

IRIE!
dance
theatre



SPRING
PROGRAMME

SUPPORTING PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES THROUGH DANCE OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA

SPRING
2024

Welcome Everyone!

We are finally seeing some sun in the sky and some green growth after a lot of rain over the months. As Spring is here we also want to take time to reflect on our own community and communities across the world and to express empathy, kindness and hope for change.

Over the past months, we are pleased to report on funding successes and partnerships that have continued to flourish through rewarding creative and cultural collaborations. Here are just a few of the exciting events we have hosted and developed already in 2024.

In January, we held the final event for Pioneers and Places, our National Heritage Lottery Heritage-funded project. In an online conference, we were able to share locally, nationally and internationally the amazing work accomplished over the past 18 months. Check out the link on our website to find out more <https://www.riedancetheatre.org/pioneers-and-places>

In February, as part of the Goldsmiths Friday Late programme, our youth dance group and BA (Hons) students performed at the Garden Museum - adjacent to Lambeth Palace - to celebrate the work of Antiguan artist, gardener and radical, Frank Walter. Thanks to additional funding from Lewisham Council for LGBTQ+ History Month we were excited to host 'Dancing in Colour' a screening and discussion with 4 LGBTQ+ dancers of colour. The event was well attended and provided a safe space for open and honest conversation around race, gender and dance.

In March, IRIE! welcomed the local community to 'Drums of Resistance', an exhibition and the unveiling of a Lewisham Maroon Heritage Plaque at Moonshot. The plaque commemorates the Black People's Day of Action, 2nd March 1981 where thousands from the Black community gathered to march for justice for 13 young people who lost their lives in the New Cross Fire. We also remembered the young survivor who died 2 years later and brought the total loss of life to 14. This was funded and supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NHLF), Goldsmiths, University of London and Lewisham Heritage. The event also launched our NHLF-funded 'Talking Drum' project - an exhibition and programme of African and Caribbean drumming sessions to encourage a wider understanding of, and increase engagement with, the heritage and practice of African and Caribbean drumming.

We are excited to have been awarded funds from the Make Moves Fund, a Nike and Spotify initiative to encourage more girls and young women to move through music. We would like to say thank you for their funding, to Arts Council England, National Lottery Community Fund. As well as South London and Maudsley NHS (SLAM) and Lewisham Local for enabling us to continue to engage across age groups, genders, and communities and to reach new audiences throughout 2024.

I have to ask, have you had a delicious meal or enjoyed free soup as part of our Warm Welcome on Mondays in IRIE!'s Kitchen? Don't forget to complete our feedback form and let us know what you think, and what other activities you would like to see take place at Moonshot.

As always, the most important contributors to the success of our work are YOU! the community, the IRIE! team, trustees, partners, funders, volunteers, students. THANK YOU! Keep checking in for more exciting developments throughout the year!

Beverley Glean MBE

Artistic Director and CEO



African Dance

Learn traditional West African dance and the drum languages in a fun and safe space.

Open to all abilities and ages.

Spring Programme

£6.00

Days: Tuesdays

Time: 7:30pm-9:00pm

Period: 2nd April - 25th June



Moonshot Lions Dominoes Club



Join Moonshot Lions Weekly Dominoes sessions. Open to all ages and abilities.

Spring Programme

Free!

Days: Wednesdays

Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm

Period: 4th April - 26th June

WUKUP! & WINE

London's newest and most exciting dance class that feels more like a party than a class! In this fiery 90-minute session you will master your body and more importantly, your waistline! Learn to wukup and wine by yourself and with a partner!

Each class will end with a fun and dynamic routine to put those skills to the test and a free up session to send us all off with all the good vibes .

Spring Programme

£6.00

Days: Wednesdays

Time: 7:30pm-8:45pm

Period: 8th May - 26th June



Hip-Hop and Urban Dance Class



Cynthia is a professional dancer from Paris based in London. She is part of paradox sal crew, with whom she has been travelling worldwide performing and giving workshops.

Under the umbrella of street dance, she has focused on hip hop and house to express herself. She will be sharing her knowledge, help you gain confidence in your movement, as well as challenge your physical condition in a safe environment.

Intermediate to Advanced Level.

Spring Programme

£6.00

Days: Thursdays

Time: 7:30pm-8:15pm

Period: 9th May - 11th July

Drumology

Join Nii Boye and Nii Kwartey in talking drums as you learn the drumming and rhythms traditions of Africa while connecting your mind, body and soul.

