GCSE Dance 1. Technical Skills					2. Physical Skills	3. Expressive Skills			
Elevation Gesture	Use of different body par Transfer of weight Filloor work	parts F	DYNAMIC CONTENT Fast/slow Acceleration/deceleration Direct/indirect	Sudden/sustaine Strong/light Flowing/abrupt	Posture	Important for projection	sence' & makes performance appear confident & sincere. weight bearing in contact work. Helps with focus &	Projection	Connects with the audience.  Builds a confident performance.  Makes a performance look sincere & committed.  Energises movement.
Turn SPATIAL CONTENT	Stillness	R	RELATIONSHIP CONTENT		Alignment		e. Helps us appear confident. Helps extension & balance. ractice in landing a jump	Focus	Makes a performance look confident & sincere.
Pathways Levels	Patterns Size of movement Spatial design	L A	Lead and follow Action and reaction Complement and contrast Contact	Mirroring Accumulation Counterpoint Formations	Balance		ness. Accents pause in music. May show character. May e/ intent. Avoids falling.		Health & safety in contact work. May show character or intent. Helps with turns.
TIMING  The use of time or counts when matching movements to sound and/or other dancers.		RHYTHMIC CONTENT Repeated patterns of sound or movem This links to timing so the aural setting		Coordination	•	xity by helping us layer different movements at the same vith contact work so we can catch & lift safely. Safely move or	<b>Spatial</b> Awareness	Helps group formations. Patterning & clear Helps floor pathways. Important contact for work.	
important accents i	Having accurate timing is important for hitting important accents in the music as well as maintaining precise unison and canon. It is also		out to make a more musical performance. It is also important for maintaining unison and canon.	Control		tion into/out of floor. Helps to support dynamic changes	Facial Expressions	Creates character. Supports narrative & intent. Can make a performance appear more confident.	
important in contact		A/AV				.Supports slow balance	v dynamic .May support character/ intent. Supports	Phrasing	Works closely with music. Allows us to feel the
MOVING IN A STYLISTICALLY ACCURATE WAY  Movements and actions relating to genre/style The genre of the dance dictates a variety of weight and dynamic qualities. Being able to perform these with accuracy makes the style identifiable and brands the			Flexibility	•	ension May create dramatic impact Enables a greater ment Helps to show clear shape Can make movements		dynamic quality of the movement. Helps show where sections start & end. May support unison/ canon.		
performance. It may also link to the music.				much bigger			Musicality	Helps create both close & distant relationships with music. Helps to express important dynamic qualities in the music. May show character/story	
Systematic repetition	4. Mental Skills - Process  Builds movement memory. Improves physical & technical skills. Improves expressive skills. Builds confidence.			Mobility	bility Helps with quick changes of direction. Enables dynamic variety. Helps smooth transitions between movements. Makes moving in and out of the floor easier.				
·	, ,		Strength		ty in contact work. Accents dynamic force in music formance. May show narrative/ intent. Supports balance	Sensitivity to other dancers	Important for safety in contact work. Important for unison and canon. Can support narrative if group relationships are key.		
Mental rehearsal	performance. We	uilds movement memory. Prepares the mind prior to erformance. We can rehearse in our heads outside of the studio to eep momentum going.		Stamina	Means we can keep going to the end. Helps build climax or character.  May support intent. A strong performance. May keep unison intact				
Rehearsal	hearsal Regular dance attendance means we don't miss important learning.		portant learning.	Extension		energy outwards. Makes shapes larger. Creates a much It performance. Helps to show clear shape	Communication	Uses all/any of the expressive skills to show	
discipline				Isolation Can support character and inte		naracter and intent. Assists with dynamic change & impact.	of Intent	narrative & meaning within a dance.	
Planning of	Planning of Being organised ensures our skills build in enough time for the final				5. Mental Skills – During performance			Uses all/any of the physical, technical & expressive skills to show variety in mood	
rehearsal					Links with Systematic Repetition so we don't forget the dance & can then use expressive skills better. Health & safety in contact work. Helps with timing				
Response to feedback	Helps us improve. Important that an outside person/video recording helps us spot where we can improve further - we may not be aware of it ourselves.		·		We can make it through to the end, no matt performer appear confident. Energy increas	natter what. Makes movement larger and more expansive. Makes ease			
Capacity to			Concentration		keeps us & our partners safe in contact work. Works with Commitment to get us from the start to the end. Helps with complex sections				
improve			Confidence we can't just 'be confident' - it takes rehear what we are doing. Makes a strong perform			rsal. It builds after using mental skills in rehearsal - so that we know mance. May support character.			

