

## DANCE DIRECTORY

### DANCE ORGANISATIONS

**Name:** Add Up Group NI

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**Tel:** 07511 761 467

**Description:**

Charitable group helping autistic and ADHD families with legal and art therapy and education matters

**Website:** [www.addupgroupni.com](http://www.addupgroupni.com)

**Name:** Arts Ekta

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**Tel:** 028 9031 0125

**Description:**

Community Arts organisation that promotes ethnic arts in the community

**Website:** [www.artsekta.org.uk](http://www.artsekta.org.uk)

**Name:** Belfast Unbound

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**Description:**

Belfast unbound is an events company that runs classes in Burlesque, as well as putting on variety and music shows.

**Website:** [www.belfastunbound.com](http://www.belfastunbound.com)

**Name:** The Clarke School of Dancing

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**Description:**

Ballroom, Latin, Argentine Tango, Hip hop classes. Adult and children, beginner to advanced.

**Website:** [www.clarkeschoolofdancing.co.uk](http://www.clarkeschoolofdancing.co.uk)

**Name:** Crescent Arts Centre

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**Telephone:** 028 9024 2338

**Description:**

Arts Centre providing extensive range of dance classes

**Website:** [www.crescentarts.org](http://www.crescentarts.org)

**Name:** Dance Ireland

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**Telephone:** 01 8558800

**Description:**

Dance Ireland is a national resource organisation dedicated to the development and promotion of professional dance and choreography practice in Ireland.

**Website:** [www.danceireland.ie](http://www.danceireland.ie)

**Name:** Dance UK

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Rosebery Avenue, London EC1R 4QT

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**Telephone:** 020 7713 0730

**Description:**

As the national voice for dance, Dance UK advocates and lobbies to promote the importance and needs of dance. It is a membership organisation that works to create a diverse, dynamic and healthy future for dance.

**Website:** [www.danceuk.org](http://www.danceuk.org)

**Name:** Dance United Northern Ireland

**Contact:** Mags Byrne

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**Description:**

Working through contemporary dance, Dance United Northern Ireland delivers a wide range of workshops and projects with people of all ages and abilities.

**Website:** [www.danceunitedni.com](http://www.danceunitedni.com)

**Name:** Echo Echo Dance Theatre Company

**Contact:** Ailbe Beirne (Company Manager)

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**Telephone:** 02871 34 22 66

**Description:**

Contemporary dance company and dance studio with extensive production, touring and education programme.

**Website:** [www.echoecho.com](http://www.echoecho.com)

**Name:** Friends Dance

**Contact:** Cara Hamilton / Jennifer Kimber

**Address:** Co. Down

**Email:** [cara@friendsdance.org.uk](mailto:cara@friendsdance.org.uk) / [jen@friendsdance.org.uk](mailto:jen@friendsdance.org.uk)

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**Description:** Community dance working with local children and their families, teaching fun dance classes and additional activities and working towards two annual showcases.

**Website:** [www.friendsdance.org.uk](http://www.friendsdance.org.uk)

**Name:** King Street Arts

**Contact:** Sophie Rasmussen (Project Coordinator)

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**Description:** King Street Arts facilitates rehearsal space for all styles of Dance. The organisation also provides a quarterly programme, consisting of arts workshops and events and this includes a Flamenco dance course.

**Website:** [www.kingstreetarts.com](http://www.kingstreetarts.com)



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**Name: Maiden Voyage**

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**Description:** Maiden Voyage works with local, national and international artists and organisations to bring the best of contemporary dance performance and practice to audiences across Northern Ireland and beyond.

**Website:** [www.maidenvoyagedance.com](http://www.maidenvoyagedance.com)

**Name: Salsa and Swing Belfast**

**Contact:** Richard Turner

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**Description:**

Salsa and Swing Belfast focus on the development of social dancing through Salsa, West Coast Swing, Lindy Hop and Jive. The company has been organising dance events and classes for the past eight years and are available for teaching and performing.

**Website:** [www.salsabelfast.com](http://www.salsabelfast.com) [www.swingbelfast.com](http://www.swingbelfast.com)

**Name: University of Ulster, Dance Department**

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**Description:**

Dance Degree Programme, single subject, major or minor. Focussing on a range of Contemporary Dance techniques and professional studies.

