarian Folk Dance Workshop* and *JINX 103*



Photo Credit: Gregory Batardon

All ages can participate and discover together the music and movement from different regions ranging from slow basic steps to virtuoso high energy dances. Do not miss the opportunity to participate in this free intergenerational inclusive workshop.



Photo Credit: Gregory Batardon

Following the workshop, participants will be treated to a free performance of *JINX 103* performed in Australia for the first time by József Trefeli and Gyula Cserepes.

József Trefeli and Gábor Varga create a dance performance for any space, exploring together the rhythms and rituals of life in a high energy, captivating performance.

12pm - 2pm | Main Hall, Gorman Arts Centre, Ainslie Avenue, Braddon

This is a free event.
Bookings via Eventbrite

30 April | Ausdance ACT presents *Compagnie József Trefeli's Creature & What Are We Fighting For*



Photo Credit: Gregory Batardon

Creature a wonderfully engaging, theatrical piece by József Trefeli and Gábor Varga, performed by József and Gyula Cserepes, is a work about origins, tackling ethnographic material in a way that places contemporary dance practice under the microscope. Using traditional Hungarian dance and song, this short, sharp performance is unmissable.



Photo Credit: Gregory Batardon

World Premiere screening of *What Are We Fighting For*.

4 dancers in New Zealand and 4 dancers in Switzerland fight to keep creating. Isolated due to Covid-19 lockdowns, they take us into their private lives revealing their personalities, their idiosyncrasies, and their determination to creating a unique bridge across the world through dance.

12pm - 1pm | The Ralph Wilson Theatre, Gorman Arts Centre, Ainslie Avenue, Braddon

Bookings via Eventbrite

3 May | Ausdance ACT Dance Studio Sector Morning Tea



Our popular sector networking morning tea is back during Australian Dance Week.

Hosted by Ausdance ACT Director Dr. Cathy Adamek, we will be joined by representatives from Good Sports and Healthier Choices Canberra.

10.30am - 12pm | Main Hall, Gorman Arts Centre, Ainslie Avenue, Braddon

This is a free event but you must RSVP to act@ausdance.org.au

6 May | Ausdance ACT presents *Bharatanatyam Dance Workshop* with *Vaidehi Subramanyan*



Photo Credit: Amandeep Bhargava

Discover the beauty and grace of South Indian classical dance as Ausdance ACT presents an exciting workshop with Vaidehi Subramanyan.

Join Vaidehi Subramanyan to explore the movements, lines, and storytelling of the South Indian classical dance form, Bharatanatyam.

The workshop is aimed at participants of all ages, with or without prior dance experience.

10.30am - 12pm | Main Hall, Gorman Arts Centre, Ainslie Avenue, Braddon

Bookings via Eventbrite

7 May | Ausdance ACT presents *Identity* at the National Portrait Gallery



Photo Credit: Andrew Sikorski

Ausdance ACT will be in the Gallery during Australian Dance Week to enhance your Portrait 23: *Identity* exhibition experience! Pop-up performances will fill spaces in surprising and delightful ways. Be entranced by this celebration of dance as an art form but also as an everyday diverse practice.

Bookings are not required. This is a free event.

10.30am - 3pm | National Portrait Gallery, King Edward Terrace, Parkes

For more information:
<https://www.portrait.gov.au/calendar/australian-dance-week-2023-identity>

29 April | Canberra Theatre Centre presents *Batchelor + Lea: A Dance Week Double Bill*

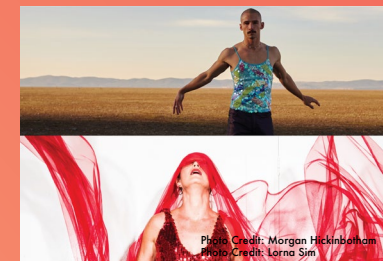


Photo Credit: Morgan Hickinsonham

In celebration of Australian Dance Week, Canberra Theatre Centre is proud to present *BACHELOR + LEA: a dance week double bill*.

Two acclaimed artists originating from Canberra showcase their works on International Dance Day.

