

Fri 23 – Sun 25 May 2025
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Festival of
Contemporary
Dance &
Performance

**"A powerful, life-affirming
weekend of performance
and participation"** The List



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Welcome to RISE 2025.

This year, Dance North's annual festival of contemporary dance and performance brings to Findhorn another unique programme which celebrates the connections between us.

For RISE 2025 we have brought together an extraordinary line-up of international artists and performers to explore how we live, dream and move in extraordinary times.

Storytelling is at the heart of this year's festival, inviting us to share in the personal experiences and journeys of our programmed artists through performance, participation and conversation.

With live dance performances, workshops, artist talks and an immersive installation, it's a programme tailor-made to challenge, provoke and inspire.

Be still, sit up and listen; celebrate, debate and relate; dance and feel alive at RISE 2025.

Karl Jay-Lewin, Festival Director

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Tickets

Full Three-Day Festival Pass **£85**

Individual Performances **£15**

Workshops **£10-12**



Booking Information

Tickets are available individually for each event or as part of the Full Festival Pass*. Tickets can be bought online in advance of each show or in person at the box office in Universal Hall during RISE weekend. For full booking terms and conditions, please visit our website: www.dancenorth.scot.

** Full Festival Pass does not include acro-balance workshop for families.*

Accessibility Info

Dance North welcomes everyone to RISE. If we can make your visit more enjoyable, or if you have any specific access needs, please just let us know and we will do our best to assist you. This year we are actively looking at how we support hearing impaired audiences. Please get in touch or visit our website for more information.

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FRIDAY 23 MAY

Image by Richard Layzell



The Perfect Number

Richard Layzell

Friday 23 May | 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Universal Hall, Findhorn | Age guidance 12+

Included in Festival pass or £15 if bought separately

In live performance and on film, at the same time, we explore dreams, other living beings, brutality and survival, trees fighting back, how to pose, wearing the wrong clothes, undisciplined golfers, the Centre of the World and finding the Perfect Number.



because i love the diversity (this micro-attitude we all have it)

Rakesh Suresh

Friday 23 May | 8pm – 9pm | Universal Hall, Findhorn

Included in Festival pass or £15 if bought separately

Age guidance 16+ (contains nudity and swearing)

A random encounter in Estonia made Rakesh Suresh a momentary poster boy for a right wing campaign against immigration. In this show, Rakesh tells his story through the powerful semi-improvisational, trance-like movement technique that has made him such an in-demand choreographer and dancer across the world.

"Digs into complexities of discrimination and immigration with humour and honesty." *Stir*, Vancouver

RISE Festival Party with DJ Deborah Lewin

Friday 23 May | 9pm to midnight | The Phoenix Café, Findhorn

Included in Festival pass or £10 if bought separately

Cut up a rug at our legendary opening night party with DJ Deborah Lewin sliding tunes for your pleasure.



Image by Jemima Yong



Long Solo 4 Seke Chimutengwende

Saturday 24 May | 3.30pm – 4.30pm | Universal Hall, Findhorn
Included in Festival pass or £15 if bought separately | Age guidance 12+

Seke Chimutengwende embarks on a one-hour performance without a plan. As he faces the empty space, alone, he draws on memory, sensation and imagination to conjure worlds out of nothing. A fusion of dance, poetry, stand-up, storytelling, philosophy and politics: a riotous exploration of the present moment.

"Extraordinary mix of genres...astringent, refreshing." Jennie Macfie, Northings

Image by Christophe Raynaud de Lage



Cosmos Ashtar Muallem et Clément Dazin – La Main de l'Homme

Saturday 24 May | 8pm – 9pm
Universal Hall, Findhorn
Included in Festival pass or £15 if bought separately
Age guidance 14+

A Palestinian born in Jerusalem, Ashtar Muallem tells her story, her relationship to her country, to her body and spirituality in this funny and moving show developed in collaboration with Clément Dazin.

