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Edinburgh Fringe Companies visit Moray and Inverness for Uprise Dance Festival

Bodysurf Scotland presents Uprise Dance Festival in Moray and Inverness on 4 and 5 September 2015. Fresh from the Edinburgh Fringe, the world's first contemporary ice-skaters Le Patin Libre, join the acclaimed Marc Brew Company, challenging expectations and taking dance off-stage.



(i)Land | Marc Brew Company

Created by Artistic Director and Choreographer Marc Brew, “(i)Land” is a dance performance that follows three characters faced with life on a deserted island as they uncover the means of escape back to civilisation. The piece is centred upon a six-ton pile of sand that provides Brew with a safe dance space upon which to explore movement in solo, duet and trio, away from his wheelchair. Drawing influence from such stories as *The Lord of the Flies*, *Castaway* and the legends of the Highland Clearances, “(i)Land” is an engaging half hour that encourages audiences to challenge their perception of the body and the politics of disability, isolation, exclusion, ingenuity and invention.

**** The Herald

Friday 4 September, 2pm and 6pm, Roseisle Forest

Saturday 5 September, 11am and 2pm, Roseisle Forest

£4 (in advance), £5 (on the door), £15 (family of four)



Vertical Influences | Le Patin Libre

Fresh from the Edinburgh Fringe, Le Patin Libre will bring their ice-skating double bill “Vertical Influences” to Inverness Ice Centre on Saturday 5 September. The new double-bill is an explosion of the company’s signature mix of movement, wit, speed and grace that combines the virtuosity of award-winning figure skating with the attitude of street dance and sophistication of contemporary performance. Split into two halves, “Influences” explores how our body language can influence others even with a simple glance, whilst “Vertical” invites audiences to view a pure and intense glide up close, with seating on the ice.

***** The Guardian

“An entirely new skating experience”, The London Times

Included in the Guardian’s “Edinburgh Fringe 2015: 10 Shows To See”

Saturday 5 September, 6.30pm and 8.30pm, Inverness Ice Centre

£10 (advance), £12 (on the door), £7 (under 16s)

Uprise Dance Festival follows on from Bodysurf Scotland’s inaugural Rise Dance Festival in 2014, and Wee Rise Dance Festival (for children aged 0-5), which took place in May 2015. Based in Findhorn,

Moray, the organisation has an international reputation as a contemporary dance promoter that is built upon a potent combination of risk-taking, quality and a commitment to challenging expectations.

Uprise Dance Festival is aimed at, but not exclusive to, young people aged 12-25. Keen to widen access to dance across the region, a number of the performances will be “relaxed performances” welcoming and suitable for people with physical and learning disabilities. A number of dance classes for young people will also be on offer. Tickets can be purchased by telephoning 01309 691661 or visiting www.bodysurfscotland.co.uk.

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About Bodysurf Scotland

Bodysurf Scotland is at the vanguard of a dance revolution. We are on a mission to promote and produce bold and imaginative events, offering people across the globe the opportunity to experience dance. Our reputation is built upon a potent combination of risk-taking, quality, and a commitment to challenging expectations. From our base in Findhorn, Moray, our activities include live dance performances, commercial workshops, community dance development and professional training. www.bodysurfscotland.co.uk

About Le Patin Libre

Le Patin Libre is a contemporary ice skating company from Montreal, Canada. This performance art uses ice, skates and glide as medias. The first collective was founded in 2005 by ex high-level figure skaters. They regrouped with the intention of transforming their athleticism into a means of free expression. Far from sparkles, stereotypes and champions’ dance, the creations of Le Patin Libre propose real works of art, exploiting the amazing choreographic and theatrical potential of glide. www.lepatinlibre.com

About Marc Brew Company

Marc Brew Company is committed to developing innovative collaborative work that interweaves a physicality derivative of strong contemporary dance technique. Choreographer Marc Brew is renowned for his tender, precise choreographic material that exemplifies the beauty of the moments shared between people. Brew’s experience as a dancer and choreographer with a disability means that he challenges performers’ expectations of their own limitations. The works created by the company can be thought of as a series of physical conversations, encounters and interventions that reflect what it is to be human.

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