

## DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

**Report To: Leisure & Arts Services Committee – 19<sup>th</sup> August 2002**

**Report Title: Dundee Festival of Dance 2002 - Grant**

**Report By: Director of Leisure & Arts**

**Report No: 576-2002**

### **1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To seek approval to award a grant to Dundee Dance Partnership towards the cost of programming Dundee Dance Festival 2002 which will take place from Friday 30 August to Saturday 28 September 2002.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Committee authorise the payment of £3,000 for the grants detailed in the appendix.

### **3. Financial Implications**

- 3.1 The grant of £3000 can be met from the Leisure & Art Department's 2002/03 revenue budget.

### **4. Local Agenda 21 Implications**

- 4.1 The Dundee Dance Festival makes a significant contribution to the Local Agenda theme "opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation are readily available for all".

### **5. Equal Opportunity Implications.**

- 5.1 Dundee Dance Festival covers a wide range of performances and events to suit all tastes including International Dance Artists, Community Groups, Contemporary Dance and Ballroom. The celebration of dance in all its forms offers opportunities to take part in taster events, workshops and masterclasses in venues across the city.

### **6. Main Text**

- 6.1. Dundee Dance Partnership propose running a four week long Dance Festival. The Festival include professional performances, taster workshops in a variety of dance styles, masterclasses, an evening of Community Dance bringing together groups offering different styles to share and celebrate their achievements. In addition a Summer School will take place prior to the Festival.

- 6.2 The programme includes:

Dundee based Scottish Dance Theatre, Scotland's principal contemporary dance company at Dundee Rep, will offer from Thursday 19-21 September 2002) a choice of exciting and entertaining repertoires of work including a brand new piece created by New Art Club.

- "Revenge of the Impossible Things" – Choreographed by Tom Roden and Pete Shenton (AKA New Art Club). This piece of work marries dance and humour.
- "Daddy I'm Not Well" – Partly inspired by Sophocles' Oedipus the King, Aeschylus' Oresteia and Paintings by Francis Bacon.
- "Inside Somewhere" – This work springs from an exploration of feeling evoked in Chagall's paintings.

- 6.3 "Tempest" – 28 – 29 August 2002 – performed by the Space Cadets – 2002 Graduates from the Scottish School of Contemporary Dance. Perform – Three Themes from the Shakespearean play.
- 6.4 Dance Atlantic – Thursday 26 September 2002 – This special one of evening brings together some of the most innovating and exciting international dance talent performing works never shown before in Scotland.
- "Two Sisters" – performed by Coleman & Lemieux (Canada) – This humorous piece probes the light and darkside of sibling relationships.
- "Deep Water" – performed by Cassini Dance (England) – playing a game of power and vulnerability. 4 dancers manoeuvre between carefully balanced bottles.
- 6.5 One of Britain's foremost dance companies Jasmin Vardimon will perform a full length work "Ticklish" on Saturday 28 September, which was created by Jasmin Vardimon herself.
- 6.6 There is an opportunity for professional dancers and dance students to take part in free classes which will be on offer during the Festival.
- The Scottish Dance Theatre will run a workshop on Saturday 14 September .
  - Masterclass aimed at professional dancers and dance students; will take place between the 25-27 September and will be taught by the festival guest performers, Coleman & Lemieux and Beth Cassani.
- 6.7 The programme also includes:
- An evening of Community Dance on Thursday 12 September at 7.30 pm in the Caird Hall brings together a variety of local dance talent for a special showcase evening with performances from Community Groups, Scottish School of Contemporary Dance students and a taster from Scottish Dance Theatre's new programme, plus the new Art Club's acclaimed "This is Modern".
  - Strictly Tea Dance take place on Sunday 15 September in the Marryat Hall.
  - A taster day on Saturday 31 August at Space, gives the opportunity to try out a variety of dance styles
- 6.8 The Scottish School of Contemporary Dance at Dundee College will hold an Open Day on Thursday 26 September at Space, Dundee College, where participants can experience the life of a dance student.

## **7. Consultation.**

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Support Services, Director of Finance and Director of Corporate Planning & have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

## **8. Background Papers**

- 8.1 None.

**SIGNATURE**

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**Director of Leisure and Arts**

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