Dance Choreograph		6. Choreographic Process		Stimulus – an		8. Structuring			
Researching	Investigate	restigate background information and meaning around a chosen stimulus.		inspiration fo or mover		Binary AB		A composition in 2 parts or sections	
Improvising	To create and explore movement without any forethought or preparation.		10. Motif		Ternary ABA		A composition in 3 parts.		
Generating	Create mo	vement or	phrases from initial ideas.	Development		Rondo ABCBDB		Music or dance form with alternating & repeating sections e.g. chorus	
Selecting	Carefully choose as being the best or most suitable movement ideas.		Ways in when the ways in when the ways in which was a second to the ways a second to		Episodic	ABCD	A choreography with several sections, linked by a theme		
Developing	Elaborate or expand by manipulating and developing the movement		by manipulating and developing the movement	can be va	ried	Narrative		Dance that tells a story.	
	material.	· 		Retrogra Change le		Beginning/middle/end		Beginning, middle and end of a dance.	
Structuring	Organise tl	ise the movement material into a whole, by creating sections and a		Fragmentation Change directions		Unity		A sense of 'wholeness' or harmony	
Refining and	Perfect and	Perfect and polish.		Add action Repetiti	ons Logical se		quence	The flow of phrases or sections of a dance.	
Synthesising			Take away actions Change dynamics		Transitions		Links between dance phrases or sections.		
7. Choreographic Devices		11. Production Features		9. Relationship Content					
Motif	A movement phrase encapsulati and developed throughout the c		ent phrase encapsulating an idea that is repeated loped throughout the dance.	Performance	• Prosc	enium Lead and follow		One dancer moves, the other follows.	
Motif Development		Ways in which a movement phrase can be varied.		environments	• End st	tage nsitive	Mirroring	Performing the same action but opposite.	
Repetition		Performing the same action or phrase again.				-round	Action and reaction	When one dancer performs a movement which cause another to react.	
Contrast		Movements or shapes that have nothing in common.		Aural Setting	• Song		Accumulation	Dancers performing a series of movements and join in at different times.	
Highlights		Important moments of a dance.			• Instru • Orche		Accumulation		
Climax		The most significant moment of the dance.			• Spoke	en word e	Complement and contrast	Where dancers movements are different but similar/ when dancers movements are different style.	
Manipulation by number		How the number of dancers in a group is used.			<ul> <li>Natura</li> </ul>	al sound I sound	Counterpoint	Where dancers perform different motifs at the same time.	
Unison		Two or more dancers performing the same movement at the same time.				ssion	Contact	Physical support or touch between dancers	
Canon		When the same movements overlap in time.					Formations	Shapes or patterns created in space by dancers	

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## 12. Stimuli and Choreographic Intention

