

## Unmute Dance Company to represent SA at 2021 Edinburgh Festival Carnival in Scotland

The Artscape Theatre has selected Unmute Dance Company to represent South Africa at Scotland's largest three-day multicultural celebration, the Edinburgh Festival Carnival, from 16 to 19 July 2021.

The event features international artists including musicians, dancers, poets, acrobats, jugglers and cooks.



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The Artscape Theatre as a partner in the festival carnival and its long-standing relationship with Giles Agis gets to select a company to provide performance while also sending two artists to complete a three month European Voluntary Service at Edinburgh, which includes workshops and working together with other young artists from across the globe in putting the festival carnival together.

Unmute, a South African-based inclusive dance company of artists with mixed abilities/disabilities and its star cast including Yaseen Manuel, Andile Vellem, Nadine Mckenzie, Siseko Mvulo and Ditebogo Lelaletshe will be presenting an exploration work showcasing integration in a fun artistic way.

The company will be participating in the carnival for the first time, which comes at no better time as Artscape and its various associated companies join hands in celebrating the theatre's 50th anniversary this year.

Due to the global Covid pandemic, this year's carnival will be delivered as a free online event featuring performers from all over the world – which will be streamed on the festival's various platforms. The three-day programme includes performances, workshops and even a cooking demonstration, celebrating everything that makes Edinburgh a colourful, vibrant, multicultural hub of dancing, drumming, circus, street theatre, masks, puppets, costumes, brass bands, parade bands, folk arts and sheer spectacle.