**Website:** [www.ulster.ac.uk](http://www.ulster.ac.uk)

## VENUES

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Belfast BT2 7HR

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**Description:**

**Website:** [www.goh.co.uk](http://www.goh.co.uk)

**Name: Island Arts Centre**

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**Address:** Lagan Valley Island,  
Lisburn BT27 4RL

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**Telephone:** 028 9250 9509

**Description:**

Island Arts Centre is a leading multi-arts venue situated in Lisburn.

**Website:** [www.islandartscentre.com](http://www.islandartscentre.com)

**Name: Building The MAC**

**Contact:** Áine McVerry

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**Telephone:** 028 9023 5053

**Description:**

The MAC (The Metropolitan Arts Centre), Belfast's new arts centre, will be a world class home for the arts in the heart of Belfast's Cathedral Quarter when it opens at the end of 2011.

**Website:** [www.buildingthamac.com](http://www.buildingthamac.com)

## INDIVIDUAL DANCE ARTISTS & TEACHERS

**Name: Tura Arutura**

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**Style of dance and training/experience:**

Urban, Hip Hop, Street and Zimbabwe Tradition

**Work and interests:**

Classes and choreography. Runs a cutting edge, issue based dance company.

**Website:** [www.artfrique.com](http://www.artfrique.com) [www.sedireland.com](http://www.sedireland.com)

**Name: Kristyene Boreland**

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**Telephone:** 0782 169 7116

**Style of dance and training/experience:**

Egyptian RAQS SHARQI.

Diploma: Josephine Wise Academy of Arabic Dance, 2004.

Certified A-2 Bellydance technique instructor, 2004,

Keti Sharif School of Bellydance, Cairo, Egypt.

**Work and interests:**

I promote Mid-Eastern Egyptian Cultural Arts through the medium of dance to bring about ethnic and cultural awareness to the various organisations in Northern Ireland, namely schools, church groups, youth groups, the health sector and street festivals. I work with various groups, from the very young to the older ages.

[www.egyptdance.co.uk](http://www.egyptdance.co.uk)

[www.lailadesertrose.com](http://www.lailadesertrose.com)

**Name: Capoeira Belfast**

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**Style of dance and training/experience:**

Capoeira – a Brazilian Martial Art

**Work and interests:**

Capoeira Belfast specialise in teaching regular classes to adults and children, taking part in various festivals and social projects.



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**Description:**

Flamenco NI is an organisation teaching Flamenco Dance and Music. The company also provides Flamenco performances and information about the dance form.

**Website:** [www.flamenconi.com](http://www.flamenconi.com)

**Name:** Adele Glenn

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**Style of dance and training/experience:**

Egyptian Bellydance

**Work and interests:**

Teach Egyptian Bellydance (RAQS SHARKI), working with all ages of women (14-80).

JWAAD (Josephine Wise Academy of Arabic Dance) certified.

[www.jeweldancers.com](http://www.jeweldancers.com)

**Name:** Gareth Hawthorne

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**Style of dance and training/experience:**

BA (Hons) Dance and theatre performance

Jazz, ballet, contemporary, tap, commercial

**Work and interests:**

Various experience in dance and musical theatre performance.

Theatre, film, television.

Limited teaching experience.

Currently inactive due to injury

**Name:** Sheena Kelly

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**Style of dance and training/experience:**

BA (Hons) Dance at LIPA, contemporary, physical theatre, contact improvisation, choreography, musical theatre and street/jazz.

**Work and interests:**

Choreographer Youth Music Theatre UK, BBC Blast and The Culture Club BBC2 NI, Sheena runs a Youth Dance Company as part of CRAIC Theatre and works freelance as a facilitator, covering a diverse range of styles and groups with many different abilities.

[www.sheenakelly.com](http://www.sheenakelly.com)

**Name:** Karin Mallon

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**Style of dance and training/experience:**

Bellydancing, burlesque.

JWAAD Teacher training in Arabic dance.

**Work and interests:**

Teaching Bellydance classes for 10 years. Perform as Burlesque dancer 2 years. Work with women's groups for NISPA and Sportsdev. Officer.

