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**Innovative, immersive events and global voices take centre stage as Tramway gears up for vibrant citywide summer season programme**

* **Tramway and other sites across Glasgow**
* **May - July 2023, various timings**
* **Listings in Editors Notes**

**Highlights include:**

* **Part car-meet, part theatre show, multi-award winners Common Wealth and Fuel’s boundary breaking spectacle *Peaceophobia***
* **An invigorating programme of visual arts includes the first major Scottish exhibition for Glaswegian visual artist Jasleen Kaur**
* **A series of interactive and immersive explorations of grief, a reflection of West-African traditions cast forever in plastic and a solo show about growing up in the aftermath of New Labour**

Tramway today (Wednesday 25 April) announces its summer 2023 season of perspective-shifting performance and visual arts.

The programme amplifies the voices of global artists through a diverse selection of events and exhibits which aim to provoke, entertain and unite those who grace Tramway’s spaces.

 Tramway, the south-side arts centre managed by charity Glasgow Life, once again brings ideas into Glasgow’s wider communities with a series of Tramway Beyond Walls events. The off-site ***Peaceophobia*** (15-17 June) transforms a Glasgow city centre car park into an arena of thought in a boundary-breaking part-car meet, part theatre show. An unapologetic response to rising Islamophobia around the world, the show looks at the lives of three young Muslim men growing up in the shadow of the Bradford Riots, 9/11 and police harassment. Ali, Sohail and Casper find sanctuary in their faith and their cars, and look to control their own narratives.

Co-created Common Wealth, Speakers Corner and Bradford Modified Club. Written by Zia Ahmed. Presented by award-winning theatre companies Common Wealth and Fuel.

In ***Portals*** (online throughout 2023, VR sessions 26 May and 28 July), Tramway’s building becomes the star of the show as audiences are encouraged to immerse themselves in playful stories about the venues - both with in-person VR sessions, and online, from anywhere.

Explore grief through the experience of others and witness the cathartic power of sharing loss on an immersive sound-walk across the local cityscape, an installation of audio-visual responses to grief and quilted grief maps, and an intimate ritual-driven 1-to-1 performance from Afro-Portuguese dance artist Fabiola Santana. Built to be experienced separately or in sequence, ***A Home For Grief***(12-16 July)manifests loss through communal actions which transcend boundaries and histories. There is also the opportunity to collectively share loss with others in ***A Home For Grief Death Cafe***, a friendly space to explore thoughts and experiences of life and end-of-life.

Other stage highlights include ***After Party*** (25-26 May) and ***Stuntman***(28 July). Charting personal and political comedowns starting with her Dad’s 1997 election results party, ***After Party*** follows Annie Lowry Thomas’ journeys in partying, politics and broken promises, scored by a live DJ. Stuntman is an intensely physical, funny and tender two-hander which centres on the relationship between violence and masculinity, wrapped up as over-the-top action sequences fused with real-life experiences of violence. Also, Tramway’s summer season showcases the exceptional talents of Scotland’s most ambitious young dancers in ***Project Y Evolution*** (15 July).

Delight in Tramway’s visual arts programme with three unmissable exhibits which tread between culture and tradition from Glasgow to West Africa, Kurdistan and back. Glaswegian visual artist Jasleen Kaur opens her first major Scottish exhibition ***Alter Altar***(until 8 October), just a stone’s throw away from her childhood home. Through installations and kinetic, musical sculptures, Kaur reimagines tradition and inherited myths evoked by everyday objects and sound. In ***Ijem nke Mmanwu m (The Journey of my Masquerade)*** (until 4 June) Nigerian artist Ifeoma U. Anyaeji uses increasingly obsolete West African crafts to create colourful, intricately hand-crafted sculptures from non-biodegradable plastics, reflecting on both the loss of her community's traditions as well as its environmental problems. Then, through the all-seeing lens of oil, Jala Wahid travels between Britain and Kurdistan via sculpture, video, sound and text. ***Conflagration*** (Preview 23 June, until 10 September) is a co-commission with Baltic Centre for Contemporary Arts (Gateshead).