The sessions are for all ages and skills levels. Come and participate with family & friends.

Drums will be provided for the workshop but also available to purchase.

If you wish to purchase any drums, please speak to Nii Boye or Nii Kwartey.

Open to all ages and abilities.



Spring Programme

£6.00

Days: Saturdays

Time: 11:00am-1:00pm

Period: 13th April - 29th June

OTHER CLASSES AT IRIE!

BOTH Dance: Monday Morning Ballet

An intermediate/advance drop-in-class for adult learners who wish to keep strengthening their ballet technique whilst moving with fluidity and flavour.

Last class of each block will be accompanied by a musician.

www.bothdanceclasses.com
Info@bothdance.com
 For bookings & more information

Spring Programme

£13.00
drop-in

£10.00

with block bookings

Days: Mondays

Time: 10:00am-11:30am

Period: 15th April- 20th May

Full Day Workshops

Period: Monday 26th February

Time: 10am – 5:00pm



Muay Thai

A journey of self

Muay Thai sessions
 Monday's 7pm
 in Studio 2
 £15 per session
 discount
 available if
 booking
 multiple classes

For information contact
 07590616771

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 Growth Balance Fitness Coordinati

Self-control
 Strength Respect Knowledge

Self-defence
 Flexibility De-stress

Self-develop
 Self-awarene

Self-confid
 Restrain

Muay Thai is known as the art of 8 limbs, practitioners are taught to strike with their hands, elbows, knees, and feet.

Richard has been a student, and practitioner of this martial art since 1994 and the cross-over benefits of health and well-being are numerous:

- Balance
- Self-defence
- Self-control
- Flexibility
- Co-ordination
- Stress reduction
- Self-confidence
- Strength

The list could go on, his goal is to make art accessible for everyone regardless of their current experience.

Spring Programme

£15.00
drop-in

Days: Mondays

Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm

Period: 8th April – 17th June

£50.00 Block booking for the month

OTHER CLASSES AT IRIE!

Planet Hoop

Hello everyone, my name is Clara from Planet Hoop, and I am your local Hoop teacher. In 2024, Planet Hoop is back at the Moonshot Centre in 2024, with an exciting new course.

Hoopng is a fun and creative way to move your body and train your mind. In this course, you will be introduced to a series of new hoop tricks, called isolations, body rolls and coinflips. I will walk you through the basics and give you direct feedback while you learn.

Everyone is encouraged to go at their own pace, and variations will be offered to all levels. Join our community and discover the fun in a plastic circle!



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Call to Book

Days: Thursdays
Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm
Period: 18th April- 23rd May

WhatsApp 07460767969
Email: info@planethoop.co.uk

NB: Find more details and book a spot on: www.planethoop.co.uk

Pañuelos Libres



Pañuelos Libres is a Marinera dancing group that promotes Peruvian folklore to share and enjoy with the community.

The group started in April 2023 and since then has been growing and developing into a strong intergenerational well-being group that welcomes everybody irrespective of age, ability, gender, nationality to come and dance the beautiful Marinera.

Spring Programme

£5.00

Days: Wednesdays
Time: 7:30pm-8:30pm
Period: 3rd Apr. - 26th Jun.

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FAMILY Fun Day

2024

a community day of dance

Join us for a fun-filled family event featuring stalls, games, performances, and exciting activities for all ages!

Saturday

13 JULY 2024

Time: 12:00pm - 6:00pm



Stalls for arts, crafts, food, health and wellbeing are available to hire from £50.00.

Dance Performances

Music

Fabulous Food

VENUE:

Moonshot Centre
Fordham Park
New Cross
London SE14 6LU

Booking/Further information:

T: 020 8691 6099 **E:** news@iriedancetheatre.org **W:** iriedancetheatre.org



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ARTS & CULTURE

Talking Drum

Talking Drum: Ancestral Connection and Memory

A free, public heritage talk presented by IRIE! dance theatre's Talking Drum heritage project

Master drummer Nicky Reid will talk about the drumming methodologies he uses in educational settings to enable a beginner to be able to understand how to discover various tonal ranges on a drum. Examples will be taken from African and Caribbean drumming traditions. The talk will incorporate a short workshop and Q&A.

