## made in SCOTLAND

# WORLD CLASS PERFORMANCE

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE AUGUST 2021

# WELCOME

I am delighted and honoured to welcome you to Made in Scotland 2021, a showcase of Scottish theatre, dance and music presented online and in person at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, with support from the Scottish Government's Festivals Expo Fund.

After a year in which the cultural sector has faced immeasurable challenges, it is exhilarating to see artists take to the stage once more and the Fringe reclaiming its rightful place as the greatest celebration of arts and culture in the world.

In a testament to the creativity of the people of Scotland, the artists in this year's showcase have reimagined their work in brilliantly innovative ways, ensuring that everyone has the chance to safely experience the thrill of live performance, both online and in person.

Made in Scotland is a celebration of home-grown excellence and represents the best of Scotland's performing arts talent. I can't wait to experience this work at the Fringe, and I hope you'll join me there.

#### Jenny Gilruth

Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development Scottish Government





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#### **PROGRAMMING PANEL**

#### **THEATRE and DANCE**

#### Non-voting chair:

#### **Rachel Sanger**

Head of Participant Services, Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society

#### Panel

#### Tarek Iskander

Artistic Director & CEO, Battersea Arts Centre

#### Neil Webb

Director, Theatre & Dance, British Council

#### Lyn Gardner

Associate Editor/Theatre Critic, The Stage

### Kath Mainland

Executive Director, Melbourne International Arts Festival

#### **Benjamin Perchet**

Artistic Director, Dublin Dance Festival

#### Lynn Fu Independent Performing Arts Curator

Laura Mackenzie-Stuart Head of Theatre, Creative Scotland

#### Paul Burns

Head of Dance, Creative Scotland

#### Jude Henderson

Director, Federation of Scottish Theatre



### **PROGRAMMING PANEL**

#### MUSIC

#### Non-voting chair:

#### Shona McCarthy

Chief Executive, Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society

#### Panel

#### **Francis Macdonald**

Musician, composer, manager

#### Joe Smillie

General Manager and co-founder, The Glad Café

#### **Karine Polwart**

Songwriter, folk singer, composer

#### **Michael Duffy**

Music Programme Manager, British Council

#### Alan Morrison

Head of Music, Creative Scotland

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Executive Director, Scottish Music Centre





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Justyna Jablonska

### DESTROYING DEMONS: Songs for cello and Carnatic violin





Recommended age guideline: All ages

In this world premiere, the shimmering beauty of South Indian melodies blends with electronic sound effects and virtuosic improvisation. Justyna Jablonska is Scotland's leading cellist in the contemporary classical and experimental scene. Jyotsna Srikanth is the world's most acclaimed violinist in the South Indian (Carnatic) tradition. Inspired by the Indian Navarathri festival, these two artists enter into a contrapuntal musical dialogue that celebrates the creative power of the goddess Durga, a defeater of demons.







