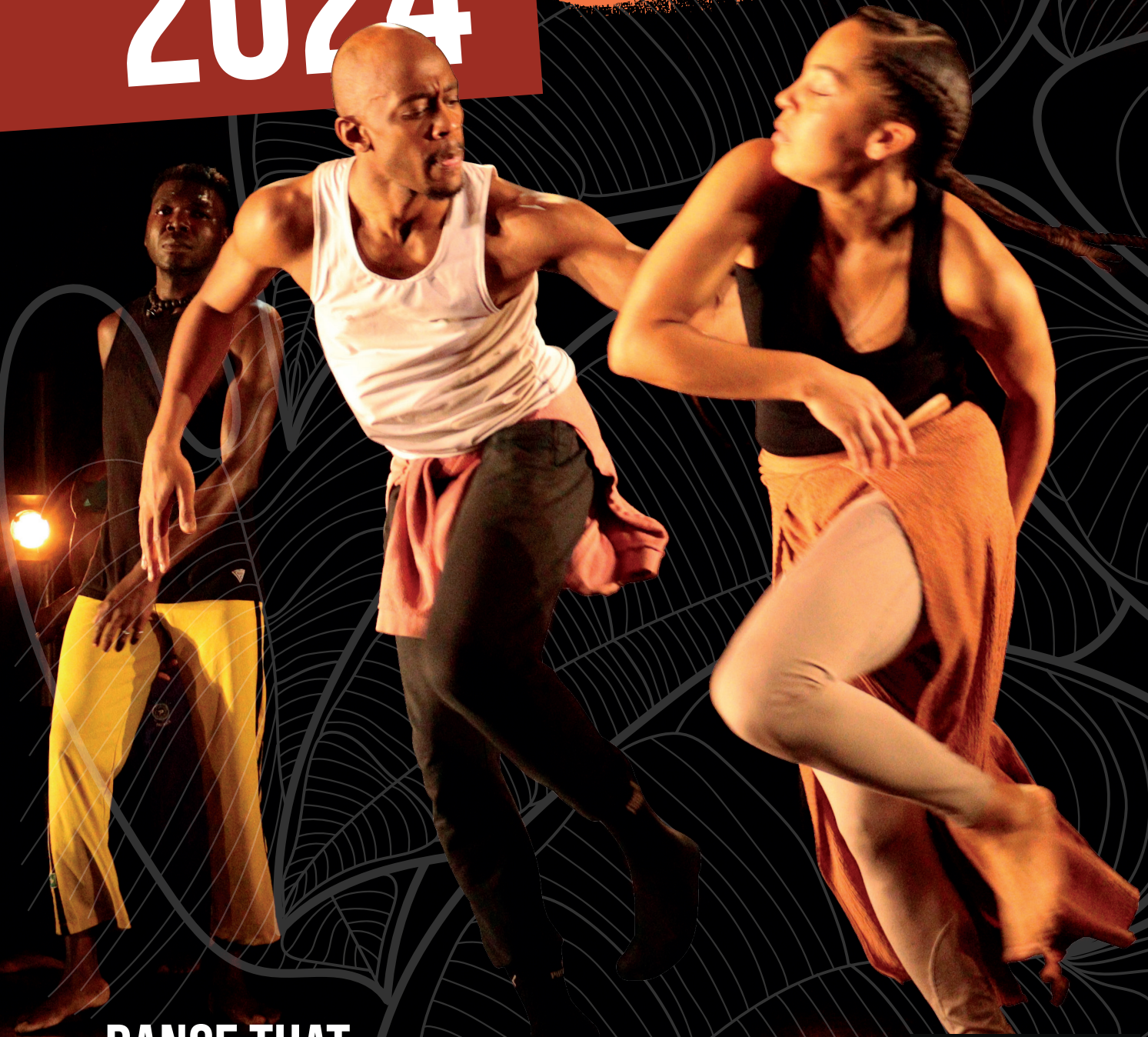


AUTUMN PROGRAMME 2024

IRIE! DANCE THEATRE



DANCE THAT
CONNECTS US TO OUR
ROOTS, OUR CULTURE,
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As the vibrant summer days give way to the crisp, colourful atmosphere of Autumn, we are excited to unveil IRIE!'s lineup of activities designed to celebrate, enrich and educate. Our cultural programme features a diverse array of classes, workshops, and performances, emphasising the rhythmic sensitivity of African Dance, the energetic flair of Dancehall, the beats and tones of Drumology, and much more.

This season, we are thrilled to welcome back our talented performance company, who are in rehearsal and preparing to showcase their artistry at the Borough's Broadway Theatre in Catford. Working in association with the Broadway, this partnership brings an added dimension to our offerings, as our community moves together in the spirit of creativity and collaboration. The revised programme **FOUNDATION: Dancing from the Archive**, along with its education programme will tour London, Bournemouth, Liverpool, and Birmingham. Look out for more places and how to book tickets: www.riedancetheatre.org/groundation

Join us as we transition into a season filled with dynamic movement, cultural expression, and unforgettable performances. Whether you are a seasoned dancer, a curious beginner, or simply love dance, live drumming, culture and the arts, there is something for everyone in this Autumn programme. Together, let's celebrate the rich heritage of **Dance of the African Diaspora (DAD)** and embrace the energy of the season ahead!