Nicky Reid aims to promote, develop and sustain ideas and initiatives to advance African and Caribbean drumming through the use of workshops, discussions, demonstrations, performances in both the formal education and community networks. Leading workshops has taken Nicky as far afield as Zimbabwe, South Africa, Ethiopia, Jamaica, Brazil, Germany, Holland and throughout the United Kingdom.

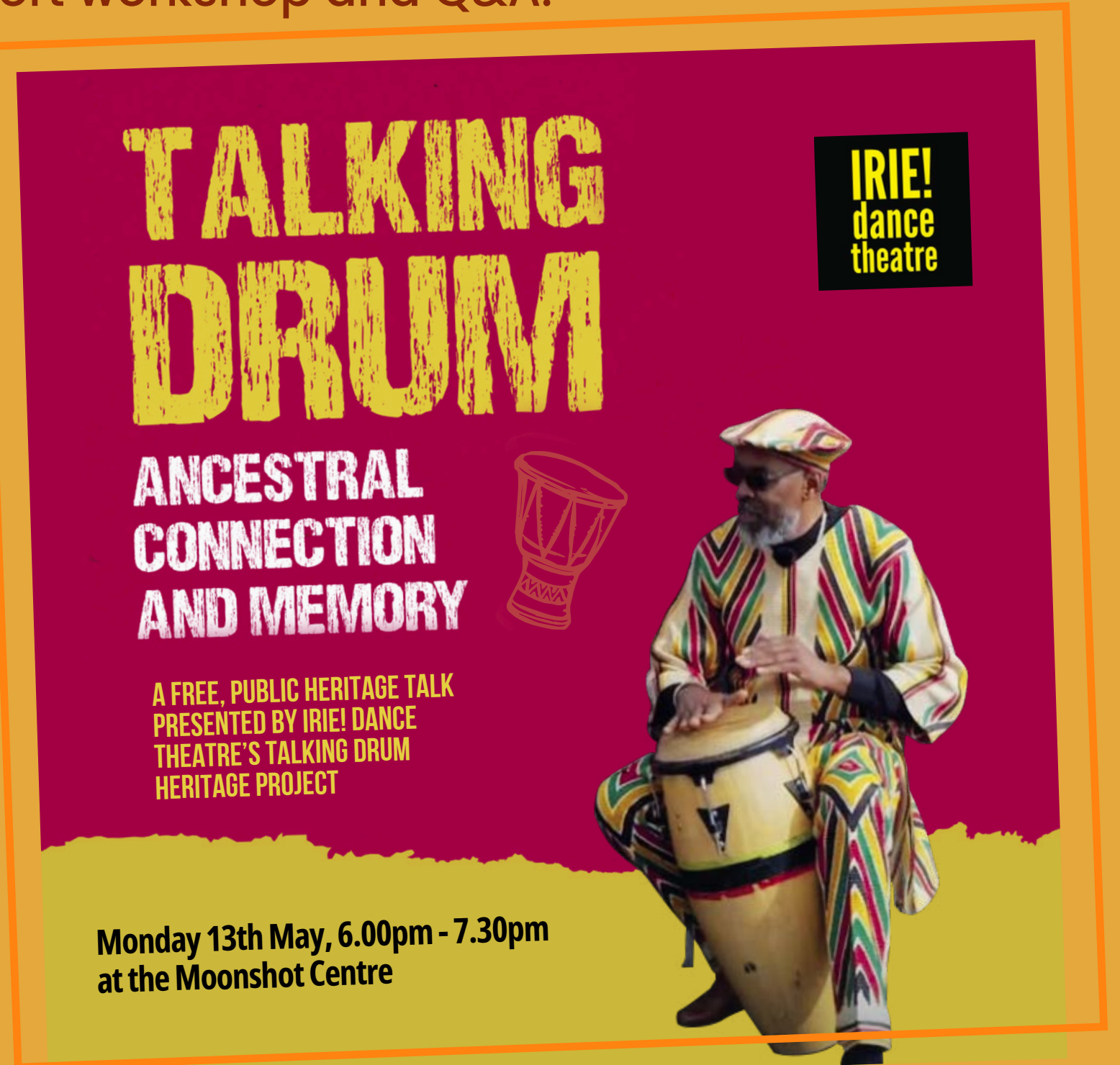
Date: Monday 13th May, 2024

Time: 6.00-7.30pm

Venue: Moonshot Centre, Angus Street, New Cross, London SE14 6LU

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Free!