#### 13. Similarities and Differences

12	Artificial Things	Infra	Shadows	A Linha Curva	Within Her Eyes	Emancipation of Expressionism
Stimulus	<ul> <li>An isolated figure perched on a collapsed wheelchair, in a snow covered landscape - viewed from afar as if through a snowglobe.</li> <li>Paintings by Goran Djurovic.</li> <li>The dancers' personal experiences .</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>INFRA:         'below' in         Latin</li> <li>Life         beneath         the surface         of a city</li> <li>The Waste         Land         poem: by         TS Eliot</li> <li>The         London         Bombings         [mentione         d in the         interview         with         Wayne         McGregor]</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The music:         Fratres for         Violin &amp;         Piano by         Arvo Part</li> <li>The         relationship         s between         family         members as         they deal         with the         fear of an         outside         force.</li> </ul>	Brazilian     Culture     Celebratio     n of     Brazilian     Life The     title: 'The     Curved     Line'	<ul> <li>A Love         Story with a         Twist</li> <li>The dancers         can never         be         together.</li> <li>Love and         loss         Longing and         memory         Dependenc         y and         loyalty</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Til Enda [the music for Section 4]         Freedom of expression through</li> <li>hip hop movement</li> </ul>
Choreographic Intent	<ul> <li>Seeing below the surface of things</li> <li>Human relationships</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Having fun</li> <li>Men         competing         for and         showing         off to the         women</li> <li>Sense of         samba         parades</li> </ul>	• Life's limitations and resolution. The gaze of the other. Constricted within the snowglobe.	<ul> <li>An abstract tragic love story.</li> <li>The pull back towards the girl's late lover contrasted with the desire to move on.</li> </ul>	• A small family, possibly Eastern European, facing deprivation and the fear of what lies outside their home.	An emotional journey Order and chaos

## Your Formula

**S** – Stimulus, Set, Structure and Season

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L – Lighting, Location

I EPIC GANG
D – Design E – Era

E – Era G - Gender

A - Age

**F** – Fabric , Fit I – Interpret N - Narrative

C – Character G - Genre

P - Place

**C** – Colour (mood), Choreographic Intent, Clock

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#### 14. Features of Production

- •<u>STAGING/SET</u> eg projection, furniture, structures, backdrop, screens and features of these such as colour, texture, shape, decoration, materials
- •LIGHTING eg colour, placement, direction, angles etc
- •PROPERTIES eg size, shape, materials, how used etc
- •<u>COSTUME</u> (including footwear, masks, make-up and accessories): features such as colour, texture, material, flow, shape, line, weight, decoration and how they define character or gender, identify dancers, enhance or sculpt the body and enhance the action
- •<u>DANCERS</u> (number, gender)
- •<u>AURAL SETTINGS</u> eg song, instrumental, orchestral, spoken word, silence, natural sound, found sound, body percussion, style, structure and musical elements such as tone, pitch and rhythm
- •DANCE FOR CAMERA eg placement, angle, proximity, special effects

#### Stimulus

The music – Til Enda by Olafur Arnalds. The importance of being free to express yourself as an individual and through hiphop movement

#### **Aural Setting**

Urban dubstep style music. Classical sections. Repetitive beats and sounds. Repeated vocal 'The One'.

#### Dance Style

Hip-hop (poppin'

lockin' waackin'

breakin' krumpin')

Choreographer Kendrick Sandy

#### Costume

Blue t-shirts and jeans. Tattoos and jewellery. Grey trainers white sole

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## Performance

Environment Proscenium arch

## Lighting

Blue wash, blue pools, white sidelight from off stage. Purple on cyclorama.

#### Set

No set. Smoke is used. Black walls and black floor. White cyc for ending.

#### Themes

Order, chaos, unity, individuality

Choreographic

Intention

Emotional journey

A journey through life

Theme of order and

chaos

#### **Dancers**

17 9 male

## Choreographic Approach

8 female

Choreographer worked collaboratively with the dancers.

Signature motifs of the company used throughout. (Ninja motifs) Developed using devices and formations Specific attention to the aural setting - direct correlation.

#### **Costume Contributions**

Stimulus – Expressing individuality – allowance of personal jewellery, hairstyles and tattoos reflects the stimulus of expressing yourself. **Intention** – Intention of 'Order and Chaos' is shown as all dancers wearing the same creates order

**Mood** – dark coloured clothing contributes to a dark and serious mood.

Complements other components – use of blue colour complements the blue lighting

**Uniformity** – all dancers wearing the same creates uniformity Gender – costumes are gender neutral which represents equality despite of gender

**Sculpts body** – although not tightly fitted, the shapes of the sleeves allow the lower arm to be seen while performing intricate gestures. **Historical context** – clothing suggests modern day as is typical urban style seen worn from 1990's onwards.

Social context – simple costumes suggests the social context is of middle-lower social class.

