



2 FACED DANCE CO

Sanctuary Group

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Inspiration
Through
Education
And
Performance

LOCAL CLASSES FROM SEPT 09

Break dance every **Monday**

Hereford, Courtyard Arts Centre

4-7 yrs at 4:00pm — 5.00pm

8-11yrs at 5:00pm — 6.00pm

12yrs+ at 6:15pm — 7.15pm

Advanced at 7:30pm — 8.45pm

Street Dance every **Tuesday**

Hereford, Kindle Centre

StreetStylersz *****NEW CLASS*****

4-7yrs + at 4.00pm—5.00pm

8-11yrs at 5.00pm - 6.00pm

11yrs+ at 6.15pm - 7.15pm

11yrs+ 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Break dance every **Wednesday**

Brecon, Theatre Brycheiniog

01874 622838

6-11yrs at 5:00pm - 6.00pm

11yrs+ at 6:15pm - 7.15pm

Break dance every **Thursday**

Worcester, Angel Centre, DanceFEST

01905 611199

7-11yrs at 4:45pm - 5.45pm

11yrs+ at 5.45pm - 6.45pm

Break dance every **Friday**

The Globe @ Hay on Wye

01497 821762

7 - 11yrs at 4:00pm - 5:00pm

11yrs+ at 5:15pm - 6:15pm

Ballet + Contemporary every **Sunday**

Hereford, Kindle Centre

11+ at 1.00pm - 2.00pm Open level Contemporary Dance

11yrs+ at 2.00pm - 3.00pm Open level Urban Ballet.

For more information on workshops please contact
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or call on 01432 276807

Wow what a summer! It's been a busy three months for 2Faced Dance. It was amazing to see thousands of young people dancing in June when we celebrated our 10th Anniversary with our annual shows, gala night, b-boy battle and of course our first schools showcase FRESH. We then followed this with a successful summer school and performances of our new piece 'Still Breathing' at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Now we start the new academic year with a brand new office, new staff, a 2 month tour of the UK, a corporate gig for supermarket heavyweights Sainsbury's, new classes a possible TV show and a whole host of exciting other projects and activities. 2009 -2010 looks to be our best and busiest year yet....enjoy!

Tamsin Fitzgerald, Artistic Director

2FaCeD new company and 30 stop UK Tour!

We held auditions at DanceXchange in Birmingham in April We were looking for 5 dancers from different backgrounds, all of whom had competent skills in break, street and contemporary dance. We were very impressed by the standard of the dancers. Tamsin Fitzgerald, Nathan French, Dan Lowenstein and Adam Rutherford ran the auditions, making sure that we covered all the areas that 2FaCeD specialise in. We were very impressed with the standard of the dancers. After much deliberation and consideration we chose 5 of the best dancers! We now have an extremely strong cast of 8, all of whom are ready to take on the dance world across the UK, with a very physically demanding performance. All of the new dancers held their own throughout Edinburgh, performing 28 shows consecutively and smashing every show. Now it is time for a 30 stop UK tour running from the 30th September to the 28th November. Performing at some of the most reputable venues the UK has to offer including Stratford Circus in London. Alongside the tour we are leading numerous workshops and residencies across the UK, including Stirling, where Tamsin and I are both leading a weeks residency ending in a performance. The new company members fresh from their first Edinburgh experience can't wait to get stuck into this long and exciting tour. "I've done shows all over Europe with Bad Taste Crew, but never done a full UK tour, it is definitely something that I need to experience" says Robbie Graham (see reverse for short interview). I think as a whole this years tour is set to be a big success with some shows already sold out! To see tour dates and to find out where to book tickets visit www.2faceddance.co.uk or join our face book group '2Faced Dance Company'



Pictures from 'Still Breathing', at Zoo Venues during the Edinburgh Fringe Festival 09

Arts Council Funding Received!!!

We just received the fantastic news that we have got our funding from the Arts Council, as all of you know last year we had to scrape the barrel and carry on with very limited funds, but managed to stay above water, thanks to YOU. This year with the extra money the UK tour of 'Still Breathing' will be hitting nearly twice as many venues as last year, and we have a international cast to set it off!!!



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Summer School 09

Summer School 09 was another huge success with 55 students learning the latest in break, street and contemporary dance. Tom Tindall, Alex Rowland and Amanda Powell taught the week, and found all the students to be very responsive to the unique fusion of styles. The week ended in a performance at the Sixth Form College, which went down really well. The show ended with an informal jam session, where the students and some of the parents got the chance to show off their skills. "It was a great week, all of the students seemed to enjoy the workshops and the final result was fantastic" said Tom Tindall. "I really enjoyed teaching the students they all seemed keen, and wanted to learn, I saw a definite improvement at the end of the week, both in their skill level and confidence". *You do not need any previous experience to attend the 2Faced Summer School.*

Keep your eyes out for a chance to book your place at Summer School 2010. Also look out for our other classes (front page) and give one of them a go, there is the option of a free trial session to see if it suits you or not.

