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CAFÉ & BAR

At the heart of the Bernie Grant Arts Centre is our colourful Café & Bar, where you'll be just as welcome for lunch or dinner as you will be getting a spot of work done on your laptop or lingering over a cuppa with friends.

Coming for a show? Stop for dinner in the Café, and you'll be well-fed and right on time.

With a delicious menu full of home-cooked Caribbean favourites prepared fresh by Gina Moffatt and her team from Blooming Scent Café, you're sure to find something to love – vegetarian and vegan options included.

There are fresh-baked cakes and hot beverages, not to mention beers on draft from Tottenham's own Redemption Brewing and fine wines from our fully licensed bar.

We pride ourselves on sourcing ingredients locally, responsibly, and 'Made in Tottenham,' supporting a whole range of local traders and producers.

The mezzanine bar upstairs is a great place to book a party, whether for a business event or a family do with drinks and nibbles. See our website for more details of hires and catering.

Visit berniegrantcentre.co.uk/visit/cafe-bar for sample menus, special offers and more!



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WELCOME TO THE BERNIE GRANT ARTS CENTRE

It's the start of a new season at the Bernie Grant Arts Centre and there's plenty of excitement afoot! This autumn, we're bringing you a fantastic programme of live music, dance, and theatre with a mix of names you're sure to recognise plus a new generation of rising talent.

Our **Black Sound** exhibition, which celebrates a century of black British music on the Mezz, is not to be missed. It will take more than one visit to take it all in but, hey, there's no time like today to begin the fascinating journey of Britain's black music heritage.

Queens of Lovers Rock, **Janet Kay** and **Carroll Thompson**, along with actor and reggae star **Victor Romero Evans**, bring you their Lovers Rock Monologues, a trip down memory lane for anybody who remembers 'rub-a-dubbing' the wallpaper at a shebeen when you should have been at Bible studies.

Dennis Bovell, another music legend, will honour us with a very special performance, exclusive to Bernie Grant Arts Centre when he launches his new album **Akoustik** in October, while the **Black Sound Film Festival** brings you 3 days of film documentary premieres and rarely seen celluloid classics featuring the likes of Eddy Grant and Jazzy B.

Dance legend **Namron** shares the extraordinary story of his Windrush-era journey from Jamaica to becoming one of the leading lights of the British dance world, while **Uchenna Dance** return with a new telling of Hansel and Gretel sure to delight children and families.

In our Cinema Lounge, you can watch **Boom for Real**, the acclaimed documentary about Haitian-American artist Jean-Michel Basquiat. And we are delighted to announce that **Thanyia Moore** will be back with another series of comedy workshops where you can sharpen your stand-up skills, as well as our festive comedy night in December.

Whether you're a regular visitor or a first-timer, a long-time resident or new to the area, we hope you'll come down and see what's on at your local arts centre. We're here for YOU.

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Bernie Grant Arts Centre



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Film: Boom for Real –
1, 8, 15 September

Freeman – 1 September

Black Sound Film Festival –
7-9 September

Music on the Mezz:
Natalie Lindi – 12 September

Music on the Mezz:
Camina Banda – 19 September

Film: New Queer Visions –
22 September

Music on the Mezz: John Blood
and the Highlys – 26 September

From Asphalt to Maplewood
Floor – 28 September

Lovers Rock Monologues –
10 October

Dennis Bovell: Akoustik Live –
17 October

Warheads – 24 October

Ambreen Razia: POT –
26 October

Film: A Viable Candidate –
27 October

Hansel & Gretel –
23-24 November

Film: The Acting Class –
24 November

Autumn Comedy Showcase –
29 November

Ankusha and Other Mysteries –
1 December

Seven Sisters of Comedy /
Ho Ho Ho – 7 December



COMEDY

Kill yourself laughing with the best new talent in comedy

THANYIA MOORE

AUTUMN COMEDY SHOWCASE

Join circuit regulars **Sarah Keyworth** and **Naz Osmanoglu** alongside comedian-in-chief **Thanyia Moore** and the participants from our Comedy Workshops for a night of side-splitting laughter as these first-timers make their debuts onstage!

