

# DANCING CITY

STRATFORD/  
NEWHAM



## SAT 7 SEPTEMBER 1 - 6PM

An extraordinary day of outdoor dance transforms the public spaces in Stratford, Stratford Cross, East Bank and Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park for the first time. Discover a spectacular alfresco programme featuring contemporary, hip hop, acrobatics and more. Every performance is FREE and unticketed – just show up.

See pages **37 & 38** to plan your visit. **#GDIF2024**

Newham is the beating heart of London culture. With talented residents at their core, they host events that celebrate diversity and believe that cultural engagement benefits everyone whilst fueling the creative economy.





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## FROCK

STOPGAP DANCE COMPANY  
UK



Six virtuosic dancers celebrate difference and identity in this tour de force show. Expect frocks, suits, tea and a celebration of love, and fluidity. All performed to an original punk soundtrack. **25 mins**  
**AD Intro, Touch Tour: 3.45pm Live AD 4pm**

Supported by The London Borough of Newham, London Legacy Development Corporation, East Bank, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Foundation for Future London, University College London and Arts Council England.

## SYNERGY

MARK SMITH PRODUCTIONS  
UK / SOUTH AFRICA



A collaboration between leading UK and South African Deaf and disabled artists imagines what the future might hold for disabled people in a world on the brink of immense challenges as a result of climate change. **15 mins** **Digital AD Intro, Live AD 4.45pm**

Supported by Global Disability Innovation Hub, The London Borough of Newham, Without Walls, London Legacy Development Corporation, East Bank, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Foundation for Future London, University College London and Arts Council England.

## LAND EMPATHY

RICHARD CHAPPELL DANCE  
UK



Powerful contemporary dance challenges us to deepen our connection with nature against the backdrop of the climate crisis, with sculpture by Anna Gillespie with original music by Larch. **25 mins** **Touch Tour 1.15pm, Live AD 1.35pm**

Commissioned by Stomping Ground (FESTIVAL.ORG, FABRIC, The Place, Strike A Light and Tramway with presenting partner Sismograf). Supported by The London Borough of Newham, London Legacy Development Corporation, East Bank, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Foundation for Future London and University College London.

## MARSHGATE SOUTH

W3W.CO/OFTEN.SPUN.POOL  
1PM, 4PM

## IMOLE

OLU ALATISE FT AFRO QUEENS  
UK



IMOLE is the Yoruba word for 'light' and in this bold new performance, Olu Alatise innovatively weaves African and contemporary dance to embody the intensity and wildness of fire. **12 mins** **BSL 4.00pm**

Produced by East London Dance. Supported by The London Borough of Newham, London Legacy Development Corporation, East Bank, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Foundation for Future London and Arts Council England.

## DISPARITY

BRANDON ANDERSON  
UK



This hip hop dance theatre piece blends high-energy breaking, waving and acro to explore freedom, imagination and the constraints on realising our dreams in challenging times. **6 mins**  
**BSL 2.15pm**

Produced by East London Dance and supported by The London Borough of Newham, London Legacy Development Corporation, East Bank, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Foundation for Future London and Arts Council England.

## OUT OF THE BOX

THE 100 HANDS  
NETHERLANDS



A pop-up, larger-than-life box appears and becomes the setting for an immersive acrobatic exploration through contemporary dance of how we navigate creativity without limits. **45 mins**  
**Optional participation**

Supported by Sadler's Wells East, London Borough of Newham, Stratford Cross, Lendlease, London Legacy Development Corporation, East Bank, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Foundation for Future London and Arts Council England.

## EASTBANK WATERFRONT

W3W.CO/PAK.I.LIKE.GOODS  
1.15PM + 4.00PM  
UK



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## WHEELS & CELLO

LE PATIN LIBRE  
QUEBEC / CANADA



This production fuses groundbreaking street roller skate choreography with live cello music as dancers exuberantly search for a new freedom of artistic expression – on skates. **35 mins BSL: 5.25pm**

Supported by University College London, The London Borough of Newham, East Bank, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Sadler's Wells East, Quebec House and Arts Council England.

## PATOIS

FESTIVAL.ORG AND  
JEANEFER JEAN-CHARLES  
UK



Blending captivating traditional Caribbean choreography with contemporary dance and an original score, this uplifting new performance celebrates language as a key to our identity. **30 mins BSL: 2.45pm, Touch Tour 2.30pm, AD 2.45pm**

Co-commissioned by FESTIVAL.ORG for GDIF, Without Walls, Brighton Festival and Norfolk and Norwich Festival. Supported by The London Borough of Newham, East Bank, London Legacy Development Corporation, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and Arts Council England.

## ARE YOU HERE FOR THE MEETING?

STACKED WONKY  
UK



A big, bold and beautiful outdoor dance "broadcast" foregrounding the experiences and hopes of young people through impassioned dance as 8 young performers take the lead. **30 mins BSL: 3.30pm**  
Optional gentle participation

Co-commissioned by GDIF, Strike a Light, Fabric, Landmark Theatres and Sadler's Wells. Supported by The London Borough of Newham, East Bank, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and Arts Council England.

## MARSHGATE SOUTH

W3W.CO/OFTEN.SPUN.POOL  
2.15PM + 5.25PM

## BBC WATERFRONT

W3W.CO/PACK.LIKE.GOODS  
2.45PM + 5.00PM

## TOUCH

YOANN BOURGEOIS  
ART COMPANY  
FRANCE



The internationally renowned artist Yoann Bourgeois, widely known for viral live performance videos and high-profile collaborations brings his signature blend of gravity-defying performance, hypnotic movement and awe-inspiring trampolining to Dancing City. **8 mins**

Supported by Stratford Cross, Lendlease, the London Borough of Newham, East Bank, London Legacy Development Corporation, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and Arts Council England.

