

Press Release

**Celebrate the legacy of Nelson Mandela with Colourful Radio DJs, poetry & Afro Contemporary dance performances at The Africa Centre**

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**Reflection Route** launches on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018 with a vibrant summer soirée taking place at Arch 29 - the Africa Centre's new contemporary arts event space.

**Corrine Bougaard (Union Dance)** in collaboration with **Karina H Maynard (Muntu Arts)** launches **Reflection Route Nelson Mandela 100 programme of music, poetry, screenings and talks**. Launching on **6<sup>th</sup> July 2018** with a vibrant summer soirée featuring an original Contemporary Afro dance performance by choreographer Sarita Piotrowski. Set to a hypnotic South African soundtrack, Sarita and Afro dance specialist Ofelia Omoyele Balogun will perform with South African poet Leeto Thale.

*"In the lead up to the 100th anniversary of Nelson Mandela's birth on 18th July 2018, The Africa Centre & Colourful Radio are delighted to be honouring the legacy of Nelson Mandela by hosting an evening of music, dance & poetry celebrating the culture of Africa and its diaspora. The evening is presented by Union Dance and Karina H Maynard as part of the Nelson Mandela 100 Centenary Programme."* - **Kenneth Olumuyiwa Tharp CBE**

**Audiences will be welcomed by Kenneth Olumuyiwa Tharp CBE, Director of The Africa Centre & Kofi Kusitor MBE, Founder of Colourful Radio.**

**Music**

From Afrobeat to Soul, Hip Hop and Jazz Funk, **Colourful Radio DJs Jazzi Q, Pete Mello & Sammy Sam** will provide uplifting, energetic rhythms throughout the night.

**Friday 6th July 2018 | 6pm to midnight**

**Tickets £8 via Eventbrite:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/reflection-route-launch-party-friday-6th-july-2018-the-africa-centre-tickets-47143363068>

**Co-producers:**

**Corrine Bougaard** (Director) **Union Dance** and **Karina H Maynard** (Director) **Muntu Arts**.

**Sponsored by:**

Colourful Radio & The Africa Centre

**SATURDAY 21st JULY 2018 - REFLECTION ROUTE AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM**  
**Nelson Mandela 100 Centenary programme**

Following the launch, the production moves on to the British Museum on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2018. As part of the official Nelson Mandela 100 Centenary programme, Reflection Route at The British Museum will feature dance and poetry performances, a screening of the Reflection Route film and panel discussion.

**12pm & 2pm Reflection Route Music, Dance & Poetry, The Great Court**

Union Dance presents Reflection Route - Dynamic Contemporary Afro dance performances featuring spoken word by South African wordsmith Leeto Thale, set to driving African rhythms.

**FREE ENTRY**

**3pm-4.30pm Screening & Panel Discussion, BP Lecture Theatre**

**'Reflection Route: inspired leadership in the 21st Century'**

Exploring Mandela's legacy in 2018, a diverse panel of cultural leaders discuss vision, representation, creativity and entrepreneurship for positive social influence.

Introduced by artist and former British Museum Curator of African art Chris Spring, and chaired by journalist, broadcaster and Muntu Arts Editor Karina H Maynard.

**Featuring:**

Cobbie Yates, Lola Jaye, Derek Taylor, Ibilola Femiola, Femi Aseru, Wumi Olasebikan and Corrine Bougaard.

**With contributions from:** Kathi Scott, UK Director of Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, Leeto Thale & Chris Spring.

**FREE ENTRY - BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

[Link to book free tickets on The British Museum website:](#)

[http://www.britishmuseum.org/whats\\_on/events\\_calendar/event\\_detail.aspx?eventId=4506&title=Reflection%20route:%20inspired%20leadership%20in%20the%2021st%20century&eventType=Special%20event](http://www.britishmuseum.org/whats_on/events_calendar/event_detail.aspx?eventId=4506&title=Reflection%20route:%20inspired%20leadership%20in%20the%2021st%20century&eventType=Special%20event)

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### **Reflection Route 2018:**

2018 marks the centenary of the birth of Nelson Mandela. To celebrate, Union Dance and Karina H Maynard present Reflection Route 2018 - a summer programme of music, dance, digital, workshops & talks to celebrate the legacy of visionary leader Nelson Mandela.

Featuring 21st Century artists, performers, entrepreneurs & thinkers, the programme explores how the next generation of cultural leaders are using creativity, tech, entrepreneurship & personal power for positive social change. Events and workshops will take place at The Africa Centre, Urdang Academy & The British Museum.

### **The Africa Centre:**

The Africa Centre has a 50 year legacy of supporting African culture, enterprise and education, and hosting events for all communities to engage with the culture of Africa and its diaspora. [www.africacentre.org.uk](http://www.africacentre.org.uk)

### **Colourful Radio:**

Colourful Radio is the UK's largest African-Caribbean owned radio network. Inclusive programming, comprised of multi-genre music shows and engaging talk shows broadcast to a diverse weekly audience online, on DAB and via iTunes podcast. [www.colourfulradio.com](http://www.colourfulradio.com)

### **Union Dance:**

Union Dance is a professional arts company and education charity that produces live events and digital arts. For over 25 years, Corrine Bougaard founder of Union Dance, has produced performance art programmes and productions nationally at arts venues, galleries and museums in the UK, including: Southbank Centre, The Royal Opera House, The National Portrait Gallery, Saatchi Gallery and Tate Britain. And, internationally: South America, Indonesia, Malta, Turkey, Europe and New York, USA.

Dedicated to exploring movement and dance with digital arts as contemporary diverse artwork, negotiating and exploring pluralistic cultural history and the evolving cultural landscape, contributing in an interactive and inspiring in depth manner.

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

### **Muntu Arts:**

Founded by journalist and curator Karina H Maynard, Muntu Arts is an organisation that produces content and cultural programmes that explore and contextualise creativity in relation to entrepreneurship, technology, identity, representation, social responsibility and creative futures.