#### **Ensemble Thing**

### **SYSTEMS\_THEORY**

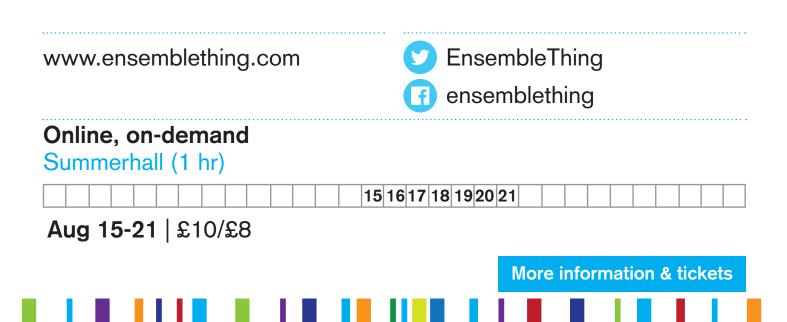




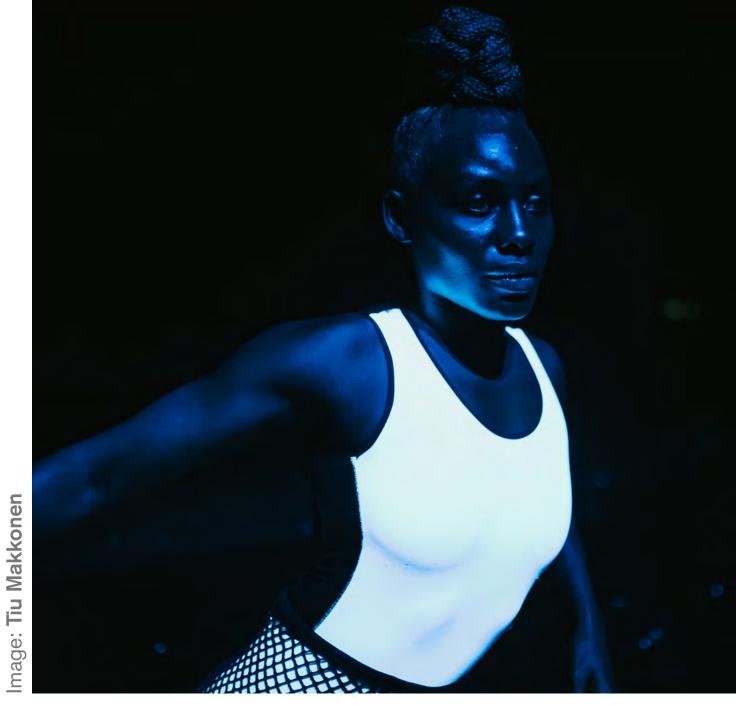
Recommended age guideline:12+

Performed by cellist-composer Emily De Simone, systems\_theory is a curated set of multimedia works reflecting human impact on the world – from Thomas Butler's *Coordinates for Cello*, where lines between performer and technology become blurred, to Emily and John De Simone's *Flow*, where we break into imagined landscapes in response to Hannah Imlach's film *Fieldwork*.

Through this journey we see Emily virtualised in Shona Mackay's Tai Chi-inspired Cloud Hands, transfigured through Michael Gordon's Light Is Calling, and become woven into the fabric of Kate Moore's Velvet.







#### **Mele Broomes**



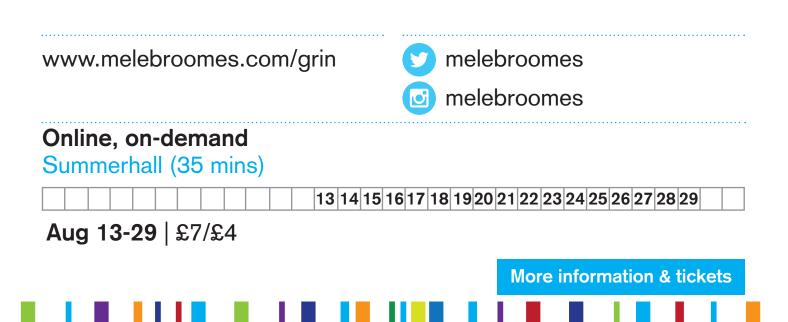
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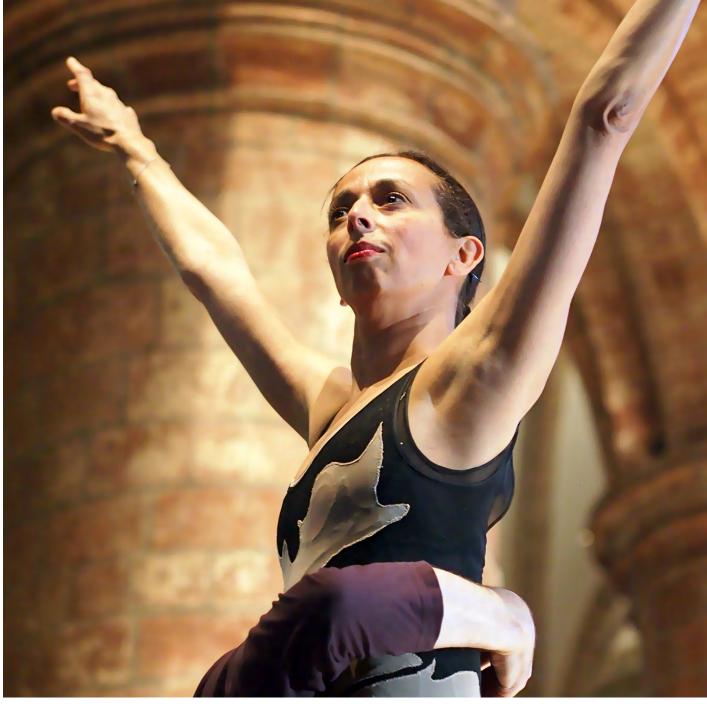