## **Aural Setting Contributions**

**Stimulus** – Individuality – use of the vocal 'The One' suggests individuality and being 'one' or unique.

**Intention –** Order and Chaos – rapidly changing tempos and beats create a sense of chaos.

**Mood** – Use of classical section uplifts the mood to a hopeful one **Complements other components –** use of fluid sounding classical music complements the liquid style lighting creating a sense of being submersed in water.

Historical setting – the music starts very modern with dubstep type beats, but progresses to classical music suggesting a step back in time.

Climax – Til Enda is used as a climax for the piece contrasting with the previous sections

Structure – Each of the 4 sections has its own distinctive section of aural setting aiding the audiences following of the structure.

#### **Set Contributions**

**Stimulus** – Free to express through hip-hop – No set = no distractions from the movement

Intention – Life's journey – dark and secluded set creates a sense of a womb

**Complements other components –** dark set and floor complement the dark coloured jeans worn by the dancers

Context – dark and secluded set creates a context of a womb **Mood** – dark and secluded set creates a tense and serious mood





## **Lighting Contributions**

**Stimulus –** Freedom of expression – spotlights highlight dancers to express themselves in their own moment in the 'limelight'.

Theme – Order and Chaos – flashing lights create a sense of chaos Mood – dark intensity creates an intense mood

**Complements other components** – Blue colour complements blue costumes

**Highlights dancer** – spotlights highlights dancers in their solos Sculpts body – side light sculpts the bodies of the dancers as they scramble towards it

**Highlights dance space** – sides not lit to create a central focus, centre of the stage is lit

**Context** – blue creates a sense of liquid, as though inside a womb.





## Stimulus

*Imaginary image of a* snow covered landscape, with a person sat in a collapsed wheelchair. This is observed from afar as though inside a snow globe. Paintings by Goran Diurovic. Dancers' own

experiences.

#### Themes

Life's limitations, memories, own experiences

#### Choreographic Intention

Coming to terms with life's limitations.

Constricted within a snow globe

Living with individual regrets

#### **Aural Setting**

Mostly piano. Futuristic feel. Individual notes played one at a time Sunshine of your smile Slow tempo

## Choreographic Approach

Choreographer worked collaboratively with the dancers. Choreographer initiates work through choreographic tasks. Movement was inspired by Laura and her use of the wheelchair, then adapted to able bodied dancers.

#### Set

Heavy backdrop with paint streaming down Collapsed wheelchair Fake white snow on the floor. Glass cabinet on its side filled with fake snow Two stools. Headless mannequin



## Dance Style

Inclusive contemporary

## Choreographer Lucy Bennett

#### Costume

Have colours streaming down. Fitted dress, suit jacker, trousers, vests, pedestrian in style

## Performance Environment

Proscenium arch

# Lighting

White light, warmer lights, use of orange, blue wash

2 male 2 female

**Dancers** 

#### **Costume Contributions**

**Stimulus** – paintings – streaming colours down the costumes of the able bodied dancers and Dave highlights the use of the same technique in the paintings.

Intention - life's limitations - the different costume worn by Laura singles her out, as though she is fighting against conforming or battling against regrets.

Mood – dull colours in the costumes contributes to the sad mood **Complements other components –** the colours streaming in the costumes complement the colours streaming in the backdrop

**Uniformity** – the colours streaming in three of the dancers' costumes creates uniformity

Gender – the able bodied female dancer wears a dress, signifying her female gender.

Sculpts body - Laura's vest top is tight to her body and reveals her arms and shoulders, sculpting and enhancing her upper body.

## **Aural Setting Contributions**

**Stimulus** – snow globe – individual notes played represent individual snowflakes falling and landing on the ground.

**Intention –** life's regrets – low and dull notes create an uneasy tension, suggesting life's regrets.

Mood – slow and sustained notes create a sorrowful mood **Complements other components –** low notes create a sorrowful mood and complement the lighting which enhances a sad mood too. Historical context – futuristic sounds created by the piano create a sense of time moving into the future, suggesting a modern or futuristic historical setting.

Geographical context - the sound effects of walking through snow suggest a landscape covered in snow.

