



Newsletter

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July 2024

What an exciting beginning of the Summer we've just had! Premiere and tour of *"Fireflies at Dawn"*, outreach workshops and an inclusive dance festival. We've been busy at Unbound Dance Theatre, let's have a look at what we've been up to...



Highlights

Our June highlight was undoubtedly the premiere of *"Fireflies at Dawn"* at the Alhambra Studio in Bradford. After over two years of development, it was a beautiful experience to finally present this labour of love to our audience. The show, which sensitively reveals the living experiences of blind and visually impaired people, received an overwhelmingly positive response.

Following our Bradford premiere, we embarked on a pilot tour, bringing *"Fireflies at Dawn"* to Leeds on June 29th and Wakefield on July 10th. Each performance was a unique and emotional journey, and we were deeply moved by the warm reception we received at every venue.

We are incredibly grateful for our audience's support and enthusiasm. Sharing our work with you has been the most rewarding part of this journey.

One audience member shared, *"The thought, energy and forward-thinking of the choreography was groundbreaking in a world of darkness. I was moved to tears at one point as something said sparked total recognition inside me and I don't cry easily! The dancers, both sighted and visually impaired were fabulous. Moving without constraints and with such freedom."*

Another said: *"A wonderful concept, beautifully delivered by a group of very genuine performers. They and the story conveyed so much about the emotions and issues felt not just by blind/VI people but by people who find themselves outside 'the norms' of the world."*

Our team has worked tirelessly to present a show that is not only meaningful but also accessible and inclusive. Seeing our hard work come to life on stage and resonating with so many people is incredibly fulfilling. Your support and positive feedback reinforce our commitment to creating impactful and inclusive dance performances.

If you've seen our show, we'd love to hear your thoughts!
Please share your feedback with us, [here](#).



We also continued our workshops in Leeds, where we focused on our community dance work. The workshops culminated in a presentation at the Expression, Northern Ballet Inclusive Dance Festival on July 11th. It was incredibly important and meaningful for us to be part of such a beautiful event, promoting inclusivity and the joy of dance for everyone. The festival brought together diverse talents and audiences, celebrating the beauty and power of inclusive dance. Being surrounded by so many passionate and inspiring individuals and organisations reinforced our belief in the importance of accessibility and inclusivity in the arts.

In addition to our work in Leeds, we loved connecting with new members of the blind and visually impaired community through our workshop series at Harrogate Vision Support.



What's next?

After such an intense and rewarding period, our cast and team certainly deserve some rest. This summer, Unbound Dance Theatre will be focusing on evaluating the *"Fireflies at Dawn"* project, regrouping, and planning for the future. We're taking this time to reflect on our experiences, gather feedback, and refine our practices to continue delivering meaningful and inclusive dance performances.

Looking ahead, we're excited to announce that more workshops will resume in September. Stay tuned for updates on our upcoming sessions and events.

We can't wait to continue sharing our work and connecting with more of you in the future. Your support has been instrumental in helping us bring inclusive and meaningful dance experiences to life. If you believe in the power of dance and the importance of accessibility as much as we do, we invite you to consider making a donation. Every contribution, no matter how small, makes a significant impact and enables us to expand our workshops, reach more communities, and continue creating performances that touch hearts and minds. Thank you for your continued support.

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Get in Touch

We hope you're as excited as we are for all the wonderful things happening at Unbound Dance Theatre this month! If you have any questions, suggestions or just want to say hello, we'd love to hear from you. Feel free to reach out to us at info@unbounddancetheatre or connect with us on social media to stay updated on all the latest news and events. Thank you for your continued support!



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