**RACHEL LAIRD**07772474840 | rachellairddance@gmail.com
Rachel is a passionate and playful performer from Scotland. She utilises her focus, articulation, and voice work to make her movement expressive and full bodied. Rachel is interested in using improvisation, physical theatre & contact work to try and relate and portray her experiences to others.
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE 2024 – 2018 (In order of relevance)
**English National Opera** – *The Turn of The Screw* ’24 and *Orphée* Phillip Glass ’19 - London Coliseum **Highly Sprung** – *CASTAWAY* (outdoor performance) UK Tour ’22, ’23 & ‘24
**Next Door Dance** – *The Beautiful Game* South England Tour ‘22
**Tess Letham Dance –** *Remedy for Memory* Edinburgh Fringe Programme Launch ‘22
**Page One Theatre** – *Rise and Fall* UK Tour ’22 (Children’s Dance Theatre-Stage Manager and Understudy performer)
**Abby Warrilow** – Hidden Door ’23 Dance film and live performance *Carbon Copy***Levantes Dance Theatre** – *High Tea (With a Twist)* (Outdoor performance) at Sutton-by-Sea ’24, Trafalgar Square + Artsdepot ’22. *Walkabout* Chelsea Arts Club Gala, Smallest Festival in The World Proteus + Bartholomew festival London ‘23
**Ròisìn O’Brien** **Dance (Performer and Rehearsal Director)** – *Parliament of Ghosts* Hidden Door ’22 + *A Falling Ballet* Hidden Door ’21*,* Scratch Night Summer Hall, Pianodrome Lunchtime sessions, Ed Fringe’19
**Garsington Opera –** *Eugene Onegin* Tchaikovsky. Garsington Opera ‘21
**Peut-Être** **Theatre** – *SHHH..Bang*! China Tour ‘19 – ‘20 + *Tidy Up* (UK) ’20 (Children’s Dance Theatre) **Sliding Doors Collective (Co-Founder)** – ACE Funded Film R&D ’22/’23 + *Penthouse Hickies* at Resolution Festival ‘20, DanceLive’20, Dumfries & Galloway Arts Festival ’20, Heads Up Ed Fringe’19 + Rising Tides’19
**Rachel Laird** – Unbind in Softness R&D solo The Work Room Glasgow– **Physical/dance theatre solo with clay**
**Collaboration project w/ artist Latifah A Stranack and Rachel Laird (Choreographer + Performer)** – Art Exhibition Peroformance Copeland ’24, Dance Film ’23 + Art Gallery Performance at the OXO Tower, London
**Alison Thomas Creative (Dramaturg and Rehearsal Director)** – London R&D Apr ’22 + Nov ‘22 **A Truefitt Collective** – *Magical Minds* North London Schools Tour ’21 + *We Never Arrive* R&D ’19
**Jamie Neale –** *Here But Know Where* Performer, Fashion Dance Film ‘20
**Amber Kim** – *REPURPOSE* Exhibition **(Choreographer and Performer)** Fashion Show, London ‘19 **The Natashas Project** -*On Demand* + *Natashas* London tour ‘19 **FOUND DANCE** – Site Specific performances at Our City Dances ‘19 South East Dance + Farley’s Surrealist Picnic ‘21 **Van Huynh Company** - *Under This Weight* Dance Bridges Festival Kolkata, India **The Yonis** - *#Girlswhospittogetherstaytogether* Ed Fringe’18, Dance Base + London
**Dua Lipa** – Houdini (Music Video ’23)
**Private Agenda** – *Neo Nostalgia* (Music Video **Dancer and Choreographer** ‘21)
**Mary Middlefield** – *Sexless* (Music video ’23) **Hilang Child** – *Good To Be Young* (Music Video ‘20) **Cuckoolander** - *Mercury (Music Video ‘18)*

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE (other)

**Hagit Yakira** – *GO,* Scottish Tour

**Theo Clinkard** - *Alert to the voices of others*, Scottish Tour

**Theo TJ Lowe** – *He–Sha* Commissioned work performed at Laban London

**Martha Graham** – Restaging of *Panorama* by Jacqueline Bulnes performed at Laban London

**Heidi Rustgaard (H2 Dance)** – *Groups and Landscapes* commissioned work at Laban + tour across London

**Yael Flexer** - *Vortex + Re|Place (Or the thing I miss most),* NYDC Scotland toured to UK, Ireland, and India

**Matthew Robinson** – *Office*, Scottish Tour

**Lizzie Kew Ross** – Performance Project Laban

**Gavin Coward** -*The art of letting go* Directed by **Liv Lorent**. Scottish Tour

**Thomas Small** - *BBC Radio 2 Shakespeare Shuffle*, BBC Radio 2 Artists in Residence Dance Film on the London Eye.

**Marc Brew** – *EQ Dance!* Collaborative project with Edinburgh String Quartet, performed in Edinburgh.

TRAINING

**Copenhagen Contemporary Dance School** Post Graduate Diploma Contemporary Dance

**Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and** Dance BA (HONS) Degree Contemporary Dance

**Scottish School of Contemporary Dance** HND Contemporary Dance

PLACEMENT
Rob Heaslip Dance FREAGRA | A Blurred Expanse
BalletLorent R&D Rumpelstiltskin + assisting family workshops at Sadler’s Wells