#### **Set Contributions**

Stimulus – paintings by Goran Djurovic – colour streams down as seen in the paintings

Intention – life's limits – use of headless manneguin shows you can have a whole body but not be able to move

Mood – dull use of colour suggests a sorrowful mood

Complements other components – paint streamed backdrop complements paint streamed costumes

Geographical context – use of fake snow suggests the geographical context of a snow covered urban landscape

Creates levels – the vitrine on its side and stools creates levels for the dancers to create the portrait photo

**Incorporated into action –** collapsed wheelchair is used by able bodied and disabled dancers as part of the movement as they piece it together

#### **Lighting Contributions**

Stimulus - white lighting on the fake snow highlights snow globe, **Stimulus** – warm lighting reflects lights of homes against a white city landscape

Intention - Overcoming life's limits. Lighting is limited, only simple use of one type of lighting at a time reflects this.

Complements other components – White lighting complements the white fake snow used on the floor of the stage.

**Highlights dancer –** The spotlight used on Dave's solo highlights him. Highlights dance space – shaft of light across the stage highlights the fake snow and creates a path.

Sculpts body - The spotlight sculpts the upper body of Dave and sculpts Laura's legs.

**Mood** – The dark intensity of the lighting combined with blue wash highlights a sorrowful mood.

**Geographical Context** – use of blue and suggests an urban landscape with a blue sky, covered in snow with warm lighting coming through the windows.

Stimulus Fratres for violin and piano. European history. Family relationships and dynamics. Unseen but present force outside.

## **Aural Setting**

Violin and piano. No breaks in tempo. Broken cords, staccato sounds. Continuous fast paced section, contrasted by slower sections.

#### Dance Style

Modern dance. Classical Christopher Bruce and contemporary

## Costume

Simple shirts, skirts, trousers and dresses. 1930s-40s in style.

Shoes and coats added.

## Performance Environment

End Stage to create sense of a room. Dark intensity.

Lighting White light only. Used

Worn looking table, bench, two stools, coat stand and suitcase

Set

Themes

Family dynamic, fear, poverty, depravity

Choreographic

Intention

#### **Dancers**

2 male 2 female

# Choreographic

A small family coming to terms with deprivation, poverty and the realisation of what lies outside their family home.

# Approach

Bruce worked collaboratively with the dancers. Ideas started from a family sitting at a table. Use of the furniture. Anxiety of the music. Each dancer had a voice in the family to tell their story.

#### Use of Camera

Mid shots to view the distressed facial expression of son – positioned DSR. Long shots to view travelling pathways to DSR corner from table. Mid shot to enhance the poignancy of dancers walking into light



#### **Costume Contributions**

dance. 'Neo-classical'

**Stimulus** - design of the costumes highlight the European history as this was typical dress for the era

Choreographer

Intention –drab and dreary colours used highlights the intention of poverty. **Mood** –dull colours in the costuming highlight a sad and dull mood.

Complements other components –worn out complement the worn of textures of the set design such as the table and stools.

Historical context -clothing typically worn in the 1930's

**Social context** –dull colours and use of oversized coats for the children suggest the family are of a low social status and poor.

**Gender** – females wear skirts or dresses and males wear trousers and shirts to highlight their gender

Age –daughter wears a child-like smock dress and the son does not wear a waistcoat to highlight their younger age

**Highlights character** – the different costuming for each character highlights which member of the family each of them are. For example the father wears a waistcoat to signify he is an elder.

Sculpts body –tight fitted to the tops of the body to allow contact work to be safe and the lines of the arms to be seen

#### **Aural Setting Contributions**

Stimulus - high pitched, eerie and erratic tempo highlights the sense of an outside force, with some specific sections sounding very much like something could be banging on the door trying to enter

Intention – Eastern Europe family – the music is typical of Eastern Europe, the composer is also from Eastern Europe which adds to the intention of a European family.

**Mood** – The low notes and broken chords create a sombre, sad and sorrowful mood.

**Complements other components** – The use of European style music complements the European style costumes

Historical Context – The piece was composed in 1977, but was inspired by earlier classical work and sounds similar to some war-time classical music which is of the same era as this piece.

