

Suitcase Dance Theatre**Allura**

Back for the third year with their signature style, Suitcase Dance Theatre brings *Allura*, an original dance performance about chasing human connection and the distractions that entice.



Allura is a captivating journey through a dreamy world where the seduction of shiny distractions is impossible to ignore. Performed by a multigenerational cast of nine dancers, *Allura* incorporates rhythm and poetic monologue with Suitcase Dance Theatre's signature blend of jazz, tap, ballet, and contemporary dance styles propelling you through a noir landscape, deeper into the dream where, beneath the polish and pulse, the journey reveals a deeper truth . . .

"I am interested in the nuance and complexity hidden within transitions," says choreographer and director, Veronica Mendonca, when speaking of her work. "These moments are not to be discarded as unimportant and are perhaps more important than we realize. I focus on exploring the human condition, and what might be revealed to us in moments of quiet, free from the distractions that inundate our daily lives."

Allura also features choreography from Mendonca's husband, Mark Mendonca, and daughter, Keoni Rose, both of whom perform in the show. Keoni Rose is the author of *Allura*'s monologues.

Amid the pandemic's isolating grip, Suitcase Dance Theatre formed out of a profound need to reconnect, re-energize empty spaces and sustain the vital exchange of art within the community. The company transforms street corners, window displays and other "everyday" pedestrian sites into vibrant hubs of artistic expression, bringing art and human connection to unexpected places. It was founded and is directed by Veronica Mendonca and co-directed by Mark Mendonca. Veronica Mendonca began her career at the Hong Kong Ballet. She has toured with the LA Opera and danced and choreographed for television, film, video, and special events. Mark Mendonca has performed for three different US presidents and on Broadway in the Tony Award-winning show *Bring in 'da Noise, Bring in 'da Funk*. His dancing was also motion captured for the animated feature film *The Polar Express*. Suitcase Dance Theatre is the resident dance company of VAM Studios in Seattle, Washington, USA.

Praise for Suitcase Dance Theatre

★★★★ Merv Stutter's Pick of the Fringe ★★★★★ Edinburgh Festivals Magazine

"A talented ensemble of dancers." Broadway Baby "Vibrant, intense, energetic." Raccordo sullo sguardo

Show trailer link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9E1olwiA2TA>

Link to Dropbox with additional images: [Allura Press Photos Link](#)

Listings information

Venue: **Upper Theatre at theSpace @ Niddry St (Venue No. 9) / Niddry Street EH1 1TH**

Dates: 24-29 Aug 2026

Time: 15:45 (50min)

Ticket prices: £10 / concessions £8 / family £8

Fringe box office: 0131 226 0000 / www.edfringe.com

Suitable for ages 8+

Website: <https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/allura>

Company website: <https://www.suitcasedancetheatre.com/>

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