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Young Film Makers and Choreographers to Screen Work at British Film Institute Southbank

Today, One Dance UK launches its search for young dancers, film makers and choreographers with an interest in creating dance work for film. The initiative, known as U.Dance on Screen, invites young people aged 11-19 (and up to 25 for those with disabilities) to submit dance work which has especially been created for film presentation. Selected films will be presented as part of U.Dance 2019, the National Youth Dance Festival.

The U.Dance National Youth Dance Festival is a vibrant annual celebration of youth dance, with hundreds young people from across the UK coming together to present their work across one weekend in a different city in the UK. U.Dance 2019 takes place at Southbank Centre, London, on 20 and 21 July, when this iconic venue will come alive with youth dance of varied styles.

The U.Dance on Screen strand allows budding young film makers, choreographers and dancers to explore new ways of creating and performing dance that is specifically made for film, providing them with a creative outlet to explore this innovative type of work. Applicants will have the opportunity to have their work reviewed by leading dance and film industry experts. One Dance UK is delighted that selected U.Dance on Screen films will be screened at Southbank Centre and BFI Southbank across the U.Dance weekend!

Mark Reid, Head of Education at BFI Southbank, says "Here at BFI we are always looking at ways of engaging young people and allowing them to explore their creative talents within the world of film. We are thrilled to be able to support U.Dance on Screen 2019 and can't wait to see the work submitted from the next generation of film makers and choreographers."

Successful submissions will also be shared with One Dance UK's followers, with a potential reach of 100,000 followers.

U.Dance on Screen is open to any dance style or genre and previous experience of creating dance for film is not necessary. To apply visit <https://www.onedanceuk.org/programme/u-dance/u-dance-on-screen/> for more information.

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For further information and images, please contact Communications at One Dance UK, on 020 7713 0730, or comms@onedanceuk.org.

Notes to Editors

About One Dance UK

One Dance UK is the sector support organisation leading the way to a stronger, more vibrant and diverse dance sector. We provide one clear voice to:

- Support all those working in the sector to achieve excellence in dance performance, education and management
- Advocate for the increased profile and importance of dance in all its diverse forms and settings
- Enhance dancers' health, well-being and performance
- Identify gaps, provide opportunities and improve conditions for dance to be learnt, discussed and seen

We provide membership packages for a range of individuals and organisations to support, advise and connect people across the dance sector.

Our aim is to create a workforce that is well-equipped to secure dance's prominence in the cultural landscape of the future. We do this by providing services, information and opportunities for:

- Dance organisations
- All dance professionals including:
- Dance artists and choreographers
- Dance teachers, educators and practitioners
- Dance managers and producers
- Dance medicine and science/research professionals
- All children and young people.

About Southbank Centre

Southbank Centre is the UK's largest arts centre, occupying a 17 acre site that sits in the midst of London's most vibrant cultural quarter on the South Bank of the Thames. The site has an extraordinary creative and architectural history stretching back to the 1951 Festival of Britain. Southbank Centre is home to the Royal Festival Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Purcell Room and Hayward Gallery as well as the National Poetry Library and the Arts Council Collection. Southbank Centre has a number of performance and dance Associate Companies including Forced Entertainment, Shobana Jeyasingh Dance and ZooNation Youth Company and Artist in Residence Deborah Colker. For further information please visit www.southbankcentre.co.uk.

Tickets for the U.Dance National Youth Dance Festival will go onsale 4 April to Southbank Centre members and 5 April to the general public. southbankcentre.co.uk

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