

# ENCOUNTERS

Children & their grown ups | 28 Oct 2023

A festival of dance exploring the imaginations and playfulness in all of us

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"This Encounters festival welcomes children and their grown-ups to enjoy watching dance and moving together.

We are delighted to share the Yorkshire premiere of Skydiver by Xenia Aidonopoulou, created as part of Little Big Dance – a national early years project which aims to develop innovative dance performances for our youngest audience members.

During this one-day festival, you will find thrilling performances, fun filled workshops and you can even bring your own dances to life on paper while sharing lunch at Yorkshire Dance.

We invite kids of all ages and stages in life to come and ignite their playfulness, curiosity and creativity!"

**- Hannah Robertshaw and João Maio, Yorkshire Dance**

## Festival Venue and Travel

Festival events take place at Yorkshire Dance and in the Brodrick Hall at Leeds City Museum. Yorkshire Dance is located in the cultural quarter of Leeds city centre opposite BBC Yorkshire and Leeds Conservatoire.

Yorkshire Dance is a 2-minute walk from Leeds city centre bus station and a 15 minute walk from Leeds train station.

There is limited on-street parking available for Blue Badge holders on St Peter's Square. There is also car parking available nearby at Victoria Gate in Leeds.

Leeds City Museum is located on Millennium Square, a 10 minute walk from Leeds train station and 15 minute walk from the central bus station.

For any travel related queries please contact [admin@yorkshiredance.com](mailto:admin@yorkshiredance.com)

## Access at Encounters

We want everyone to enjoy Encounters Festival. Our building is fully accessible, baby changing, a quiet space and room to leave prams are available during the festival. Chest feeding is welcome throughout the venue. If you have any specific access needs or queries please give us a call on 0113 243 8765 or email us at [access@yorkshiredance.com](mailto:access@yorkshiredance.com).

## Booking Information

At Yorkshire Dance, we're committed to making our work affordable for everyone so all our events are Pay As You Feel. However we ask that you book in advance of the 27 October.

You can book tickets for each event on our website at [www.yorkshiredance.com](http://www.yorkshiredance.com) or by phoning our box office on **0113 243 8765**.

## Workshop

# About Our Workshops

These are practical sessions which invite you to move. No previous dance experience is necessary, and everyone is welcome. Please wear comfortable clothes, trainers or bare feet.

## Into the Sky: Tots & their Grown Ups with Louise McDowell and Alexandra Mettam

Sat 28 Oct, 9:00–10:00  
Studio 2, Yorkshire Dance  
Aimed at ages 0 - 5

Join us as we soar and fly together, in this creative and playful session for tots and their grown-ups.

Together with your little one, we will explore, move and dance through a multi-sensory land above the clouds, inspired by the themes of Skydiver.

Image: Parents & Tots © Sara Teresa



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Louise McDowell and Alex Mettam will lead playful movement activities using a variety of props, music and obstacles to stimulate the senses.

This session is for families with babies and young children aged 0-5 (older siblings and non-crawlers are very welcome).

## Workshop

# Company of People Workshop with TC Howard

Sat 28 Oct, 9:30 – 11:00  
Studio 1, Yorkshire Dance  
Aimed at age 11+

Join Company of People, an intergenerational community performance company from Leeds and critically acclaimed artist TC Howard for this practical dance workshop, which invites you to take part in playful games and movement tasks.

Company of People's work is rooted in the beautiful, poignant, funny experiences, stories and memories of their members. In this workshop you will meet some of the

Image: Epic Everyday by Company of People and TC Howard © Elly Welford



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## Performance

### Skydiver

by Xenia Aidonopoulou

Sat 28 Oct, 10:30–11:15

Studio 3, Yorkshire Dance

All ages welcome. Aimed at ages 3-5

Prepare to soar through the fluffy clouds where flocks of birds and butterflies flutter. Explore the dream-like world that waits above us, in this multi-sensory dance experience for families.

Take your little ones on a magical journey with Skydiver and experience how movement, sound and stunning visuals bring whimsical characters to life in an enchanting encounter in the skies.

Greek dance artist, dramaturg and director Xenia Aidonopoulou makes visually compelling dance-theatre filled with wonder and imagination that will captivate even the youngest audience members.



Skydiver by Xenia Aidonopoulou © Nikolas Louka

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## Performance

### TEMPO

Sat 28 Oct, 11:30 - 11:40

Leeds City Museum



Come and move with Yorkshire Dance's TEMPO as our dancers take over the Leeds City Museum in an explosion of fun, energy and rhythm.

Showcasing their best moves and unique skills, enjoy this upbeat, performance by our group of young dancers from across Leeds.

TEMPO are bringing the party and you're all invited!

TEMPO train weekly at Yorkshire Dance in a range of styles including Hip Hop, Afro Fusion,

TEMPO, FRESH 2023 © Brian Slater

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## Performance

### Get Lost by Joe Garbett Dance

Sat 28 Oct,  
11:40 - 12:15 at Leeds City Museum &  
2:00 - 2:35 Studio 1, Yorkshire Dance  
All ages welcome. Aimed at age 3+

Help two happy hikers on their way and dive into a wholesome, high-energy dance adventure. Full of magical contact work, silly slapstick tricks and dramatic images, this playful show invites you to follow your nose into a wriggly, giggly world.

Choreographed by Joe Garbett  
Co-choreographed and performed by  
Dominic Coffey and Richard Pye.