In *Shortcuts to Familiar Places*, James Batchelor creates a personal performance about the body as a site of historical and choreographic inscription.

RED is fearless, RED is fierce, RED is powerful – a one woman show full of film and fabulousness.

3pm - 6pm | The Playhouse, Canberra Theatre Centre, Civic Square, London Cct

Bookings:
<https://canberratheatrecentre.com.au/show/batchelor-lea/>

1-6 May | A Stellar Lineup On Demand



Photo Credit: Andrew Sikorski

To celebrate the power of inclusion and imperative for excellence The Stellar Company and Liz Lea present an On Demand version of *A Stellar Lineup*, a stunning program of Canberra's most engaging community dance companies which premiered in December 2022.

24 Hours | Online

Bookings:
thestellarcompany.com

5 May | The Deaf Butterflies ACT Dance Open-Class



Photo Credit: Andrew Sikorski

Join the Deaf Butterflies ACT Dance Group led by Gretel Burgess and Debora Di Centa in a fun, inclusive, creative dance session!

The class will consist of dance exercises and viewing the Butterflies' latest choreographed work. The class is free.

This event is for deaf and hearing impaired, family & friends, and the general public.

1.30pm - 2.30pm | Belconnen Arts Centre - Dance Studio, 118 Emu Bank, Belconnen

Bookings via Eventbrite

6 May | QL2 Dance presents *Focus on Floor*



Photo Credit: Lorna Sim

This exciting and fun workshop covers contemporary floor work fundamentals such as monkey slides, donkey kicks, combat rolls and more, followed by floor sequences and guided improvisation.

Recommended for dancers aged 10-14 years.

3pm - 4.30pm | QL2 Dance Studio, D Block, Batman Street Braddon

Bookings:
<https://events.humanitix.com/focus-on-floor-free-workshop>

PERFORMANCES, EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

COME AND TRY, TRIALS AND FREE CLASSES

28 April - 4 May | Workshops during Australian Dance Week with The Training Ground



Join Bonnie Neate and Suzy Piani for a range of innovative Workshops that will inspire and challenge the mind and body. Catering for a range of abilities you will immerse yourself in contemporary dance partnering, Broadway choreography and dance conditioning.

The Training Ground Studios, 14 Colbee Court, Phillip

For more information:
thetraininggroundact.au

28 April - 7 May | Australian Dance Week at 6th Position



New to dance, or maybe you want to get back into it.

To celebrate Australian Dance Week, 6th Position are welcoming brand new students a 50% discount on their unlimited trial pass. Use code DANCEWEEKTRIAL at checkout.

6th Position Dance Studios, 83 Petrie Plaza, Canberra City

Bookings:
6thposition.com.au/sign-up

28 April - 7 May | Australian Dance Week Come and Try at Legs Performing Arts



Australian Dance Week Come and Try Classes for all age groups from 12 months to adults.

Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Acrobatics, Contemporary, Hip-Hop, Lyrical, Musical Theatre, FlexAbility, Dance Cirque, Ready Set Dance, Ready Set Ballet, Ready Set Move, Dream Team.

65 Sheppard St, Hume

For more information:
legsdance.com.au

1 - 6 May | Trial a Class for Free at Dance Northside



Dance Northside provides community focused, recreational dance classes for students aged 18 months to adults in a variety of styles. During Australian Dance Week, come along and trial a class for FREE!

Kaleen Community Hall, 28 Georgina Crescent Kaleen

For more information:
dancenorthside.com

1 - 6 May | Free Week of Classes at Dance Central



Enjoy unlimited FREE classes for a whole week at Dance Central! Discover your favourite style by trialling Jazz, Ballet, Hip-Hop, Acrobatics, Contemporary, Tap, Lyrical and more! Dance Central offers inclusive, positive and encouraging classes in a high energy environment.

Dance Central, 13-15 Altree Court, Phillip

For more information:
dance-central.com.au

1 - 6 May | Open Week Free Classes at Pointe2Pointe



Ever wanted to try dance classes for the first time or to try a new style of dance? Then come along to Pointe2Pointe's Open Week. Free classes for all!