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**Grin**, a digital fruition of performance, sound, visuals and choreography which subverts hyper sexualised notions of African and Caribbean dance. **Grin** is a masquerade of dance sculptures where body and costume are accompanied by a pulsating sound score. Conversation around communitybuilding, refusals, friendship and support grounds the development of **Grin**, which both holds and is held by a cohort of friends. **Grin's** significant focus on black love and other experiences of interiority feels essential in considering how we can build empathy and reconstitute networks of solidarity.







Matthew Hawkins and Red Note Ensemble

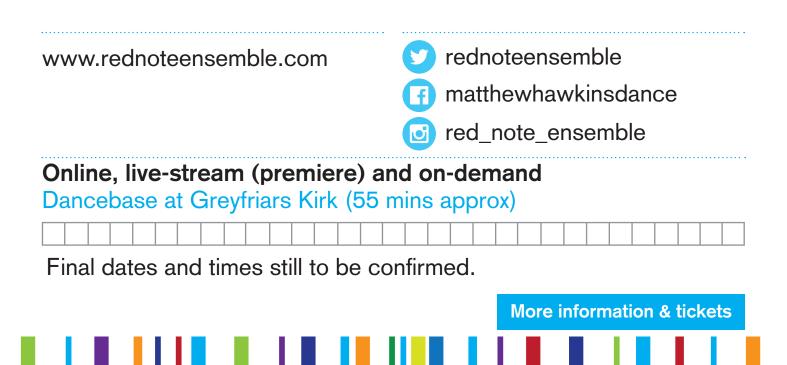
### **ICONNOTATIONS**



Recommended age guideline:12+

A new production and choreography of the iconic Peter Maxwell Davies work Vesalii Icones. Written in 1969 this is one of Peter Maxwell Davies's classic works of concert-hall music theatre. An extraordinarily dramatic, multi-layered fusion of dance and music, its shape superimposes the 14 stations of the Cross on a series of 16th-century anatomical drawings by Vesalius, with a dancer and a solo cellist as the protagonists.

Scored for the classic Fires of London Sextet line-up the work is filled with unconventional percussion instruments, a honky tonk piano and much allusion to foxtrots as well as medieval and renaissance music.







Written and directed by Julia Taudevin



Presented by **Disaster Plan** 

in association with Slung Low and the Traverse Theatre





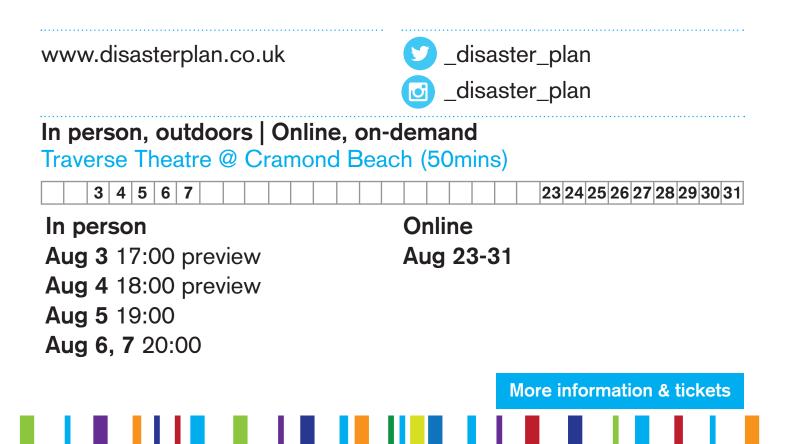
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"...a production at once rooted and outward looking, unsentimental and sincere, with a sound, if not to die for, then at the very least to be reborn to"

> Mark Fisher, The Guardian

Inspired by ancient keening rituals, **Move** is about migration, loss and communal healing. Weaving storytelling, choral soundscape and Gaelic song, five women portray the ebb and flow of people across the globe throughout the ages.