**Geographical Context** – The composer is from Estonia which is in Eastern Europe, this influence contributes to the geographical context of the work being set in Easter Europe

#### **Set Contributions**

Stimulus - Table and chairs create a sense of a family home **Intention** –all worn out and drab, highlighting the idea or poverty Mood –black box type stage creates a dark, sinister atmosphere **Complements other components** –worn out and drab table and chairs complement the dull and drab costumes of the dancers.

Historical context -table, stools, coat stand and suitcase all look old fashioned and worn, highlighting historical context of 1930's Europe.

**Context** – set depicts the context of a family home.

**Social context** – set suggests the family are living in poverty. **Creates levels** – table is used to create levels when the daughter stands

Narrative – The table, chairs and coat stand highlight the narrative of a family home, the suitcase enhances the narrative idea of the family wanting to flee from the troubles outside the home.

**Incorporated into action** – The table is moved by the son towards the door and hidden behind, therefore incorporated into the action rather than just static set.

#### **Lighting Contributions**

**Stimulus** – poverty – lack of lighting suggests an poverty stricken family with little electricity

Intention – forces unknown outside – lighting towards downstage right shows where the force is coming from

Mood – dark intensity creates a sinister and scary mood

Complements other components – simple lighting complements simple set

**Highlights dancer** – side lights highlight dancers as they move into the light

**Sculpts body** – side lights sculpt the lines of the female's body as they perform contemporary movement

**Context** – side lights create a sense of a room lit by candles

Brazilian culture Celebrating the Brazilian way of life

Stimulus

## <u>Set</u>

No set: black tabs and black floor Raised platform at the back of the stage to elevate the samba band Skateboards used to travel across the stage

## Choreographic Intention

Just have fun With contradictions How Brazilian men communicate with women - hunting in packs Men showing off/competing with each other

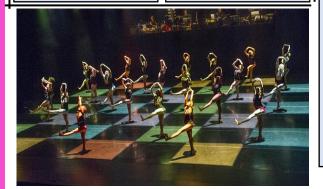
**Aural Setting** Played live. Samba percussion band. Repetitive drums. Vocals from dancers at the beginning (male) and the middle (all) Very loud

## Choreographic Approach

Worked collaboratively with the dancers. Motifs created using improvisation. Dancers were created a solo of their favourite moves within an allocated square. Motifs and sequences were named after the dancers. Motifs and sequences then learnt by everyone to create ensemble work.

#### Themes

Carnival, relationships between men and women



#### Dance Style Choreographer Capoeira, samba

Itzik Galili

## Costume

Black mesh tops, bright coloured neon hot pants (lycra), matching zip

Performance Environment End Stage

Lighting Overheard. Chequerboard, bright colours, white shaft

28 15 male 13 female

Dancers

#### **Costume Contributions**

and contemporary

**Stimulus** – Brazilian way of life – colours of the shorts reflect the colours of Brazilian carnivals

**Intention** – Just have fun – the costumes are tight fitted allowing the movement to be performed to its maximum, enhancing the 'just have fun' intention.

**Mood** – colours of the costumes reflect a bright and happy mood. **Complements other components** – colours of the shorts complement the colours of the lighting

**Sculpts body** – costumes are tight fitting sculpting the body **Uniformity** – costumes are the same creating uniformity Gender – metal collars highlight the male gender in the opening. Slashes in the torso highlight their masculinity.

## **Aural Setting Contributions**

**Stimulus** – Brazilian culture – Samba bands portray traditional Brazilian style music

**Intention** – Just have fun – rapid tempo and use of vocals where dancers 'feel the moment' creates a sense of fun and excitement. Mood - High energy tempo creates a happy and vibrant mood **Complements other components –** Use of samba style music complements the carnival coloured lighting and carnival inspired costumes.