Image: Get Lost by Joe Garbett  
Dance © Nicholas Minns



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## Lunchtime workshop

### Draw a Dance with Cbloxx nomad clan

Sat 28 Oct, 11:30 - 14:00  
Foyer, Yorkshire Dance  
Drop in. Everyone welcome.  
Light nibbles and refreshments  
provided over the lunch period.

Join Cbloxx in the Yorkshire Dance Foyer over the lunch period for expressive mark making in a variety of mediums to echo the flow of live dance.

Draw a Dance is an exclusive explorative workshop into movement and visuals using water based spraypaint, charcoal inks, etc.

Born in the old Yorkshire mill town of Huddersfield, Cbloxx (Jay Gilleard) is an English muralist, painter, music producer and multidisciplinary artist. They became well known for co-founding internationally acclaimed street art duo Nomad Clan who notably painted the tallest mural in the UK.

Currently based between the wilderness of the Pennines and the dust bowl of Los Angeles Cbloxx resumed solo practice in 2020 after 6 transformative years touring globally with Nomad.

Image: Cbloxx nomad clann © Cbloxx



Workshop

## Karaoke & Dance Workshop with Lewys Holt

Sat 28 Oct, 14:45 – 16:15

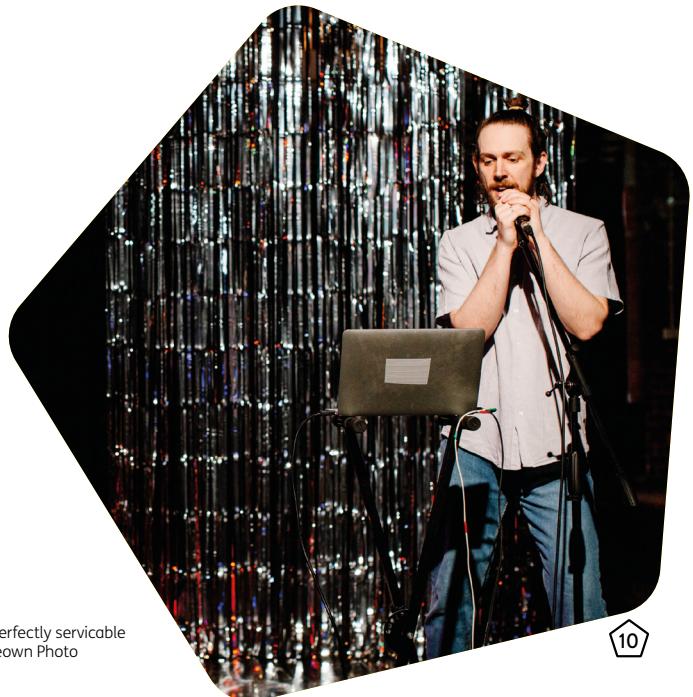
Studio 3, Yorkshire Dance

Aimed at ages 6-11 and their families

Unleash dancing and singing magic in this inspiring session based on the acclaimed touring dance piece 'Empty Orchestra'.

We'll warm up our voices and bodies with fun singing and dancing exercises before exploring karaoke singing in a variety of different forms.

Have your very own karaoke moment accompanied by professional dancers. Discover shared songs, create an evolving playlist, and take part in an unforgettable, fun-filled experience!



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Image: Empty Orchestra by Lewys Holt/ perfectly servicable in association with Discerning Nights © Keown Photo

## SATURDAY SUPERSTARS

Dance classes for ages 0-16 in Leeds City Centre

Ballet, Street, Tap, Parents & Tots, Creative Pop & TEMPO Street Crew



Image: Saturday Superstars, Street Styles 8-11 © Paula Solloway

# FESTIVAL TIMETABLE

SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 2023

9am 10am 11am 12pm 1pm 2pm 3pm 4pm

Into the sky: Tots & their Grown Ups with  
Louise McDowall, Alexandra Mettam  
Studio 2, Yorkshire Dance

Company of People Workshop  
with TC Howard  
Studio 1, Yorkshire Dance

Skydiver by Xenia Aidonopoulou  
Studio 3, Yorkshire Dance

TEMPO & Get Lost by Joe Garbett Dance  
Leeds City Museum

Draw a Dance with Cbloxx nomad clan  
over lunchtime  
Foyer, Yorkshire Dance

Get Lost by Joe Garbett Dance  
Studio 1, Yorkshire Dance

Karaoke & Dance Workshop  
with Lewys Holt  
Studio 3, Yorkshire Dance

-  Workshop
-  Performance

## Access and baby facilities at Encounters

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All doors in the building are wheelchair and pram accessible and all floors can be reached via a lift.

Baby changing is available in our changing rooms and a space to leave buggies and prams will be available during the festival.

Accessible and gender-neutral toilets are available on all floors. We encourage everyone to use the toilets which best align with their gender identity or expression.

A quiet space is available throughout the festival if you or your little one want to step away from the action. Just ask a member of staff to point you in the right direction.

You can find more details at: [yorkshiredance.com/accessibility](http://yorkshiredance.com/accessibility)

## Braver Spaces

Yorkshire Dance aims to be an accessible and inclusive place for all. This means you will be welcomed by our staff. We create a 'braver space', where you feel able to express yourself in a supportive and empowering way. You will be treated with respect by Yorkshire Dance staff and we expect and encourage everyone at Encounters to do the same.

You can find more details at: [yorkshiredance.com/about/policies](http://yorkshiredance.com/about/policies)

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We're passionate about creating opportunities for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to see, make and take part in dance.

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