

AVANT
GARDE
DANCE

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“Daring, dynamic and hugely enjoyable.”
The Times ★★★★★ (About Fagin’s Twist)



Under the Artistic Direction of **Tony Adigun**, **Avant Garde Dance Company** is at the forefront of London's vibrant hip hop/contemporary dance scene. An associate artist at Studio Wayne McGregor's Quest Lab, Adigun has a unique dance vocabulary and a razor-sharp eye for dance composition, musicality, and form. His mantra "Innovate Never Replicate" courses through Avant Garde's work.

Building on the international success of ***Fagin's Twist***, **Avant Garde's** new production ***Illegal Dance*** zeros in on a future where oppressive regimes around the world forbid artistic expression. It combines dynamic contemporary choreography with innovative technical stagecraft to portray the tensions in a society that pits order against chaos, security against freedom, and individualism against collective will, delving deeper than ever into Adigun's long standing interests – relationships, power, control and freedom.



Illegal Dance uses a synaesthetic blend of movement, music and design to pull at tangled narrative threads, explore complex character relationships, and expose fragile morality. Where ***Fagin's Twist*** used poetic dialogue, here, Adigun's script is sparse and stripped back: audiences must derive their own truths from more abstract expression.

Illegal Dance comes to life in various iterations, each providing a unique audience experience whilst drawing upon elements of one expansive storyline. This innovative approach means audiences can enjoy the story presented in small and large venues, both indoors and outdoors, digital and live. Each manifestation reveals different parts of the storyline and approaches the characters and narrative from a different angle, meaning audiences unravel a new perspective of the story with each iteration they experience. This approach also allows the piece to adapt to presenter needs and venue size and setup and creates an opportunity to build a loyal audience over time.



Press and audience comments on Fagin's Twist

"High energy, precision crafted choreography creates a dark twist on a classic tale" The Stage

"He has the knack for making a small ensemble seem three times the size, flooding the stage with movement" Financial Times

"A confident piece of dance theatre" Evening Standard

A national portfolio organisation of Arts Council England since 2018, **Avant Garde Dance** has performed in the UK and internationally since 2001, including: The Place, Breakin' Convention, Sadler's Wells, Pavilion Dance South West, Southbank Centre, The Barbican, DanceXchange, Greenwich Dance, Latitude Festival, British Dance Edition, Greenwich & Docklands International Festival, Brighton Dome, East London Dance at Stratford Circus, Barcelona Festival and Madison Square Garden in New York.



BOOKING DETAILS

Iteration	ID Digital Film – Live/Online Screening	ID Duets Small/Intimate Venues	ID Outdoors	ID Theatre	ID Rave/Installation
Touring	From Summer 2021	Autumn 21 Spring 22 Summer 22	Summer 22	Spring 22 Summer 22	Summer 22 Autumn 22
Performers on Stage	0	3	7	7	9
Number on the road	0	5	9	9	11
Running Time approx.	40min inc Live Zoom Q&A	50 Mins	35 minutes	80 minutes + interval	90-120min
Get in	0	½ day before the show	1 day before the show	1 day before the show	1 day before the show
Minimum Performing Area	0	6m x 6m	10m x 10m	10m x 10m,	10m x 10m + breakout spaces
Minimum Technical Requirements	Digital Stream via Vimeo and Zoom	Good quality sound system. Basic par lighting rig where possible.	Good quality sound system. Stable Wifi access	professional lighting rig, with provision for side lighting and projection.	Professional lighting rig with moving lights, DJ rig set up, minimum 2 projection spaces
Technical Staff Required by the promoter	0	2	1	2	2
England Touring Cost (per performance)	£800 – 5 day streaming licence £500 without live Q&A	£1250	£3000 plus travel, accommodation and per diem/catering	£2500	£5000 + ticket split
Oversees touring	POA				
Video Trailer	https://vimeo.com/561206170/3a5e9334e8				
Education	Reduce price for educational screening, Complementary workshops available	Complementary workshops available	Complementary workshops and participation options available	Complementary workshops and participation options available	n/a

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