

ELIOT SMITH DANCE

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ANNOUNCING ELIOT SMITH DANCE AUTUMN SEASON 2022, EXTRAVAGANZA: exploring the freedom of movement to learn create and inspire children and adults

This season, Eliot Smith Dance (ESD) is partnering with schools, communities and universities in Northumberland, Newcastle upon Tyne and across the North East to deliver an extensive outreach programme (including live performances) tailored for multiple age groups in an all new extravaganza.

The participants will engage in movement and other arts related workshops to explore one of the biggest challenges of our time – fast fashion on climate change - and its impact on the environment.

This exciting season aims to provide a healthy opportunity for children and adults to be active, be creative and is a confidence-building experience with the added benefit of meeting friends and working with supportive ESD professional dance artists. Further opportunities for the community will be announced throughout the season.

Alongside this, Eliot Smith will be exploring his movement vocabulary with ESD's diverse dancers in anticipation of a new contemporary dance work in spring 2023.

"For just over a decade, season after season, ESD has created and performed highly praised contemporary dance works for audiences across the North East and beyond. This season, ESD is focusing its efforts on bringing dance to the masses. We're excited to be partnering with two primary schools and one community group in Newcastle upon Tyne alongside schools in Northumberland and beyond to explore the freedom of dance to learn, create and be inspired via the medium of nature and movement. I hope through Extravaganza children and adults has the opportunity for artistic cultivation and personal connection to nature. This season will also provide the opportunity to explore my movement vocabulary and develop other artistic endeavours with the newly appointed Board of Directors." says Eliot Smith, the Company's Creative Director.

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Notes to editors:**Available for interview:**

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Image two: Ellingham Primary School, Northumberland with Eliot Smith. Photo courtesy of Eliot Smith Dance.

Eliot Smith Dance is a North East leading contemporary dance company. The group is based in Newcastle upon Tyne and rehearses predominately in Northumberland. Led by its founder and creative director Eliot Smith, the Company has performed for audiences in their hundreds across North East England and other parts of the UK, and has performed by invitation in Paris, Rome, and New York.

The Company has built up a rich repertoire, consisting of more than 26 works and still growing, created by Eliot Smith and guest choreographers from the UK and around the world – aiming to create works that are dynamic, diverse, and relevant.

In spring 2021 ESD created a new virtual space, VIRTUAL ESD. This was inspired by ESD Digital, launched in light of the pandemic in early 2020, and is a refashioning of ESD's season of activities into a digital form, tailored to allow people to continue engaging in and benefiting from dance and culture.

ESD returned to live performances in July 2021 and celebrated their 10th anniversary in 2021.

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