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In the next 45 minutes:

- Magpie Dance introduction
- Performance
  - ***Human Not Statistic***
- Dancers tell you about their involvement with the company
- Performance
  - ***Speak Up!***
- Workshop led by our dancers
- Q&A



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## Participation



**“This term has been our first experience of Magpie, and I just wanted to feed back how wonderful it has been! Oliver has thoroughly enjoyed the classes which are led by such kind and patient people. It's been great for him to be able to attend a club independently with his peers and we are thrilled at how much he has enjoyed it. Please share our thanks with the team.”**

**Parents of Magpie Junior dancer**

# Participation

**In 2024, Magpie Dance delivered over 500 sessions in Bromley giving over 100 people with learning disabilities access to regular exercise and creativity.**

- Classes are suitable for all ages and abilities from 3+ years.
- We deliver in-person, online and hybrid sessions to reach more people.
- Currently offer 17 different classes every week during term time (30 weeks per year).
- 21 days of Holiday schools during Easter and Summer holidays
- A combination of creative and technique focused classes including contemporary, ballet and body conditioning.



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# Artistic Themes and Performance



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# Artistic Themes and Performance

In 2024-25 work from *Our People* which explored social history of learning disabilities was shared via multiple live and digital performances :

- Over 150 dancers with learning disabilities took part in over 60 live performances across London
- Magpie dancers were watched by over 5,000 people
- Created multiple films shared on YouTube channel (21,000 views)
- Magpie's Dance film, *Kingdom*, which looks at animals in their natural habitats was selected for over 30 international film festivals and was shown in Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Slovakia, Spain, UK and USA and the Budapest National Dance Center in Romania.

**“My daughter was amazing! You are all amazing! I was so proud watching her dancing on the stage at The Churchill to a sold out theatre. Children like ours, don't have opportunities like this. So, thank you.”**

**Parent of Magpie Junior dancer**

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Training



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## Training

Progression routes through the company, are provided to our dancers:

- Dancer Development Course
- Peer Mentor Scheme
- Ambassadors programme
- Dancers' Committee

We offer training to external dance artists via:

- placements for Royal Academy of Dance (RAD)
- Continued Professional Development (CPD) for established artists
- Volunteer programme

In 2024, Magpie Dance provided:

- 18 volunteers the chance to increase and develop their skills
- 50 artists training sessions to make their work more inclusive
- 100 work opportunities for our Ambassadors to work (80 paid sessions)

**"Today was my first time working with people with learning disabilities – I learnt a lot. How to keep focus of many different people – there is not always one way that is effective. The amount of adjusting was unexpected and challenging (in a good way). I mustn't be scared to deviate from a plan! The Magpie team were super helpful."**

**Jazper Narvarez, dancer with Akram Khan company**



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Community  
Outreach

We deliver sessions in a range of community settings including SEN schools and colleges; day centres; youth and social clubs and NHS services. We arrange trips and days of dance for our dancers, friends and families to enjoy together.

To date in 2025, we have provided:

- 161 sessions to over 763 people in the local community.
- Workshops for over 1,000 children and young people in SEN schools
- Over 70 enrichment opportunities, including trips to shows and museums and dance workshops with visiting artists.

**“Thank you to each and every one on your artists, they are super skilled and super lovely humans. The Ambassadors are really amazing at being role models for our students. The full drum kit makes the sessions feel extra special and it’s a really unique thing for the pupils to experience.”**

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# Community Outreach



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# Partnerships and Collaborations



In 2024-25, we collaborated with over 50 organisations to deliver activities, develop skills of Magpie dancers and to increase inclusivity and accessibility within the sector. Some of our partners include:

- **Local:** Churchill Theatre, Bromley Little Theatre, Bromley Central Library
- **Regional:** South East London National Health Service
- **National:** Royal Opera House
- **International:** Martha Graham Dance Company (USA); Propeller Dance (Canada) and Arts with the Disabled Association (Hong Kong)

**“Magpie Dance for me, is just brilliant. They are such a wonderful company of professional dancers really. They embody everything that we throw at them. It’s always been just fantastic and positive to work with Magpie Dance, so let’s do it again!”**

**David Pickering MBE, Royal Opera House**

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Now it's your turn...

Let's get moving!

# Name and Shape

## with Hannah

**Warm-up - slow**  
with Owain

**Warm-up - fast**  
with Annie

# Warm-up - stretch with Lauren

# Creative task with Daisy



**Cool down**  
with Alice

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