Reflecting on the Summer, **Family Funday** was welcomed back to Fordham Park on Saturday 13th July, with a record number of 31 stalls. The day was made up of many connections and collaborations that have been developed over the past year from championing black-led businesses in the local community to local performance companies such as **Januka Quadrille, Panuelos Libres, Tango 178** and **Vietschool London**.

We are enormously grateful to our funders including the National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF), London Community Foundation, Deptford Challenge Trust (DCT)

and London Borough of Lewisham (LBL) for supporting this event. Our hope for next Summer is to make Family Funday bigger and better!

Our NLHF-funded **Talking Drum** project allowed the fostering of a deeper understanding and greater engagement with the rich cultural heritage of African and Caribbean drumming. If you haven't had the chance to experience it yet, we warmly invite you to visit Moonshot and admire the Lewisham Heritage Maroon Plaque adorning the building. This plaque commemorates the **Black People's Day of Action**, marking the 43rd anniversary of the march that saw thousands from the Black community gather in Fordham Park as the starting point. They were united in demand for justice for the 14 young lives tragically lost in the New Cross Fire in 1981. This was a profound and historic moment in England's history.

In other news, next year, we are thrilled to start thinking about celebrating a remarkable milestone: IRIE! will be turning 40! For four decades, we have remained steadfast in our mission and vision to elevate the profile of **Dance of the African Diaspora (DAD)**. Since 1985, IRIE! dance theatre has been at the forefront of transforming the artistic, community, and educational landscapes through innovative performance, impactful education, and meaningful engagement with communities. As we prepare to mark this significant anniversary in 2025, we want to hear from you about how you'd like to celebrate with us. Please take a moment to share your thoughts by completing our brief survey via the link below: <https://forms.office.com/e/CVFaEC1dGG>

As always, the most important contributors to the success of our work are YOU! the community, the IRIE! team, trustees, partners, funders, volunteers, students and supporters.

Beverley Glean MBE
Artistic Director and CEO



COMMUNITY IN-HOUSE

African Dance

Days: **Tuesdays**
Time: **7:30pm – 9:00pm**
1st Oct – 10th Dec

£5.00

Join us for our authentic West African Dance Class with Nii Boye. You will immerse yourself in the vibrant rhythms and movements of Africa's rich cultural heritage through the drum language of the dances and engage with others in a fun and welcoming space.

Open to all abilities and ages.



Moonshot Lions Dominoes Club



Are you ready to unleash your competitive spirit and join a community of like-minded dominoes enthusiasts? Join Moonshot Lions for our weekly dominoes sessions.

FREE

Days: **Wednesdays**
Time: **6:00pm – 9:00pm**
2nd Oct – 11th Dec

Hip-hop & Urban Dance

Days: **Thursdays**
Time: **7:30pm – 8:15pm**
3rd Oct – 12th Dec

£5.00

Cynthia is a professional dancer from Paris based in London. She is part of paradox sal crew, with whom she has been travelling worldwide performing and leading workshops.

Under the umbrella of street dance, she has focused on hip-hop and house to express herself. She will be sharing her knowledge, help you gain confidence in your movement, as well as challenging your physical condition in a safe environment.

Intermediate to advanced level.



COMMUNITY IN-HOUSE

Days: **Fridays**
Time: **4:30pm – 6:30pm**
4th Oct – 13th Dec



IRIE! Youth Dance Company

We are looking for young people between the ages of 5-10yrs and 11-16yrs to join our youth company focusing on traditional West African dance.

Our aim is to support and develop young people's creative and cultural engagement.

The youth company will enrich the lives of local young people by exploring themes of identity and culture, exploring creative ways of connecting and fusing current dance styles.

For more information on the session, please contact Connah on: connah.taylor@iriedancetheatre.org

Drumology with Guru Ras Hapa of African and Caribbean riddims

Join us on a journey through the vibrant rhythms and traditions of the Caribbean! In this interactive drumming class, you'll delve into the rich cultural heritage of Caribbean drumming, exploring the unique styles and techniques of rhythms through drum language.

You'll learn how to play and feel the infectious energy of Caribbean drumming. Open to all ages and abilities.

Days: **Saturdays**
Time: **11:00am – 1:00pm**
5th Oct – 14th Dec

£5.00



African Dance at Downham Health & Leisure Centre

Join IRIE! dance theatre for an authentic West African Dance class, where you'll immerse yourself in the vibrant rhythms and movements of Africa's rich cultural heritage through the drum language of the dances and a chance to engage with others in a fun and welcoming space.