The inaugural show from Disaster Plan – a new company from the team behind Blow Off, Beats and Heads Up - **Move** is staged in a unique open-air performance at Edinburgh's Cramond Beach.







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#### Simon Thacker

### **PASHYANTI ON GUITAR**





Recommended age guideline: 3+

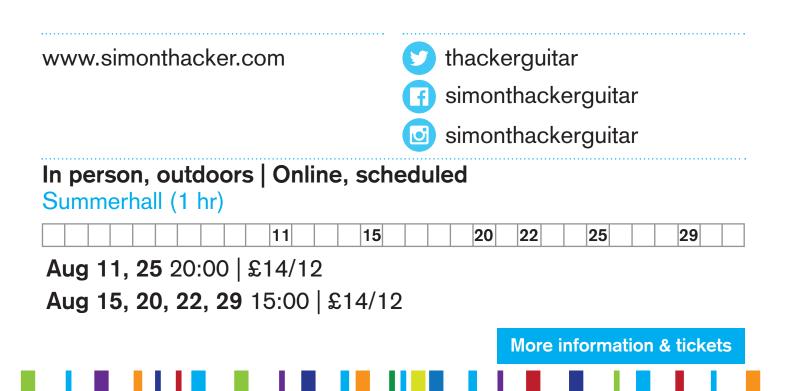
"Punjabi folk song, flamenco and Sephardic music, Sanskrit alchemy and Gaelic folklore...they all seem grist to the mill for Simon Thacker"

The Scotsman

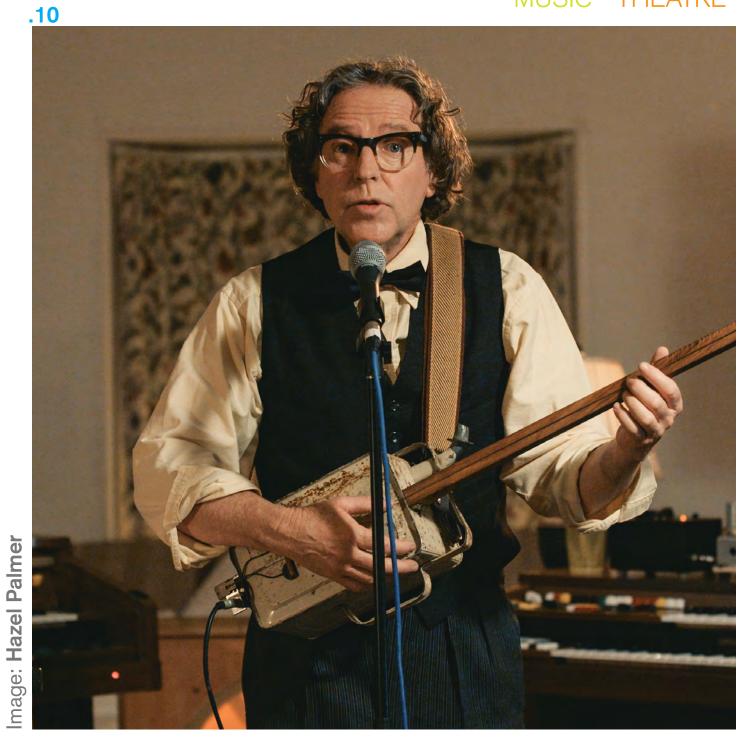
**Pashyanti** [Sanskrit]: the junction point between the ordinary waking state and pure consciousness.

Drawing on a deep lifelong immersion in diverse cultures and an array of pioneering experiences, Scotland's "musical alchemist" (World Music Report) offers a revelatory new vision for the art of solo guitar.

Simon Thacker explores the instrument with passion and startling originality.







Created and performed by Graeme Leak



Produced by Scissor Kick





Recommended age guideline: All ages

*"Funny, skilful, engaging, tense, inventive and dynamic"* 

Graham Rose, Creative Director, Glasgow Science Centre

**Saved** is a multi-layered, retro-mechanical music show built around rescued 70s home organs. Turned inside out, their internal spinning speakers are exposed for us to see as well as hear as Leak weaves musical joy into the surprisingly beautiful mundanity of daily life.

Along with cassettes, a turntable, AM radios and a modified whisk, **Saved** celebrates an analogue era where A-B-C Fun Block and One Finger Chord buttons captivated our imagination.