**Geographical context** – Live samba band creates a sense of being immersed in Brazil

Climax - Re-introduction of fast samba beats with vocals after narrative section creates a sense of climax

Contrast - narrative section in the middle with slower, deeper and longer notes creates a contrast from the rapid drumming of the ensemble sections

## **Set Contributions**

Stimulus - Brazilian way of life

Intention - Just have fun

**Mood** - Exciting

**Complements other components –** Black set and floor complement black costumes

**Context** – Stage creates a sense of a live performance at a carnival Creates levels – stage elevates the band and makes them a part of the performance

**Incorporated into action – Skateboards used by dancers to travel** across the stage

## **Lighting Contributions**

Stimulus – Brazilian way of life – colours reflect colours of Brazil and carnivals

Intention – Just have fun – checkerboard moving erratically around the stage as the dancers keep up with the pre-programmed lighting enhances the fun aspect.

**Mood** – Lighting reflected from the collars enhances an unpredictable and fun mood

Highlights dancer – Spotlights used in solo and duet sections highlight each dancer

**Highlights dance space** – Checkerboard creates a dance space which each dancer must stay in

Sculpts body – Lighting sculpts the bodies of the dancers and enhances movement

**Geographic context** – colours connote the colours of the Brazilian flag – green, blue, yellow

**Complements other components** – colours of light complement the colours of the costumes

#### Stimulus Life beneath the surface of a city. Human interactions. "Under the brown foa of a winter dawn. / A crowd flowed over London Bridge, so many." T.S. Eliot: The Wasteland 7/7 bombings.

Aural Setting String instruments, electronic sounds and everyday sounds such as train whistles

## Choreographer Wayne McGregor

Costume Fitted shorts, vests, t-shirts in flesh, black, grey. One female dancer wears a wrap-around skirt. One male dancer wears arch/theatrical long trousers. setting

## Performance Environment Proscenium

Lighting White, green, orange, blue, dark intensity throughout, side lights, 6 white rectangles.

# Dance Style

<u>Set</u> Contemporary Ballet Black stage and floor 18M LED screen showing animated figures walking across

## Themes

Relationships, seeing below the surface, human interactions

Choreographic

## **Dancers**

12 6 male 6 female

# Choreographic

Intention Seeing below the surface Types of relationships Pedestrian language Open for interpretation

## Approach SHOW

MAKE

TASK Choreographer worked collaboratively with the dancers. Sections then put together to create sentences, paragraphs and finally pieced together with the accompaniment.

## **Costume Contributions**

**Stimulus** – Life beneath a city – monochrome colours used to reflect the dark and depressing nature of those living below the poverty line in a city.

Intention – Seeing below the surface – top of the body is covered and bottom exposed is many of the costumes, giving a sense of focus on the legs of the dancers, which could reference 'below' or the 'bottom'.

**Mood** – Dull, monochrome colours create a dark and serious mood. Complements other components – The use of monochrome coloured costumes complement the use of white lighting.

Sculpts body – The tight fitting costumes and bare legs sculpt the lines of the dancers' bodies.

Uniformity – The use of black shorts for most of the dancers creates a sense of uniformity

**Gender** – one male dancers wears trousers but no top to highlight his masculinity and male gender

## **Aural Setting Contributions**

Stimulus –The use of everyday sound such as a train whistle highlights the stimulus of 'life below the surface of a city' as this is a typical everyday sound you would hear when living or working in a city. **Intention** – The use of sound effects such as the sound of a train passing highlights the intention of 'life below the surface' as it sounds the sound is similar to if you were stood under a rail bridge listening to trains passing over.

**Mood** – the use of string instruments creates a sombre and sad mood. **Complements other components** – the use of classical strong instruments complements the classical ballet style of the piece **Structure** – the aural setting works with the lighting to support each section of the work, informing the audience of the structure of the piece.

#### **Set Contributions**

**Stimulus** – Life beneath the surface – dancers literally performing below the surface of the LED screen.

Intention – Human interactions – lack of set underneath the screen enhances the focus on the dancers and their interactions with one another

**Mood** – darkness with light only focusing on dancers' bodies creates a serious mood

**Complements other components –** black set and white lights on the LED screen complement the monochrome costumes

**Geographical context** – the LED screen has animations of everyday people walking across, suggesting a city location.

**Context** – as they are underneath the screen, the location could be dwellers who live in basements or homeless people who live under bridges.