Open to all abilities and ages. Free, or pay what you decide. No need to pre-book. See you at the library!

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Days: **Saturdays**
Time: **11:00am – 1:00pm**
5th Oct – 2nd Nov

OTHER CLASSES AT IRIE!

£13 PER CLASS
OR BLOCK BOOK
£60

BOTH Dance: Monday Morning Ballet

An intermediate/advanced drop-in-class for adult learners who would like to keep strengthening their ballet technique and move with fluidity and flavour.

Last class of each block will be accompanied by a musician.

For bookings & more information visit:

www.bothdanceclasses.com

or email: Info@bothdance.com

Days: **Mondays**

Time: **10am – 11:30am**

16th Sep – 21st Oct

& 4th Nov – 9th Dec



Days: **Thursdays**

Time: **7:00pm – 8:30pm**

Oct 17th – Nov 28th

Half term: **7th Nov**

Planet Hoop

Planet Hoop's summer course, Fusion Flow, is running from the 6th of June until the 18th of July. Join Clara and a group of friendly hula hoopers in having fun with new tricks and transitions, ready for the sunny days in the park. The classes are mixed-level and the techniques are broken down into steps that are easy to follow. You are encouraged to go at your own pace and enjoy the process.

To book, visit our website: www.planethoop.co.uk

Let us know if you have any questions on:

07460767969 or at: info@planethoop.co.uk

See you in Studio 1!

CLASS PASS
3 FOR £48.00

Days: **Wednesdays**

Time: **7:30pm – 8:30pm**

2nd Oct – 18th Dec

Pañuelos Libres

Pañuelos Libres is a Marinera dancing group that promotes Peruvian folklore to share and enjoy with the community.

The group started in April 2023 and since then has been growing and developing into a strong intergenerational well-being group that welcomes everybody, irrespective of age, ability, gender and nationality to come and dance the beautiful Marinera.

£5.00



UPCOMING EVENTS

Vintage Tea

Tuesday 22nd October

Leander Court,
Ship Street, SE8 4DH

You're Invited to a Caribbean Fusion Tea Party!

IRIE! Dance Theatre & The Caribbean Socia Forum

Join us for an enchanting celebration of Caribbean culture at the Caribbean Fusion Tea Party! This exciting collaboration brings together the vibrant communities of IRIE! Dance Theatre and The Caribbean Social Forum for an afternoon of connection, creativity, and Caribbean flair.

What to Expect:

Delicious Caribbean Treats: Indulge in a spread of mouthwatering Caribbean snacks and pastries that celebrate the rich culinary traditions of the islands.

Live Performances: Experience live music by a DJ, steel pans by heart of steal and folk drumming by the talented artist of IRIE!, Ras Happa, showcasing the dynamic artistry and cultural heritage of the Caribbean.



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much more

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START AT 2:00 PM

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SE8 4DH

More Information:
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IRIE! dance theatre PRESENTS

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DANCING FROM THE ARCHIVES

2024 Tour Dates

Thursday 26 September, 2024 - 7.30PM

Broadway Theatre · London SE6 4RU
www.broadwaytheatre.org.uk

Friday 4 October, 2024 - 7.30PM

Pavilion Dance South West · Bournemouth BH1 2BU
www.pdsw.org.uk

Saturday 26 October, 2024

The Black-E · Liverpool L1 5EW
www.theblack-e.org

LIVE DRUMMING WORKSHOP + SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

Thursday 7 November, 2024 - Horniman Museum Lates

Horniman Museum · London SE23 3PQ
www.horniman.ac.uk

Booking details at: www.riedancetheatre.org/groundation

More dates to come.



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TABLE OF ACTIVITIES

Day	Class Description	Time	Cost
Mondays	BOTH Dance: Monday Morning Ballet	10:00am – 11:30am	£13 Per class or block book £60
Tuesdays	African Dance	7:30pm – 9:00pm	£5.00
Wednesdays	Moonshot Lions Dominoes Club	6:00pm – 9:00pm	FREE
	Pañuelos Libres	7:30pm – 8:30pm	£5.00
Thursdays	Hip-hop & Urban Dance	7:30pm – 8:15pm	£5.00
	Planet Hoop	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Class Pass (3 for £48.00)
Fridays	IRIE! Youth Dance Company	4:30pm – 6:30pm	
Saturdays	Drumology with Guru Ras Hapa	11:00am – 1:00pm	£5.00
	African Dance at Downham Health & Leisure Centre	11:am – 1:00pm	Pay what you can

AVAILABLE NOW



Moonshot Centre Room Hires

Our dance studios and meeting rooms are available for hire on **Monday – Friday evenings and Saturday mornings.**

Call **020 8691 6099** for more information.



Scan me to book via Eventbrite

Or use the link: [/www.iredancetheatre.org/what-s-on](http://www.iredancetheatre.org/what-s-on)



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