Gungahlin College Performing Arts Block Gozzard St, Gungahlin & Forde Community Hall 7/26 Francis Forde Blvd, Forde

For more information:
pointe2pointe.com.au

2 May | D's Dance presents Solo Latin Dance



Solo Latin Dance doesn't require a partner. Learn moves in Cha Cha, Salsa, Bachata, Tango, Jive, Rhumba, Samba and more. Great music all levels catered for. Beginners welcome. Fun and friendly atmosphere. All welcome. Free come and try.

6pm - 6.45pm | 24 Chandler St Belconnen

For more information:
dvbles57@gmail.com

4 May | Come & Try Social Sequence Dancing with Canberra Old Time Dance Club



Learn simple partner dances for 1.5 hours. Then stay for a dance afterwards till 10pm. There will be experienced dancers there to help you. No partner needed. Just come along and join this friendly group.

7pm - 10pm | St Benedict's Hall Narrabundah, 10 Tallara Parkway, Narrabundah

For more information:
<https://cotdcweb.wixsite.com/social-sequence-danc>

28 April - 6 May | First Time Student Offer at Canberra Dance Theatre



CDT offers classes and performance opportunities for adults in a range of dance styles. Have fun while you improve your ability to move your body and explore your creativity. Buy your first class; try others during the week for free.

Canberra Dance Theatre, 1 Kingsley St, Acton (cnr Barry Drive)

For more information:
canberradancetheatre.org

28 April - 7 May | Free trial classes for Australian Dance Week at Bom Funk Dance Studio



Join Bom Funk in celebrating Australian Dance Week and attend free trial classes - try a new style & find your favourite! Bom Funk have classes for babies, children, teens and adults in various styles and ability levels!

Shop 2, 5 High St Queanbeyan & Shop 6, 37 Jerrabomberra Parkway Jerrabomberra

Bookings:
www.bomfunk.com.au/trials

29 April & 6 May | MAK'S Mini Movers Free Trial Classes for 3-5 year olds



Join MAK'S Ballet Studio for a unique dance and musicality program for 3-5 year olds that will stimulate your child's imagination and creativity through music with movement while having fun in MAK'S' super cute dance studio!

9am both days | Unit 3/56 Heffernan Street, Mitchell

For more information:
maksballet.com.au

1 - 6 May | Free Blueberries Class for You and Your Child at Dance Central



Blueberries is Canberra's home-grown; dance, music and drama parent & toddler program! It's the most fun you can have with a toddler in a jam packed hour of fun. There are over 20 weekly classes to choose from!

13-15 Altree Court, Phillip & 118 Emu Bank, Belconnen

Bookings:
dance-central.com.au/classes/blueberries/

1 - 6 May | Free Week Pass for DC Fit Classes at Dance Central



Enjoy unlimited FREE Dance & Fitness classes for a whole week at DC Fit.

Over 20 classes to choose from, including Hip-Hop, Heels, Commercial, Burlesque, Sass Jazz, Broadway, Tap, Contemporary, Limbering and Ballet. Try signature fitness classes, Barre Body & Bounce!

Dance Central, 13-15 Altree Court, Phillip

Bookings:
dance-central.com.au/classes/adult/

1 May | D's Dance presents Salsa Salsa Salsa



Join D's Dance to learn Salsa. A dance for all, easy to learn and fun to dance. No partner needed. Experienced dancers will be there to assist you. Free come and try. Never too late to learn Salsa!

7pm - 8pm | 24 Chandler St Belconnen

For more information:
dvbles57@gmail.com

2 May | You Can Afro with Passion & Purpose Academy



Passion & Purpose Academy will be hosting a free Afro dance class where people can come and be introduced to the amazing music and dance from Africa.

7pm | Harrison School, 20 Wimmera St, Harrison

For more information:
passionandpurpose.com.au

5 May | D's Dance presents Old Time Dancing Lesson



Join D's Dance to learn a simple Sequence Dance. Experienced dancers there to help you. No partner needed. Friendly atmosphere. Free come and try.

1.30pm - 2.30pm | 10 Watson St Turner

For more information:
canberraseniors.org.au/here/