#### **Lighting Contributions**

**Stimulus** – Beneath the surface – lights light the floor only suggesting 'below' or 'low'

**Intention** – Human interactions – lighting used to light the duets dancing and no other space, so that whole focus is on the interactions between the dancers

**Mood** – Intense – use of dark lighting creates an intense mood **Complements other components** – use of white lights to light dancer's bodies complement the monochrome costumes.

**Sculpts bodies** – white light sculpts the bodies of the dancers Highlights dancer – dancers are specifically lit to highlight them amongst a black stage

**Highlights dance space** – white rectangles dictate dance space.











Stimulus Love story with a twist. Personal experiences/well known narratives.

Aural Setting Electronic elements, strings and piano creates a haunting and emotive accompaniment.

Dance Style Contemporary / Contact work

Choreographer James Cousins

Costume F – beige skirt and shirt M – Khaki jeans and jumper Everyday clothing

Performance Environment Site-sensitive

Lighting Natural light, daytime and night time

Locations Graveyard, hilltop (vast/open), quarry, woods, long arass

#### Themes

Love, loss, dependency, loyalty, longing and memory

Choreographic

Intention

The main intention is

to convey the

narrative of the two

characters by

translating the

emotional intensity

and visceral energy of

the original stage

show, portraying an

abstract love story.

## **Dancers**

1 Male - Aaron

1 Female - Lisa

## Choreographic Approach

Choreography used from stage production of 'There We Have Been'. Physical idea of the female dancer never touching the floor. Collaboration with the dancers through improvisation.

#### Use of Camera

Wide variety of shots including far away (secret observer), close up faces, long shots, panning, hand held camera used in the final section giving a raw and unstable feeling.



## **Costume Contributions**

Stimulus – everyday clothes portray everyday people go through love and loss.

**Intention** – the skirt's flowing nature is romantic but also wraps around the male at times, symbolising the romantic love story.

**Mood** – earthy and dull colours used in the costumes highlight the sad and depressing mood

**Complements other components** – earthy colours complement the earthy landscapes

**Gender** – female wears a skirt to highlight gender whilst the trousers signify the male's gender.

**Sculpts body** – jeans and jumper of the male dancer sculpt his body to clearly see lines

**Highlights character** – the skirt worn by the female highlights her feminine character

**Historical context** - clothes are modern stylised clothes.

#### **Aural Setting Contributions**

**Stimulus** sounds create a sense of a sinister and sad story – depicting the emotions of the

**Intention** - use of piano and strings create a romantic feeling **Mood** – haunting undertones of strings create sad and intense Complements other components – haunting sounds of the strings and violins complement the haunting, dark lighting

Narrative – each section of the accompaniment matches the scenes of the narrative becoming darker and more twisted, sections previously heard are repeated but developed with lower notes to complement the narrative of a dark, twisted love story.

**Structure** – each section of the accompaniment flows seamlessly into the next highlighting the structure of the piece with a prologue and 6 sequential sections following.

## **Set Contributions**

Stimulus – prologue sees the female dancer in a graveyard, emphasising loss.

**Intention** changing locations become progressively more intimate, highlighting the intimacy of a love story.

Mood – enclosed spaces highlight intense and passionate **Complements other components –** dreary colours of the landscapes complement dull lighting and earthy colours of costumes.

**Geographical context** –literally set in a variety of geographical landscapes

Historical context – images in the prologue show an abandoned town and graveyard, which could be in modern day as the architecture although not modern, is still seen in towns today. Narrative – the changing settings enhances the narrative of a relationship moving through time.

#### **Lighting Contributions**

Stimulus – love story with a twist – impending darkness suggests a dark and twisted love story

**Intention** – intimacy and passion – growing darkness suggests growing dark feelings between the dancers

Mood – darkness suggests a deep, dark and passionate mood **Complements other components** – dull lighting complements the dull colours in the setting and costumes

**Time of day** – Begins early evening, progressing to late evening