## AS, WAS, IS

UK/GOBARDHAN  
UK/THE HAGUE



This electrifying fusion of South Asian and street dance styles, explores universal themes of struggle and perseverance, delivering an intimate and emotional reflection on the need for connection and empathy. **13 mins**

Produced by East London Dance and supported by the London Borough of Newham, East Bank, London Legacy Development Corporation, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and Arts Council England.

## STRATFORD CROSS

W3W.CO/CLUES.LEADS.GROWS  
1.00PM, 3.30PM + 5.45

## EASTBANK WATERFRONT

W3W.CO/CLUES.LEADS.GROWS  
4.40PM

**CANCELLED**



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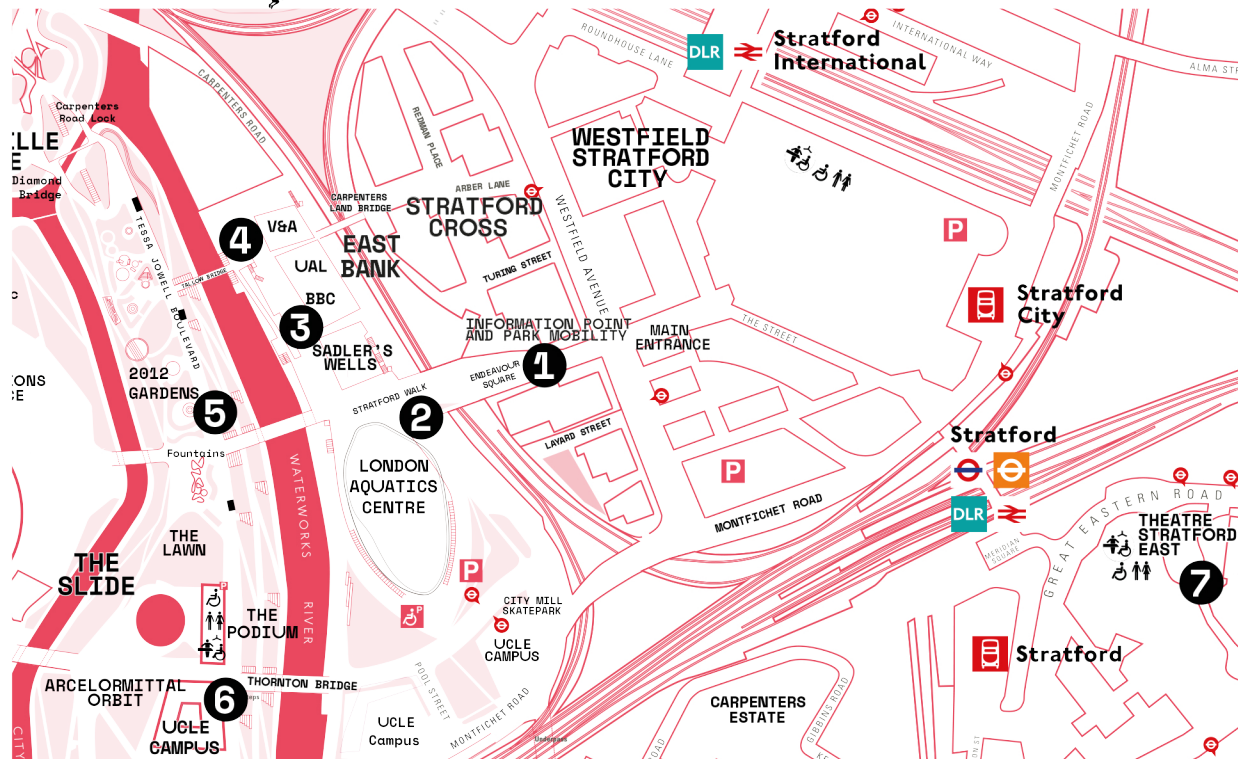
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| <b>1</b> STRATFORD CROSS        | TOUCH     |                |                               |                         |  |                |  |  |  | TOUCH                         |       |  |                         |  |           |              |  |  |                    | TOUCH                         |  |
| <b>2</b> STRATFORD WALK         |           | OUT OF THE BOX |                               |                         |  |                |  |  |  | OUT OF THE BOX                |       |  |                         |  |           |              |  |  |                    |                               |  |
| <b>3</b> EASTBANK WATERFRONT    |           | IMOLE          |                               | <del>AS CANCELLED</del> |  | PATOIS<br>     |  |  |  |                               | IMOLE |  | <del>AS CANCELLED</del> |  | PATOIS    |              |  |  |                    |                               |  |
| <b>4</b> WATERFRONT SQUARE      |           |                | ARE YOU HERE FOR THE MEETING? |                         |  |                |  |  |  | ARE YOU HERE FOR THE MEETING? |       |  |                         |  |           |              |  |  |                    | ARE YOU HERE FOR THE MEETING? |  |
| <b>5</b> THE CAROUSEL           |           |                | LAND EMPATHY<br>              |                         |  |                |  |  |  |                               |       |  |                         |  |           | LAND EMPATHY |  |  |                    |                               |  |
| <b>6</b> MARSHGATE SOUTH        | FROCK     |                |                               |                         |  | WHEELS & CELLO |  |  |  | SYNERGY                       |       |  | FROCK<br>               |  |           | SYNERGY<br>  |  |  | WHEELS & CELLO<br> |                               |  |
| <b>7</b> THEATRE SQUARE ROOFTOP | DISPARITY |                |                               |                         |  | DISPARITY<br>  |  |  |  |                               |       |  |                         |  | DISPARITY |              |  |  |                    |                               |  |