

## DRINCE STOM 14TH & 15TH NOVEMBER 2022

## **PART 1 - THE FREAKY CIRCUS**

2nd year level 3 Dance students focus on the unique and extraordinary talents of 'freak show' performers from the 19th century. Exploitation? Or a place of acceptance? You decide.

**ZAK WOOLSEY - THE RINGLEADER** As the show starts, the ringleader takes his place in the spotlight, looking at what he's been able to create. This induces a lot of stress and pressure, and with freakshows starting to be seen as inhumane, how does he cope with the negative image from society?



This project is based on a particular circus act from the late 19th century who we're labeled "the mars brothers". It tells the story of George and willie Muse who were kidnapped and forced into the circus from a young age. The project focuses on their mental health and obscurities.



### This piece shows the reality of freak show performers as they "put on a show" whilst acting as if they are content, when in reality it was the only way for them to continue living safely and earn a wage.



Contortionists are known for appearing in Freak Shows, but this particular artiste is different from others. Aquila uses styles such as Jazz, Contemporary, Tango and Hip Hop to present how a woman of colour in the 18th century tries to navigate through her love hate relationship with the ring leader and eventually finds herself with her peers who accept her for who she is.



**MADDI WHITELEY - TWO SIDES TO A STORY** The first part focuses on the performer and the individual struggles she faces whilst trying to fit into society. The second part focuses on a group of performers, their love of performing and dream of acceptance, whilst contending with constant boundaries and set backs in society.

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### **PART 2 - STRANGER THINGS**

Level 3 dance students, years 1 and 2 in their performance of `Stranger Things'. In this ode to the critically acclaimed Netflix series, we take you on a journey through seasons 1,2,3 and 4.

All of the fabulous pieces of music in the performance have been taken from the series. The dancers perform styles of contemporary, jazz, lyrical, ballroom and commercial dance to name a few.

Choreography by Dance lecturer Gemma McDowell Editing, videography and promotional material by Luke Allport Lighting and design by Sion Morris

# THE CAST

Eleven - Eva Crofts Zak Woolsey Mike -**Libby Walker** Will -**Dustin** - Issy Duffy **Aguila Smith** Lucas -**Claudio Cabral Keita** Vecna -Maddi Whiteley Max -Hopper - Abi Reynolds **Hollie Proudlock** Eddie -**Chrissy - Darcy Fake** 

## ENSEMBLE

Charlotte Ellis Sydnee Clarke Hanna Ponaida Megan Dobson Jayden Cannon Jas Smith Urte Simanskaite Laila Williams Leah Grant

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