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Making Tracks: Nuances, Heritage & Ritual

Summer Dance
Intensive

5-7 August 24
10-5pm

Book your FREE tickets Now!
<https://www.riedancetheatre.org/what-s-on>



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**TOURING
OCTOBER +
NOVEMBER
2024**

IRIE! dance theatre PRESENTS

FOUNDATION

DANCING FROM THE ARCHIVES

A journey exploring roots and legacy while delving into the traditions and heritage that have shaped the contemporary African and Caribbean dance.

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EDUCATION & TRAINING

MA Diasporic Dance Styles

IRIE! dance theatre is pleased to announce that applications are now open for a new MA Diasporic Dance Styles validated by Goldsmiths, University of London. The course will start in September 2024. The MA Diasporic Dance Styles is a unique low residency programme of blended online and on-campus learning and is designed for practitioners working within a diverse range of dance styles and contexts.

The MA builds on the success of the BA (Hons) Diverse Dance Styles created in 2018 and established as a collaborative partnership with Goldsmiths, since September 2023.

The inclusion of the MA will create a strong global, community of graduates and artists who although at different stages of their career will be encouraged to shape, share and define their practice.

Goldsmiths is a perfect partner for the company. The university has a history of activism, innovative courses, and positive engagement, reflecting the issues of the local community and the Borough of Lewisham as a whole. IRIE! is situated within close proximity to Goldsmiths, New Cross campus.

NEW MA DIASPORIC DANCE STYLES

Validated by Goldsmiths, University of London

A flexible low residency programme designed to support artists working within a diverse range of dance styles and contexts.

JOIN OUR PROFESSIONAL HUB – SHARE, SHAPE AND DEFINE YOUR PRACTICE WITH IRIE! dance theatre.

Course enquiries:
www.riedancetheatre.org | [e: MA@riedancetheatre.org](mailto:MA@riedancetheatre.org) | [t: 0208 6916099](tel:02086916099)

NEW FOR 2024

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EDUCATION & TRAINING

BA Diverse Dance Styles

The BA Dance students are currently preparing for their performance season.

*Year 3 Independent Dance Projects
The George Wood Theatre
Goldsmiths, University of London
25 Laurie Grove, London
SE14 6NW*

Wednesday April 17 19.30pm

Connectingvibes Tour 'In Transit'
www.connectingvibes.com*

*Friday April 19 19.30pm
George Wood Theatre*

*Tuesday May 14 Lister School
Closed Performance*

*Thursday May 16
Poplar Union 19.30pm
2, Cotall Street
Poplar E14 6TL*

*Thursday May 23
In transit – Mixed programme of BA Work
Moonshot
19.30pm*

<https://www.riedancetheatre.org/what-s-on>



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**AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN,
CONTEMPORARY
AND HIP HOP**

BA (HONS) DIVERSE DANCE STYLES

COURSE ENQUIRIES:

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IRIE! kitchen

THE CARIBBEAN FUSION CAFE

Pop in for a real coffee, pastries and snacks

**EAT IN OR
TAKE AWAY**

**20%
DISCOUNT**
if you produce this
flyer on your first
purchase



FANCY SOME LUNCH?

Why not try something from our menu?
A selection of Caribbean dishes, including vegetarian and vegan.
A selection from our menu available each day.



Opening times: 9.00am to 5.30pm
Tuesday to Friday



Come and check us out!
We're at IRIE! dance theatre,
Moonshot Centre,
Fordham Park SE14 6LU



Table of Activities

Day	Class Description	Time	Cost
Mondays	BOTH Dance: Monday Morning Ballet	10am-11:30am Full Day Workshop: 10am-5:00pm	£13.00 drop-in £10.00 with book bookings
	Muay Thai	7:00pm - 8:30pm	£15 per session £50 block booking for the month
Tuesdays	African Dance	7:30pm - 9:00pm	£6.00
Wednesdays	Moonshot Lions Dominoes Club	6:00pm - 9:00pm	FREE
	Wukup! & Wine	7:30pm - 8:45pm	£6.00
	Pañuelos Libres	7:30pm - 8:30pm	£5.00
Thursdays	Hip-Hop & Urban Dance Class	7:00pm - 8:30pm	£6.00
	Planet Hoop	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Call to Book
Saturdays	Drumology	11am - 1:00pm	£6.00

Book via our website: www.riedancetheatre.org/what-s-on



Moonshot Centre Room Hires

Call 020 8691 6099 for more information.

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