**Website:** [www.isis-events.com](http://www.isis-events.com)

**Name:** Eileen McClory

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**Style of dance and training/experience:**

Has been working for the past two in New York and specialises in Dance Theatre, Modern Dance Technique and Hiphop

**Work and interests:**

Choreography, teaching and dance in the community.

**Name:** Suzannah McCreight

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**Style of dance and training/experience:**

Contemporary, choreography, improvisation, creative workshops.

**Training:** Laban

**Work and interests:**

Teaching: technique, performance, choreography, improvisation, creative workshops.

Performance, Choreography

**Name:** Leonie McDonagh

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**Style of dance and training/experience:**

Contemporary

**Work and interests:**

I am Artistic Director of ponydance theatre company, which I founded in 2004 with the aim of bringing accessible, entertaining, quality dance theatre to new audiences ([www.ponydance.com](http://www.ponydance.com)).

I work as a freelance choreographer in contemporary and commercial dance and musical theatre.

I am available for workshops and classes in contemporary, hip hop and beginners tap and jazz.

**Name:** Anthea McWilliams

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**Style of dance and training/experience:**

Contemporary dance practitioner. B.A. (Hons) Performance Arts Middlesex University. MA Cultural Management U. Ulster

**Work and interests:**

Specialises in work with older people.

Based at Island Arts Centre, Lisburn and coordinator of Age on stage dance group for seniors.

[www.dancethememories.com](http://www.dancethememories.com)

[www.slowdancingupireland.com](http://www.slowdancingupireland.com)

**Name:** Clare Novaes

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**Style of dance and training/experience:** Ballet

**Work and interests:**

Clare Novaes Ballet School

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**Style of dance and training/experience:**

Contemporary. Trained at University of Ulster and graduated with a first class honours degree. Then went onto gain a MA in Dance Performance at Laban, Transitions.

**Work and interests:**

Choreography, training and performance.

**Name:** Cony Ortiz

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**Style of dance and training/experience:**

Popular dances from Latin America – Merengue, Salsa, Cumbia, Mambo and others.

**Work and interests:**

Teaching all levels Latin American dance.

**Name:** Dylan Quinn

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**Style of dance and training/experience:**

Contemporary

**Name:** Anne Reid A.D.C.R.G.

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**Style of dance and training/experience:**

Qualified Adjudicator and Teacher of Irish Dance. Has trained solo and in teams to World championship level. Workshops throughout the world.

**Work and interests:**

Teaches young people from Primary school level and also adults in her "reel-style" classes teaching solo and ceili dances, in traditional and contemporary style.

**Name:** Mary Jo Reid

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**Style of dance and training/experience:**

Contemporary, ballet, hip-hop/pop

**Work and Interests:**

BA (Hons) in Performing Arts, Dance. Teaches young people and dance classes in the community. Also enjoys performing.

**Name:** Chris Scullion

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**Style of dance and training/experience:** Salsa, Cha Cha, Mambo, Merengue, Bachata

**Work and Interests:** Teaching, performing and DJing. Chris works with all ages and works for youth groups and schools as well as working on corporate and charity events, and weddings. Chris is Director at Salsa-NI, an organisation that's been established for 10 years, and provides the largest and best Salsa dance classes in Northern Ireland.

([www.salsa-ni.com](http://www.salsa-ni.com))

**Name:** Anne Ward

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**Style of dance and training/experience:**

**Work and interests:**

Course officer at the Laban Guild for Movement and Dance, which is committed to furthering dance for all in the benefits of Laban Analysis. ([www.labanguild.org](http://www.labanguild.org))

## OTHER

**Name:** Belfast City Council  
(Culture & Arts Unit)

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**Description:**

Culture and Arts Unit at Belfast City Council fund and support a number of arts and heritage organisations in the city. The unit provides information to stakeholders and acts as a leader, facilitator and advocate within the sector.

**Website:** [www.belfastcity.gov.uk/culture](http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/culture)

**Name:** Newtownabbey Allstars Cheerleading Squad,  
Allstars Dance Academy

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BT36 7UP

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**Description:**

Newtownabbey Allstars Cheerleading Squad: Cheerleading classes for children aged 4 and upwards.

Allstars Dance Academy: Dance classes for children aged 4 and upwards.

**For further information contact:**

**Dance Resource Base**

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