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Rise Dance Festival brings state of the art children's production to Universal Hall

Social enterprise Bodysurf Scotland is gearing up to launch Moray's first ever contemporary dance festival, **Rise**, taking place between 21 and 25 May 2014. Described as world-class contemporary performance in an idyllic coastal setting, organisers have announced the first in an exciting programme of dance artists and performers from across Scotland and the UK, **Saltbush - Children's Cheering Carpet**.

Saltbush - Children's Cheering Carpet, part of the Glasgow 2014 Cultural Programme, is a specially designed performance in which children are invited to explore, play and dance with performers as the landscape unfolds around them.

Providing a unique, immersive experience in which the audience becomes part of a visually beautiful journey, Saltbush is a collaboration between Italian, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australian artists, following two friends through the culture and landscape of Aboriginal Australia using amazing, sensory, infra-red technology.

"Bodysurf Scotland is thrilled to be working in partnership with Imagine Festival and the Touring Network to be able to host Saltbush as part of Rise dance festival. We strive to introduce dance and movement to young people, and a production of Saltbush's ambition and caliber goes far to do so."
Karl Jay-Lewin, Artistic Director, Bodysurf Scotland.

"Saltbush has that wonderful combination, using state of the art technology with movement and art to create a truly memorable and moving performance." Imagine Festival Director.

Created by Italian organisation Compagnia TPO in collaboration with Australia's Insite Arts, Saltbush - Children's Cheering Carpet is brought to Findhorn by Imagine Festival (Scotland's international festival of performing arts for children and young people) and the Touring Network, as part of Bodysurf Scotland's Rise Dance Festival, funded by Creative Scotland.

Suitable for children aged 4 - 8 the production, which is perfect for children and families, is available FREE of charge to Moray and Nairn primary schools taking place on Wednesday 21 May 2014 at 9.30am and 11.30am. Both showings are also open to the public. [Click here](#) to see the online trailer.

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