# INHABIT



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...is Bluecoat's three year programme of New Dance which champions the independent dancer and includes audiences and participants from the wider community in the making and performance of new work.

Based at Bluecoat, Jo Blowers, Paula Hampson and Mary Prestidge make up the Liverpool Improvisation Collective (LIC), the dance artists behind the INHABIT programme. Their dynamic presence across the city in the past twenty years has raised the profile and made dance more visible across Liverpool and the North West.

Now under the banner of INHABIT, this leading independent dance collective is exploring new pathways for inclusive engagement with dance including workshops, performances and other events, throughout the year.

We're delighted to share the 2018 INHABIT highlights here at Bluecoat.

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## ABOUT US Workshop: The Interdisciplinary Performer

Tue 6 Mar, 6pm–9pm £8 / £6 workshop £14 / £10 combined workshop and performance

This professional development workshop with leading performer and choreographer **Jacky Lansley** and members of the company, draws on strategies and themes in *ABOUT US* which includes the individual stories of an intergenerational cast of interdisciplinary artists. Open to dancers, actors, musicians, visual and performance artists, including recent graduates.

#### ABOUT US – Jacky Lansley Performance

Thu 8 Mar, 7.30pm £8 / £6

Featuring a group of interdisciplinary artists including director/choreographer Jacky Lansley, composer Sylvia Hallett and cinematographer Roswitha Chesher, ABOUT US is a performance built around personal life experiences shared by the artists involved. Through film, soundscapes and live performance, the artists invite the audience to become a part of their own intimate world through sharing their experiences about home, homelessness, grief, joy, caring, the environment, cultural identity and gender.

#### **Family Weekend**

Sat 17 Mar – Sun 18 Mar 1pm–4pm. Free event

Bluecoat's popular Family Weekend for all ages returns with activities inspired by our exhibitions and the history of our iconic building – creative fun led by Bluecoat artists and dancers from Liverpool Improvisation Collective (LIC).

Part of BBC Get Creative.



#### Future Dancer – Lucy Suggate Workshop

Thu 10 May

5pm-6.30pm, Free event, booking required

As prelude to two evening performances of *OK Future*, **Lucy Suggate** invites dancers and non-dancers to join her research into the notion of a future dance and future body. This session involves discussion and movement and is open to all ages and abilities. Attendees will automatically be entitled to a free ticket for *OK Future*.

### OK Future – Lucy Suggate & Connor Schumacher Performance

Thu 10 May

7pm and 8.30pm £3 / £4 (free for attendees of the *Future Dancer* workshop)

Guided by a cyborg voice, *OK Future* asks us to imagine a future performance space. Part installation art, a social choreography, a movement class, a mindfulness guide, spectators are invited to watch and simultaneously make the work.

## POP-UP Duets (fragments of love) – Janis Claxton & Pippa Murphy

Friday 18 May – part of Liverpool LightNight 6pm onwards. Free, no booking required

When Adrienne O'Leary and James Southwards emerge, hand-in-hand from a crowd, they could be any young couple on a first date... POP-UP Duets is a series of 5-minute contemporary dance duets that will take over Bluecoat's building and exterior spaces as part of LightNight 2018. Transforming everyday settings into performance for unsuspecting or 'accidental' audiences, each duet is accompanied by an original soundtrack specifically composed for Bluecoat.

## CI Sundays – Contact Improvisation: open dance sessions

18 Feb / 25 Mar / 22 Apr / 27 May / 17 Jun 1pm-5pm

Class £6 / £4, Jam £3, Both Class & Jam £8 / £6

These monthly sessions are designed for people interested in movement and improvisation, either as beginners or those with more experience. Participants are welcome to attend the taught class (1–3pm) or open jam (3–5pm) as separate events or both. No booking necessary.

## Bluecoat

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