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**Independent Arts Projects** 

### SEX EDUCATION XPLORERS (S.E.X.) by Mamoru Iriguchi



Recommended age guideline:12+

*"Utterly hilarious, while touching on serious themes, it was a masterclass in media-heavy performance art"* 

Exeunt Magazine on Sex Education Xplorers (S.E.X.) scratch performance

A time-travel ride through evolution of sexes, celebrating our diverse gender identities and sexualities. Packed with humour and DIY tech, **Sex Education Xplorers (S.E.X.)** is a playful new take on sex education from the award-winning team behind Eaten "astoundingly original... nothing short of genius" Sunday Herald (on Eaten), and "Daringly inventive" The Stage (on Eaten).

An eye-opening experience for teenagers, and everyone who missed the sex education they deserved at school!

www.independentartsprojects. com/sex-education-xplorers www.iriguchi.co.uk	<ul> <li>indartsprojects</li> <li>independentartsprojects</li> <li>indeartsprojects</li> </ul>
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#### Featuring artist Maria Rud with Fay Fife and Martin Metcalfe

### **SHAMANIC Live**



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Recommended age guideline: 8+

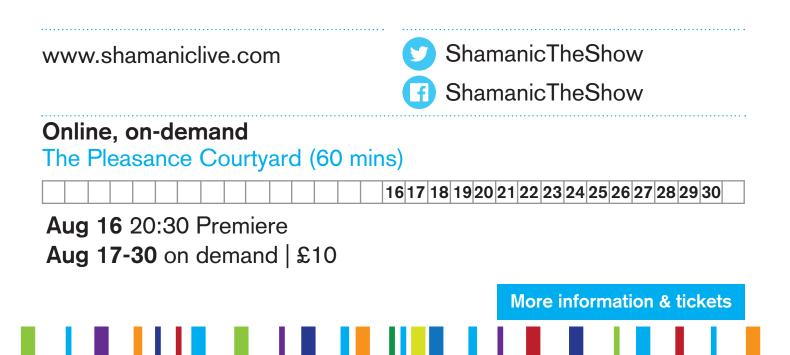
*"lascivious and monumental... a multimedia spectacular"* 

The Herald

A unique, dramatic, visceral collision of live music, painting and architecture, created by acclaimed Russian artist Maria Rud with punk rock legend Fay Fife (Rezillos) and Martin Metcalfe (Goodbye Mr Mackenzie).

The music is a soundclash of 60s influenced garage, alternative rock and contemporary electronica, laced with a punk spirit, perfectly complementing Maria's ever-changing imagery and perspectives, and swathes of colourful, swirling paint. A transformative, immersive experience which cuts to the heart of the creative process.

Specially recorded for Fringe 2021 at the iconic Pleasance Courtyard, with special guest, actor Rula Lenska.







Devised and performed Emma Brierley, Jess Raine, Jemima Thewes

### SWALLOW THE SEA CARAVAN THEATRE Present: THREADS and TRIPTYCH

Supported by Creative Scotland

TRIPTYCH supported by **Puppet Animation Scotland** THREADS produced by **Melanie Purdie** 



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Recommended age guideline: All ages

*"Swallow the Sea's shows take delicate steps into the imagination."* 

The Guardian on Swallow The Sea, 2019

## Swallow The Sea's extraordinary Caravan Theatre presents two incredible productions at the Fringe.

**Threads** is a world premiere that celebrates symbiotic relationships, the patterns of togetherness, our need for social connections and the map of mycelium as a web of hidden communication. Presented with an evocative soundscape and no dialogue our caravan transforms into a large moving panorama.

**Triptych** is a triumph of physical, abstract, object theatre incorporating elements of absurdism and clown. Presented with an original score and no dialogue. First premiered at Festival Mondial de Marionettes.



# Staying in touch with MADE IN SCOTLAND

For further information about **Made in Scotland** – including full show listings and onward touring information, visit: madeinscotlandshowcase.com

You can find out more and follow all Made in Scotland shows on social media:

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How to get involved with **Made in Scotland**: Applications for the 2022 showcase will open in September 2021.

If you'd like to find out more about presenting work as part of **Made in Scotland**, or attending the Fringe as an international promoter contact: <u>madeinscotland@edfringe.com</u>

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