

Graduate School Showcase 2025

Monday 7 – Thursday 24 July

Welcome to the Graduate School Showcase 2025, a festival of performances created, choreographed and presented by our postgraduate dance students.

Doors open at 12:00pm each day, and 10:00am on Friday 18 July, with a curated programme of performances, site-specific events, screenings and sharings.

*Every day will be different. What's certain is that you'll encounter surprising, challenging and ground-breaking new work from students our **MA / MFA courses in Choreography, Creative Practice (Dance Professional and Transdisciplinary pathways), Dance Leadership and Community Practice, Dance Performance and Dance Science.***

You might get to see work on the main stage of Laban Theatre, or in the more intimate space of the Studio Theatre. Dance in unexpected places that takes you on a journey, or research laboratory sharings in our Dance Science studio. Maybe you'll get to participate in a performance that brings the audience into the experience, or enjoy watching more contemplative pieces unfold outside or at studio spaces in nearby Laurie Grove.

What is guaranteed is that you'll encounter thought-provoking new choreography and movement developed by our postgraduate dance community during their time studying at Trinity Laban.

Come and join us. Bring your curiosity and an open mind.

Members of the audience are reminded that smoking, the use of mobile phones and the use of photographic or video equipment is not permitted in the auditorium.

Principal
Prof. Anthony Bowne

Artistic Director,
Dr Aleksander Szram

*Associate Director of Dance
Programme Leader, MA/MFA Creative
Practice*
Dr Naomi Lefebvre Sell

*Head of Postgraduate Programmes
Programme Leader, MA/MFA Dance
Leadership and Community Practice*
Melanie Clarke

*Programme Leader, MA/MFA Dance
Performance*
Hilary Stainsby

*Programme Leader, MA/MFA
Choreography*
Gary Lambert

Postgraduate Studies Administrator
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Head of Production
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Rachel Shipp

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Jabin Law

Graduate Interns (Production)
Bebe Abban
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I will hold these bitter herbs for you

Kaya Blumenthal-Rothchild, MFA Dance Performance

Wednesday 9 July, 15:00-15:30

Performance Lab 1, Laurie Grove

Performer *Kaya Blumenthal-Rothchild*

Sound *Charcoal on cardboard and rustling paper recorded by Kaya Blumenthal-Rothchild, words written and recorded by Kaya Blumenthal-Rothchild*

Lighting *Trinity Laban Production Team*

This solo performance is an unfolding, a wandering through the landscape of personal stories and experiences with the intention of uncovering the cracks and layers of my sense of self. Within this navigation, I hope to recognise and hold the tensions of the space that I slowly construct throughout the performance and the vulnerability of my identity using movement, voice, and imagery. In doing so, I ask the audience to join me, to reflect and find their own discoveries and connections in the witnessing of my own.

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