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World-Class Circus, Dance, and Outdoor Work at Déda this Autumn

Déda's latest programme brings high quality dance, circus, music and more to the doors of Derby. The autumn season, which runs from September to December, will see another fantastic selection of events suitable for all ages and interests.

Kicking off the season is the incredible outdoor festival, Festé. A selection of free, show-stopping performances will take over the city from Thursday 27 to Saturday 29 September as the annual festival returns. This year also marks the first time the event is part of Déda's National Portfolio. The headline act will see French circus company, Circa Tsuica, present their exhilarating show 'Now or Never' in a traditional circus top on Bass' Recreation Ground. The company have previously enjoyed sell out audiences at Déda with an indoor version but this outdoor event is going bigger and bolder.

Déda will welcome a host of national and international companies to its theatre throughout the season. Local artists Maison Foo celebrate their ten-year birthday with a world premiere of their new work, 'Lost and Found' on Friday 21 September. The company will work closely alongside Refugee charities in the city to bring to the stage an authentic production on themes of migration, journey and home.

Award winning artist Ben Duke returns to Déda on Thursday 4 October with his new work, 'Juliet and Romeo'. A darkly funny take on the Shakespeare classic, the performance takes place where both lovers have survived but at least one of them is in the grips of a mid-life crisis, they feel constantly mocked by their teenage selves and haunted by the pressures of being the poster couple for romantic love.

Following this, on Thursday 18 October, is brand new work 'May-We-Go-Around?' produced and performed by Northern School of Contemporary Dance graduates, Chess and Cristina. The production follows the hilarious highs and heart-breaking lows of their romantic encounters. Whilst on Thursday 29 November, juggling sensation Gandini teams up with Seeta Patel in the stunning 'Sigma', beautifully merging dance and circus in an unmissable performance.

Phil Hargreaves, Creative Producer at Déda, said 'It's a jam packed season, full of high energy, fun, poignant and socially charged dance and circus activity!'

The autumn will also see Déda host its second family arts festival. On Thursday 1 November, topsy-turvy circus 'Plink and Boo' will take over the stage with acrobatics, dance and music for ages 2 to 5 years. 'Chit Chat Chalk' will continue the fun on Friday 2 November with a magical chalky adventure for ages 3 to 8 years. On Saturday 3 November, 'Insomniac's Fable' combines ballet and juggling to tell a tale of unrequited love. Finally, returning to the stage on Saturday 17 November is the endlessly entertaining 'Long Shot' presented by PangGottic. Featuring fantastic contraptions, 'Long Shot' combines circus with mechanics and science in a highly enjoyable and energetic performance for all ages.

The season also sees the continuation of Déda's twentieth year anniversary, celebrating twenty years at its Chapel Street home. As part of the anniversary, a new exhibition will open in the autumn celebrating the history of dance styles in the city since the 1950s. 'Derby Dancing' will showcase Derby's dance history and allow audiences to delve into Déda's own journey through an interactive archive. The exhibition is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and will open on Saturday 15 September with a Northern Soul event, bringing the sounds and styles of Northern Soul to Déda.

Whether you're looking to see jaw-dropping performances at affordable prices, take part in free family activities or pursue a new skill, Déda is the place to be this autumn. More information on Déda's autumn season is online at www.deda.uk.com. The Box Office is open Monday to Friday, 9am until 5pm, throughout August and can be contacted on 01332 370911.

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Déda

Déda (formerly known as Derby Dance) is a creative centre for Dance, Contemporary Circus and Outdoor Work which offers a dance and movement-focussed arts programme. The building houses

two performance spaces, three professionally equipped dance studios, conferencing facilities and the CUBE café | bar. With a class curriculum of almost 50 classes a week and an extensive community development programme Déda is one of the key cultural organisations in the city. Déda receives funding from Arts Council England and Derby City Council.

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