"Her combination of delivering a powerful political message laced with supreme physical skills and humour makes *Cosmos* a unique experience that is enhanced by Gregory Adoir's dramatic sound design." Radio Summerhall Arts

SUNDAY 25 MAY



Acro-balance family workshop with Ashtar Muallem and Ruth Kent

Sunday 25 May | 10.30am – 12 noon | Sunshine Room, Findhorn

Tickets £12 for one adult and one child (age guidance 3–10 years) | See website for more info

A fun and interactive workshop designed for one adult and one child combining circus games and pair yoga techniques. Led by circus artist Ashtar Muallem and supported by Dance North's Ruth Kent.



Festival Picnic Lunch with DJ Bration

Sunday 25 May | 12 noon – 2pm | Dancing Green, Findhorn

Included in Festival pass or £5 if bought separately

Our family-friendly picnic party returns to the Dancing Green, with a socially conscious and spiritually uplifting roots reggae setlist from DJ Bration. Bring your own lunch, settle on the grass or let the reggae vibrations get your body moving.



And Charlotte Mclean

Sunday 25 May | 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Universal Hall, Findhorn

Included in Festival pass or £15 if bought separately

A dance poem about wonder, worries and being alive. A homage to the mothers and grandmothers who have danced before us and the children we are yet to meet, And invites us to consider our view of the world, to relate, debate and dance.

"Exhilarating... jaw droppingly bold and clever."

The Scotsman

"Fierce and empowering."

All Edinburgh Theatre

"Incredibly impressive... beautifully judged."

Seeing Dance



Dance Jam led by Seke Chimutengwende

Sunday 25 May | 4pm – 6pm | Universal Hall

Included in Festival pass or £10 if bought separately

All welcome! Join Seke as he guides us with words, demonstration and music through gentle movement into dancing alone and together with freedom, play, presence and awareness.

All Weekend...



RADIOMATON Marie Béland and Simon Laroche

Universal Hall Foyer | FREE

Fabricate your own truth for free.

Appropriate words and gestures, embody radio news and contribute to the propagation of information without verification.

A total sensory and immersive experience, RADIOMATON questions the construction of truth, media contamination, fake news and the role of the body in the perception of information.

A co-production by MARIBÉ – SORS DE CE CORPS and MONTRÉAL DANSE

Dance North Conversations... RISE 2025

Sunshine Room, Findhorn | FREE

Sit up and listen to our RISE artists in conversation with Māori contemporary dance artist and cultural advocate, Paige Shand Haami, recorded live for our new podcast, *Dance North Conversations...*

These discussions offer insight into the personal experiences and journeys of our programmed artists while looking ahead to RISE 2026, with its focus on First Nations and Indigenous artists. Check out our day planner for timings and visit our website for more info.

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Friday 23 May

What's Happening	Artist	Time	Location
Regional Artist Networking Gathering	with guest artist Rakesh Sukesh	13.00–15.00	Sunshine Room
The Perfect Number*	Richard Layzell	15.30–16.30	Universal Hall
Dance North Conversations...*	Ashtar Muallem & Richard Layzell	17.00–17.30	Sunshine Room
because i love the diversity (this micro-attitude we all have it)*	Rakesh Sukesh	20.00–21.00	Universal Hall
RISE Festival Party*	with DJ Deborah Lewin	21.00–00.00	Phoenix Café

Saturday 24 May

Dance North Conversations...*	DJ Bration & Karl Jay-Lewin	13.30–14.00	Sunshine Room
Long Solo 4*	Seke Chimutengwende	15.30–16.30	Universal Hall
Dance North Conversations...*	Charlotte Mclean & Seke Chimutengwende	17.30–18.00	Sunshine Room
Cosmos*	Ashtar Muallem	20.00–21.00	Universal Hall

Sunday 25 May

Acro Yoga Workshop	with Ashtar Muallem supported by Dance North's Ruth Kent	10.30–12.00	Sunshine Room
Festival Picnic Lunch*	with DJ Bration	12.00–14.00	The Dancing Green
And*	Charlotte Mclean	14.30–15.30	Universal Hall
Dance Jam*	led by Seke Chimutengwende	16.00–18.00	Universal Hall

* Included in full Festival pass

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