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Project X Artist Voice

Throughout this autumn, dance artists Emmanuella Damptey, Chinyanta Kabaso and Laura Mathana have been in residency creating new works.

About the artists |

Emmanuella Damptey

Emmanuella, is a recent musical theatre graduate who fell in love with dance when she was 15. With a background in contemporary dance, Jazz and Street Dance, Emmanualla describes her current style as a contemporary, afrobeat, musical theatre fusion. Emmanuella is using this residency time to create choreographies, soundscapes and visuals that respond to three poems written by her close friend and fellow artist, Aisha Oyedepo.

Chinyanta Kabaso and Laura Mathana

Dance duo Chinyanta and Laura are both freelance dance artists, teachers and performers who came together through a shared passion for traditional African dance styles. Originally trained in Hip-Hop and Afro-Fusion dance styles, they are using this residency to create a performance that tells the journey of traditional to modern African dance styles. They have been working with the main styles of Setapa, Pantsula, Gumboot, Gqom, Afro-house and Amapiano, exploring how the dances have developed throughout the years and the social and political factors that have influenced dance in Africa.

CREDITS |

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Choreographers and performers | Chinyanta Kabaso and Laura Mathana

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