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### London's flagship outdoor touring network returns with another fun-filled summer of Outdoor Arts

Circulate returns this year taking leading national and international companies away from central London and into the neighbourhoods where Londoners live, for a range of outstanding, free, outdoor arts performances.

Expect energetic and mesmerising dance pieces from leading South Asian dance company Akademi and Barcelona-based experimental dance company Iron Skulls Co. Feel empowered by silent community marches for personal crusades in Mem Morrison Company's **Silencer**. Visit Kathy's Parlour for a hair-do in an interactive piece by Levantes Dance Theatre. Play games with the whole family with Catalanian company Guixot de 8, and visit a celestial choir of spinning sound machines created by Composer of the Year, Ray Lee.

This year Circulate resident artists Akademi, Levantes Dance Theatre and Mem Morrison Company join international companies and perform across four different boroughs: Hounslow, Enfield, Newham and Lewisham.

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### Circulate's 2017 programme

**Paradiso: Man's Enduring Search for Perfection** by Akademi brings together an international creative team and a diverse cast to produce a sensual, earthly choreography. It showcases both South Asian and Western contemporary dance and movement. Inspired by the final part of Dante's Divine Comedy, this 40-minute dance production shares common human struggles performed in an energetic celebration of dance. Dante is confronted en-route by the spiritual inhabitants of the afterlife as he finds answers to the obstacles of vanity, ambition and desire.

**Parlour** by Levantes Dance Theatre works with the Albany Young Creatives to create visually striking and playful performance using contemporary dance, immersive street theatre, design and circus. Visit Kathy's **Parlour**, seemingly closed for the weekend but who knows what you'll discover with a peek through the windows? Hang about for a 'hair-do' or relax in the waiting room and you might just meet one of our Kathys for a consultation experience like no other...with plenty of unexpected surprises along the way!

**Silencer** by Mem Morrison Company is a silent march formed by the local community resulting in an art installation in a public space. Witness local shopping streets transformed into a sea of placards as individuals march anonymously in support of their own causes and personal crusades. Centered on unity, censorship and togetherness, **Silencer** provides a platform which will enable everyone to have a voice and tell their stories or the stories of their friends and loved ones. It is a deliberate act to create something outwardly positive and to share our histories, aspirations and optimism for a better future.





**Games** by Guixot de 8 bring fun, interactive games for the whole family that have delighted audiences at some 6,500 shows in streets and squares in 30 countries across the world! Created in Catalonia, the weird and wonderful kit for the games is made from everyday objects, recycled through sheer imagination to create this unique series of interactive treats.

**Sinestesia** by Iron Skulls Company follows the journey of survivors to a safe-zone in a post-apocalyptic world. To make it, they must live and move like animals, creating a strangely beautiful new world order in which humans and nature become one. Jaw-dropping hip-hop theatre, contemporary dance and acrobatics come together in this atmospheric outdoor show.

**Chorus** by Ray Lee is a monumental installation of giant kinetic sculptures, a celestial choir of spinning sound machines, created by award-winning artist and British Composer of the Year, Ray Lee. Towering above the audience, a series of giant metal tripods support rotating arms. At the end of each arm, loudspeakers emit precisely tuned musical pitches, singing out a siren call to all those present. **Chorus** is produced by Simon Chatterton and commissioned by Newbury Corn Exchange, Brookes University and Oxford Contemporary Music. Chorus is funded by Arts Council England and PRS Foundation.

**Lifeboat** by Institute for Crazy Dancing is back by popular demand. It proved to be a summer 2016 favourite for Circulate, appearing at each of the network locations and Satellite locations, too. This year it returns at a new Satellite Location, Fairlop Fair. The Life Boat voyage has taken in over 70 locations around the UK and seen over 10000 participants through the hammocks. Hundreds across London found an antidote to the hustle and bustle of the city on The Slowest Ride on Earth. The installation aims to create a contemplative and active space: a place of exchanges between strangers, a place for people to meet each other - to talk and think.

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Circulate is London's flagship outdoor arts touring network, led by Watermans Arts Centre in Brentford and comprising the Albany in Deptford, Stratford Circus Arts Centre in Stratford and Millfield Theatre in Edmonton. Each venue has hosted a residency for an emerging artist and these support them to realise their artistic ambitions in outdoor arts. Each residency will receive £10,000 over two years with a further £5,000 each year available for audience development directly supporting their work. As well as this they will benefit from free rehearsal space, advice and mentoring from the consortium and partner ISAN.

Engagement projects this year include working with Young Creatives aged 16-25 to develop **Parlour** with Levantes Dance Theatre, holding community workshops with Mem Morrison in role-play, writing and imagination, and hosting free taster Bollywood dance workshops with Akademi.

