

The Dancebox series is an ongoing project that has been run in partnership by MyDance Alliance and The Actor Studio since 2001. It is an informal performance platform which presents short works of Malaysian dance



DANCEBOX

*This edition of Dancebox will feature works by:
**Chai Vivian, Ethel Diedre, Sangametra Lam,
Lau Beh Chin, Fara Ling, Hannah Moujing & Murni Omar***

pentas 2, klpac | 20 SEP 2025 @ 8.30pm



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SEA OF FLAMES

Yearning... for a future that shimmers just beyond reach,
for healing in a world marked by unseen wounds.

Inspired by *All the Light We Cannot See*, this piece carries the legend of a gem—believed to grant healing, yet bound by a curse. Through movement, it reflects the search for renewal, the weight of unseen struggles, and the quiet courage that keeps the human spirit alight, even in the darkest of times.

choreographer_

Chai Vivan

dancers_

Chew Yee Hsuen, Choo Hui Min, Chua Hui Lin, Koon Yi Han + Ng Chee Hoong

music_

Cosmo Sheldrake_ Howl

Fish in a Birdcage_ Hannah Epperson

404: RASA NOT FOUND

404: Rasa Not Found portrays the body as a failed technological system that glitches, loops, and falls into silence, embodying the endless search for sensations lost within digital networks.

choreographer_

Murni Omar

dancer_

Muhammad Nur Hilmi Rosli

music_

Sarannah_ Renè Aubry

SOLACE

SOLACE [noun]: comfort in grief; alleviation of grief or anxiety; source of relief or consolation.

choreographer_

Fara Ling

dancers_

Amirah Redza, Jaime Teoh + Ferra Robert

collaborators_

Hannah Ling (Prelude)

Prelude combines Kevin Powers' *Inheritance* and W.H. Auden's *Funeral Blues*.

Voiced by Hannah Ling.

music_

***La Illamada – Intento + El Padre*”_ Ludovico Einaudi**

excerpts of Waves_ Akın Sevgör

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MY ROOTOPIA: THE JOURNEY

A Re-work-in-progress excerpt from *My Rootopia*, which premieres on World Refugee Day 2025, traces the journey of refugees from Myanmar to Malaysia. This reworking allows space and time to settle into lived memories, translating stories of displacement into movement while opening space to rediscover resilience.

choreographer_

Lau Beh Chin

dancer_

Dau Lum, Ho Ai Ling, Ja Nu Awng + Sut Jat Aung

multimedia designer_

Elroi

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THE R PROJECT: RUBY + ROSE

A live dance theatre performance born from the sands and seas of Cherating that now blossoms within the straits of Kuala Lumpur.

Embodied by Alisya Razman & Enyu Yap, this work grows from an organic exploration of intimacy, questioning the intricacies of relations between two people bound together by the invisible threads of attachment.

This duet is physical, tender, and confrontational. (A piece/an offering) that reveals what lies beneath the surface of attraction & attention, dependence & resistance, conflict & connection.

We invite you to join us behind these closed doors of discourse, discord and discovery through the unravelling of truths within Ruby & Rose.

choreographer_

Hannah Moujing

dancers_

Alisya Razman + Enyu Yap

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Spaces + People

One B Studio (Tee + Kim)

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Seaside Campsite

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Ini Contact Ka?

Eyza Ashylla

BREATH(e) LESS

In a dim library of candlelight, a black raven lands before me. I am not afraid; I admire its quiet majesty. But when fear intrudes, balance shatters. Violence erupts — against the bird, and through me. Rage floods my body, a protective instinct so raw it blurs where the raven ends and my shadow begins.

BREATH(e)LESS emerges from that moment — from waking in the night gasping for air, as though my own shadow pressed down on my chest. This work is an encounter with the fierce protector within me, the vengeful spirit I resist, the shadow self I cannot ignore.

choreographer

Sangametra Yuiyuan Lam

dancer

Sangametra Yuiyuan Lam + Arunagiri Szeyuan Lam

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M3N IN TENSE

How to Play:

1. Pick up one ball. Feel its weight.
Pretend you know what it means.
2. Add another. Notice how balance becomes negotiation.
3. Repeat until the game plays you.

Warnings:

Extended play may blur boundaries between strength and tenderness.

Care Instructions:

Do not store in a fixed identity.
Keep away from rigid binaries.
Best enjoyed in the chaos between control and surrender.

This piece delves into inner expectations and conflicts, emphasising the tension between expression and rational control, which repeats in cycles. The dance navigates the chaotic space between control and surrender, where opposing forces must coexist, revealing the tension between personal authenticity and external expectations.

choreographer_

Ethel Deidre

dancers_

Wan Muhammad Iman, Syamil bin Norzalahuddin + Ethel Deidre

producer_

Foo Chiwei

stage manager_

Rithaudin Abdul Kadir

crew_

Rosalinda Anak Saing

Muhammad Nasrul Nizam bin NASIR

Nurul Anessa Binti Shamshuddin

Ahmad Zulhelmi Bin Mohd Nasim

front of house_

Chai Vivan

Mohd Zhafir Muzani Mohamad

presented by_-



supported by_-