Edinburgh Festival 09

'Still Breathing'

We just returned from the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, once again our venue of choice was the infamous Zoo Southside. We performed our new piece '**Still Breathing**' with a new cast of world class dancers. This year the piece consisted of a set and a composed score of music, making '**Still Breathing**' completely unique and innovative. The music composed by Anthony Murphy from the Anomolies and set design by Phil Edolls, who worked on 'Lord of the Rings' is exactly what we needed to take this piece to the next level. We got numerous 5* reviews, 'pick of the fringe' and a great feature in **The Times** "*They dance like adrenalin junkies*". And numerous other positive reviews, "*One of the UK's most pioneering men's dance companies*" **Fest Magazine**, "*makes dance so macho it hurt*" **Three weeks.** "

We also did lots of extra performances to promote our shows, from launch parties to food festivals. Looking back on the whole month, I would say that this year was our most successful. We had many international promoters watching '**Still Breathing**' and a European tour is on the cards. If you would like any more information on the above please contact us on info@2faceddance.co.uk

Projects 09 - 10

Tamsin returned from Berlin where she played a major part in choreographing 'SOAP', a circus variety show featuring some of the best acrobats in the world. Tamsin spotted Tim Schneider during this project, and he is now our apprentice dancer.

Tamsin is currently leading on two exciting new projects within Herefordshire. Firstly Tamsin has joined local new company Feral Productions to choreograph a radical retelling of the classic story Hansel and Gretel. This site-specific production will start at The Courtyard and take you on a journey across Hereford. Involving dance, music, multimedia and many other exciting theatrical elements this production will be a first for Hereford. To book call the Courtyard on 01432 340555 the show takes place from Wednesday 28 – Saturday 31 October at 7.30pm and 9.00pm, Age 15+

Tamsin has successfully tendered for a new educational initiative working in Partnership with Herefordshire Council and selected local primary schools. Using dance techniques and methods, Tamsin will aim to help children with challenging behaviour to develop coping strategies for the classroom. This is a year long project and a very important one as the results of this project could have an impact nationally.

Education Update

We have recently employed 2 new teachers. Fiona Hay will be teaching and taking on the roll of full time education officer, Fiona has recently graduated from Bath Spa university, gaining a BA (HONS) degree in contemporary dance and is trained in contact improvisation, physical theatre and choreography. Aundre Brown will be teaching part time across Herefordshire and Wales. Aundre specialises in Hip Hop/street and Breakdance. He is a member of the nationally renowned dance crew 'Smash Broz' who were finalists in the UK Hip Hop Championships. Our classes are in the hands of 2 very experienced dancers and teachers. All of our students will be learning new styles, and new ways of thinking, this will develop their dance skills to a new level.

Audition Notice: 2Faced Youth Dance Company Auditions

To be held on Sunday the 18th Of October at the Kindle Centre Next to ASDA at 3pm until approx 7pm. Being part of 2faced youth dance company will give you the chance to learn new skills and to perform across the UK with other aspiring dancers. Sessions will be every Sunday, from 3—7pm taught by Fiona Hay. If you wish to see some of the previous performances 2Faced Youth have done visit www.2faceddance.co.uk. You can also join them on Facebook under '2Faced Youth Dance Company'. If you require any more information please contact melaniej@2faceddance.co.uk Hope to see you there

Interview with ... Bboy RawB, Robbie Graham

One of the founding members of Bad Taste Crew (BTC), one of the best crews in the UK and now a new member of 2Faced Dance Company.

1) Tell us a bit about your style as a bboy?

I see my self as an all rounder, I focus on power / footwork, I really like top rocking, you know, and flips. I stay as rounded as I can. I don't want to focus too much on one element, I don't want to limit my self as a bboy !

2) Why did you choose to audition for 2FaCeD?

I started working with a choreographer called Simon Williams, I really liked what he did with bboying. He inspired me to go down the fusion route. I saw dance as movement not as separate styles. I love bboying but training day in day out can get repetitive. I heard about 2FaCeD through other bboys, and they said that your style was very intense. And I really wanted to expand and challenge my self.

3) Are you looking forward to touring the UK with us?

I've done shows all over Europe with BTC, but never done a full UK tour, it is definitely something that I need to experience. I've always wanted to perform all over the UK. I really want the challenge of performing so many shows in such a short space of time.

Interviewed by Dan Lowenstein

"I don't want to focus too much on one element, I don't want to limit my self as a bboy" **Bboy RawB**

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Check out our website

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to join our mailing list...

PEACE!!



Laminators anyone??

2Faced are finally out of the cave, also know as the operations office, and we now have a bigger space in the music pool office on the 1st floor, of The Courtyard! We now have room to think creatively and come up with more dance world domination ideas... on that note if anyone has any office equipment they would like donate to your favourite dance company please get in touch... keep smiling and remember your never to old to dance... danidge