The visual arts programme takes on Tramway's Beyond Walls ethos too, supporting artist-led development of two small parks in Pollokshields through five new Art Fund commissions, and in collaboration with Glasgow City Council.

**Jenny Crowe, Senior Manager, Tramway, said:** “*Tramway presents a globally focused summer season with theatre that merges the personal with the political, and an exhibitions programme reflecting ideas and experiences from artists across continents - and as locally as our neighbourhood, Pollokshields. The return of Tramway Beyond Walls underlines our commitment to creating and presenting work in and for the community around Tramway, from an immersive soundwalk to the artist-led development of local green spaces.”*

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**Notes to Editors**

**About Tramway**

Tramway is an international contemporary arts hub which supports established and emerging artists, both international and local, who focus on experimental and contemporary dance, visual art, and performance. For thirty years we have built a reputation for our unique performance and exhibition spaces, and ambitious and inspiring programming. Tramway is part of Glasgow Life and receives regular funding from Creative Scotland. For more information, visit [www.tramway.org](http://www.tramway.org).

**About Glasgow Life**

Glasgow Life is a charity working for the benefit of the people of Glasgow. We believe everyone deserves a great Glasgow life and we find innovative ways to make this happen across the city’s diverse communities. Our programmes, experiences and events range from grassroots community activities to large-scale cultural, artistic, and sporting events which present Glasgow on an international stage. Our work is designed to promote inclusion, happiness, and health, as well as support the city’s visitor economy, in order to enhance Glasgow’s mental, physical and economic wellbeing. For more information, visit [www.glasgowlife.org.uk](http://www.glasgowlife.org.uk).

 **About Tramway Beyond Walls**Tramway Beyond Walls is a programme of contemporary performance, visual art and creative participation which engages local audiences outside of the physical limits of their building.

**Listings Information**

May - July 2023 at Tramway. Visit tramway.org for booking information.

**Tramway, 25 Albert Drive, Glasgow G41 2PE**

**Annie Lowry Thomas - *After Party***

**Tramway (T4)**

**Thursday 25 - Friday 26 May 2023**

7.30pm | 16+

£8/6

***[Part of Tramway Beyond Walls]*
Lucas Chih-Peng Kao and Company - *Portals***

**Tramway (VR Sessions) Friday 26 May and Friday 28 July 2023, times vary**

**Online throughout 2023**

FREE

VR Sessions 12+ Only

***[Part of Tramway Beyond Walls]***

**Common Wealth and Fuel - *Peaceophobia***

**Q Park Candleriggs**

**Pedestrian access 16 Candleriggs, Merchant City\***

Thursday 15 June - 6.30pm and 9pm

Friday 16 June - 6.30pm and 9pm

Saturday 17 June - 2pm

£14/£10/£6 pay what you can

Ages 12+

\*Meeting point information will be supplied to ticket bookers before the performance.

***[Part of Tramway Beyond Walls]*
Fabiola Santana - *A Home For Grief*** *(installation, sound-walks, 1-to-1 performances)*

**Tramway and surrounding areas**

**12-16 July 2023, times vary**

FREE | 16+

**YDance - *Project Y Evolution***

**Tramway**

**Saturday 15 July 2023**

7.30pm | Open to all ages

£8/6

**Fabiola Santana and Barbara Chalmers - *A Home For Grief Death Café*** *(participatory event)*

**Tramway**

**Sunday 16 July 2023**

2-4pm | 16+
FREE

**SUPERFAN - *Stuntman***

**Tramway**

**Friday 28 July 2023**

7.30pm | 14+
£8/£6

EXHIBITIONS

**Jasleen Kaur - *Alter Altar*Tramway**

**Until 8 October 2023**

**Ifeoma U. Anyaeji - *Ijem nke Mmanwu m (The Journey of my Masquerade)*Tramway**

**Until 4 June 2023

Jala Wahid - *Conflagration***

**Tramway
Preview Friday 23 June 2023
24 June - 10 September 2023**