



## NEWS

# CALL OUT FOR PERFORMERS

**Upswing, an award-winning contemporary circus company, is looking for three brilliant performers for an extended R&D for a new creation.**

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

*Falling together* is a new circus theatre project combining circus and stand-up comedy to explore the politics of power and the complexity of identity.



It has been conceived by Circus Director Vicki Dela Amedume and Stand-up comedian and writer Athena Kugblenu. We are looking for a cast of three performers to work with us, and film maker Dan Martin, to develop a script framework and structure for the show.

We are looking for artists who are available for this development period (see dates below) but also interested in developing a longer-term relationship with Upswing and the work, to tour in the full production in 2023.

The show will draw from wider research and conversations but also the experiences of the artists and creatives involved, so we are particularly seeking artists who identify as Black or from a Global Majority background. All

the roles are for people of any gender identity.

Thematically this work will tread challenging territory around the way we talk about race, ethnicity and gender. We will put in place structures to support all creatives to navigate the creation process safely. Ultimately our aspiration is to make a piece of work that holds themes with respect but also has a lightness of touch.

## **WE ARE SEEKING:**

**Two physical performers with a high level in at least one of the dance styles or physical disciplines listed below and are keen to explore working with text:**

Tumbling / Tricking / Floor based acrobatics / Acro-dance  
A street dance style like – Breaking, House dance, Flexing, Krump, Popping etc  
Handstands  
Duo/group acrobatics  
Juggling and manipulation  
Any static aerial discipline (silks, trapeze, straps, flying pole)  
Chinese pole  
Pole dance

**One highly physical performer with a strong acting ability and proficient with text, who is also skilled in at least one of the dance styles or physical disciplines listed below:**

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Upswing productions are ensemble pieces where all artists contribute to making the production collaboratively. We are therefore seeking performers who not only have strong skills, but also have a playful streak and an interest in devising and discovery.

We want to work with performers who are happy to experiment and muck in where needed; a team working approach is vital. We value the people that we work with and aim to create a challenging yet fun working environment.

## **PROJECT DATES AND DETAILS**

**Development, Rehearsal and Performance:**

w/c 7 March 2022 through w/c 4 April 2022

w/c 30 May 2022

Public Sharing Events:

Saturday, 9 April 2022

Wednesday, 1 June 2022

Applicants must have availability for ALL the above dates

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**There will be additional development periods (dates tbc). Please indicate your availability/non-availability for:**

31 January – 28 February 2022

25 April – 29 May 2022

Performers will be paid at ITC/Equity rates. This is a London-based production; travel, accommodation, per diems to be covered for performances outside London.

We welcome applications from those outside London or outside the UK (non-UK based performers must have the right to work in the UK), but we are unable to cover audition/rehearsal expenses for artists coming from outside London or overseas.

## APPLICATION AND DEADLINES

To apply please send a headshot, video links of your work and a CV or performance/work history to [recruitment@upswing.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@upswing.org.uk) with “Falling together 2021” in the subject line.

**Deadline for applications is Fri 10th Dec 2021**

**Shortlisted applicants will be notified by Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021**

**Auditions will be on Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021**

If you have any questions, please email [projects@upswing.org.uk](mailto:projects@upswing.org.uk)

If you are experiencing any access concerns or issues, please email us we will be able to discuss this further.

We look forward to hearing from you, thank you for taking the time to apply.

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