*'London is no stranger to spectacular outdoor arts but Circulate brings these extraordinary events into local communities – not as one-off performances but as a programme designed to have lasting impact. Circulate is now in its fourth year and will be coming to new locations each year. Ultimately we will create an outer ring of venues in locations around the city bringing the best of outdoor arts to a broader range of people' – Jan Lennox, Director, Watermans Arts Centre*





*'I'm determined that all Londoners should benefit from and have the opportunity to get involved in our city's world-renowned cultural life. I'm delighted to see festivals like Circulate bringing spectacular and free outdoor art to our local neighbourhoods. London's cultural hotspots extend far beyond the city-centre - that's why I'm planning a new London Borough of Culture competition so that each year a different borough is the focus of an ambitious arts and culture programme'* -  
**The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan**

*'The Arts Council is pleased to be supporting Circulate through its Strategic Touring Programme. The project will connect artists and audiences through outdoor art created by and for communities, and it is exciting to see such high-calibre talent involved. Circulate offers an exciting potential future model for arts engagement with currently under-served audiences in our outer boroughs'* -  
**Joyce Wilson, London Area Director, Arts Council England**

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## NOTES TO EDITORS

### About Circulate

Circulate is a group of four London venues working together to bring outstanding Outdoor Arts to outer London. As well as putting on free outdoor arts events, we are building outdoor arts audiences and outdoor arts capacity in London, through community engagement and an artist development programme. The consortium is funded by Arts Council England's Strategic Touring Fund and in 2016 won a further 3-years funding to continue the programme until 2018. The consortium partners are: Watermans, The Albany, Millfield Theatre and Stratford Circus Arts Centre, with Greater London Authority (GLA) and the Independent Street Arts Network (ISAN) as partners. Our three year touring programme will appear in Hounslow, Lewisham, Enfield and Newham from summer 2016, with new locations added every year.

### Listings Information

*All events are free of charge*

### Performances in South East London

July 8 2017, 12pm-6pm: Games, Lewisham People's Day, Mountsfield Park, Catford SE6 1AN

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August 12 2017, 1pm & 2:30pm: Sinestesia, Giffin Square, Giffin Street, Deptford SE8 4RJ

September 2 2017, 2:30pm: Paradiso, Deptford Market Yard, Deptford SE8 4BX

September 29-30, 6pm, 7pm & 8pm (FRIDAY) & 1:30pm, 2:30pm & 3:30pm (SATURDAY): Chorus, Giffin Square, Giffin Street, Deptford SE8 4RJ

September 30, 2:30pm-5pm: Silencer, Outside the Moonshot Centre, Fordham Park, New Cross SE14 6LU

### Performances in West London

July 1 2017, 2pm & 3:30pm: Paradiso, Bell Square, Hounslow High Street, Hounslow TW3 3HH





August 12 2017, 12pm-4pm: Parlour, Bell Square, Hounslow High Street, Hounslow TW3 3HH

August 12 2017, 4pm-6:30pm: Silencer, Bell Square, Hounslow High Street, Hounslow TW3 3HH

October 7 2017, 2:30pm & 6:30pm: Sinestesia, Bell Square, Hounslow High Street, Hounslow TW3 3HH

November 4 2017, 10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm: Games, Bell Square, Hounslow High Street, Hounslow TW3 3HH

December 2 2017, Time TBC (keep an eye on the website): Chorus, Bell Square, Hounslow High Street, Hounslow TW3 3HH

### **Performances in North London**

August 3 2017, 11:30am & 2pm: Sinestesia, Edmonton Green Shopping Centre, North Square, Edmonton N9 0TZ

August 3 2017, 11am-3pm: Parlour, Edmonton Green Shopping Centre, North Square, Edmonton N9 0TZ

August 10 2017, 11am-3pm: Games, Edmonton Green Shopping Centre, North Square, Edmonton N9 0TZ

August 17 2017, 11am & 2pm: Paradiso, Edmonton Green Shopping Centre, North Square, Edmonton N9 0TZ

September 16 2017, 11:30am-2pm: Silencer, Edmonton Green Shopping Centre, North Square, Edmonton N9 0TZ

November 10-11 2017, 6pm-9pm (BOTH DAYS): Chorus, Outside Millfield Theatre, Silver Street, Edmonton N18 1PJ

### **Performances in East London**

July 29 2017, 12pm-4pm: Games, Theatre Square, Stratford E15 1BX

July 29 2017, 12pm-4pm: Parlour, Theatre Square, Stratford E15 1BX

August 5 2017, 2:30pm & 4:30pm: Sinestesia, North Woolwich/Silvertown (location TBC – keep an eye on our website)

August 5 2017, 12:15pm: Paradiso, North Woolwich/Silvertown (location TBC – keep an eye on our website)

September 23, 4pm-6:30pm: Silencer, Pier Parade, Pier Road, North Woolwich E16 2LJ

November 3 2017, 5:30pm, 7pm & 9:30pm: Chorus, Theatre Square, Stratford E15 1BX

### **Performances in other locations**

July 1 2017, 11am-6pm: Lifeboat, Fairlop Fair, Fairlop Waters, Forest Road, Redbridge IG6 3HN

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