

Call Out For Dancers:

New Project with Salma Ataya and Belfast International Arts Festival

Belfast International Arts Festival has engaged Palestinian dance artist, Salma Ataya, to create a new work for our 2025 edition. This new work is part of a dance exchange programme with D-CAF (Downtown Contemporary Arts Festival) in Cairo and Ramallah Contemporary Dance Festival in Palestine, funded by the British Council.

Salma Ataya



We are looking for dancers to collaborate on a new project to be made and initially performed at the Crescent Arts Centre, Belfast on 31 October and 1 November 2025. It is likely that the work will tour to Cairo and Ramallah in 2026/7.

Salma would like to meet local dancers in an audition workshop to be held at The Crescent Arts Centre on Thursday 29 May, commencing at 10am and running through to mid-afternoon. She is specifically interested in meeting;

- Contemporary dancers with strong physical understanding
- Comfortable with improvisation
- Able to follow imagination and sensations
- Good partnering skills
- Curiosity and openness to exploration

Out of the workshop, three dancers will be offered a paid engagement to develop, rehearse and perform the work in Belfast as follows;

- Initial development week in Belfast in September 2025
- Rehearsals in Belfast from week commencing 6 October 2025
- Performances at Crescent Arts Centre, Belfast on 31 October and 1 November 2025

To apply, please email recruitment@belfastinternationalartsfestival.com and state "Audition/workshop" in the subject bar. You should include:

- A short biography/CV
- A video link showcasing your work (Vimeo or YouTube preferred)

In addition to the above please send us a one-minute video of your dancing, preferably facing the camera, so we can see who you are as well as how you move. Should you feel inspired, please also include a short video of you speaking, singing or reading a text. From this process of selection, a small group of dancers will be invited to a workshop on 29 May 2025.

Application deadline: 5pm, Friday 23 May 2023.