29 November @ 7:30 pm

Tickets £8 in advance / £12 on the door

SEVEN SISTERS OF COMEDY / HO HO HO

'Tis the season for merriment and giggling like a demented Christmas elf! You'll see **Nico Yearwood**, who has been setting the London comedy circuit aflame with his unique blend of Caribbean-flavoured comedy, and **Masud Milas**, who took Edinburgh by storm with his show 'Routes'. **Yuriko Kotani** is the winner of BBC New Talent and Brighton Comedy Festival Squawker Awards, and you'll recognise **Sindhu Vee** from BBC Radio 4 and Have I Got News for You. The weather outside may be frightful, but the roastings delivered by your host **Thanyia Moore** will keep you warm until Boxing Day.

7 December @ 7:30 pm

Tickets £10 in advance / £14 on the door

COMEDY WORKSHOPS

Learn the basics of standup comedy with **Thanyia Moore**. After just a year, this workshop has already launched new talent on the London comedy circuit. You'll hone your material, build your confidence, and have the chance to perform your first five-minute set in our Autumn Comedy Showcase.

Workshop dates: 23 Oct, 30 Oct, 6 Nov, 13 Nov, 20 Nov, 27 Nov. 7-8:30pm.

£10 per session drop in or £50 for all six!

Call our Box Office on 020 8365 5450 to book.

**NAZ
OSMANOGLU**

**SINDHU
VEE**

MUSIC ON THE MEZZ

Let's celebrate making it to Wednesday!

CAMINA BANDA

NATALIE LINDI

Come relax with live music Wednesday nights on the Mezzanine above the Café & Bar. Each night features a different musician or band, playing anything from reggae to jazz and folk. Visit our website berniegrantcentre.co.uk/see for the latest lineups!

Doors open @ 7:30 pm – £3 cover

NATALIE LINDI

12 September

Singer-songwriter **Natalie Lindi** performs a mix of covers and her own original material, accompanying herself on piano and guitar.

CAMINA BANDA

19 September

This high-energy Cuban band is back for another night of *salsa*, *timba*, and more on piano, bass, congas, trumpet, trombone, and timbales. Come warm up your grooves!

JOHN BLOOD AND THE HIGHLYS

26 September

Blending soul, gospel, blues, and raw reggae vocals, **John Blood** and his band **The Highlys** are spreading the message of love and nothing but love.

DON'T MISS OUT!

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STAGE

FREEMAN



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Six true stories of struggle and freedom threaded together by physical theatre and song

Inspired by the first man in America to plead insanity as his defence, award-winning writer Camilla Whitehill and Strictly Arts examine the unspoken link between mental health and systemic racism. Throughout time and across waters, from William Freeman to Sarah Reed, six true stories are threaded together and told through physical theatre, spoken word, gospel singing, shadow puppetry and more.



History is bound to repeat itself when the thumb is permanently bearing down on the loop button, so has anything really changed?

1 September @ 7:30 pm

Tickets: £14 / £12 Concessions

NAMRON



FROM ASPHALT TO MAPLEWOOD FLOOR

Legend of British dance, Namron, returns to the stage with this autobiographical work

Dance legend Namron – a trailblazing British dancer and one of the founding members of The Place – returns to the stage to tell the story of his own life. From his youth in Jamaica to joining his Windrush-generation parents in England, this hour-long performance stars Namron himself: his own story, his own gestures and movements, his own words and memories. A look back at a journey from the hot asphalt of 1960s Jamaica to the sleek maplewood floors of London's most prestigious dance studios.

28 September @ 7:30 pm.

Tickets: £16 / £14 Concessions



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VICTOR
ROMERO EVANS

CARROLL
THOMPSON

JANET KAY



LOVERS ROCK MONOLOGUES

**WITH JANET KAY, VICTOR ROMERO EVANS
& CARROLL THOMPSON**

**A joyful celebration of Lovers Rock, the genre that
defined a generation**

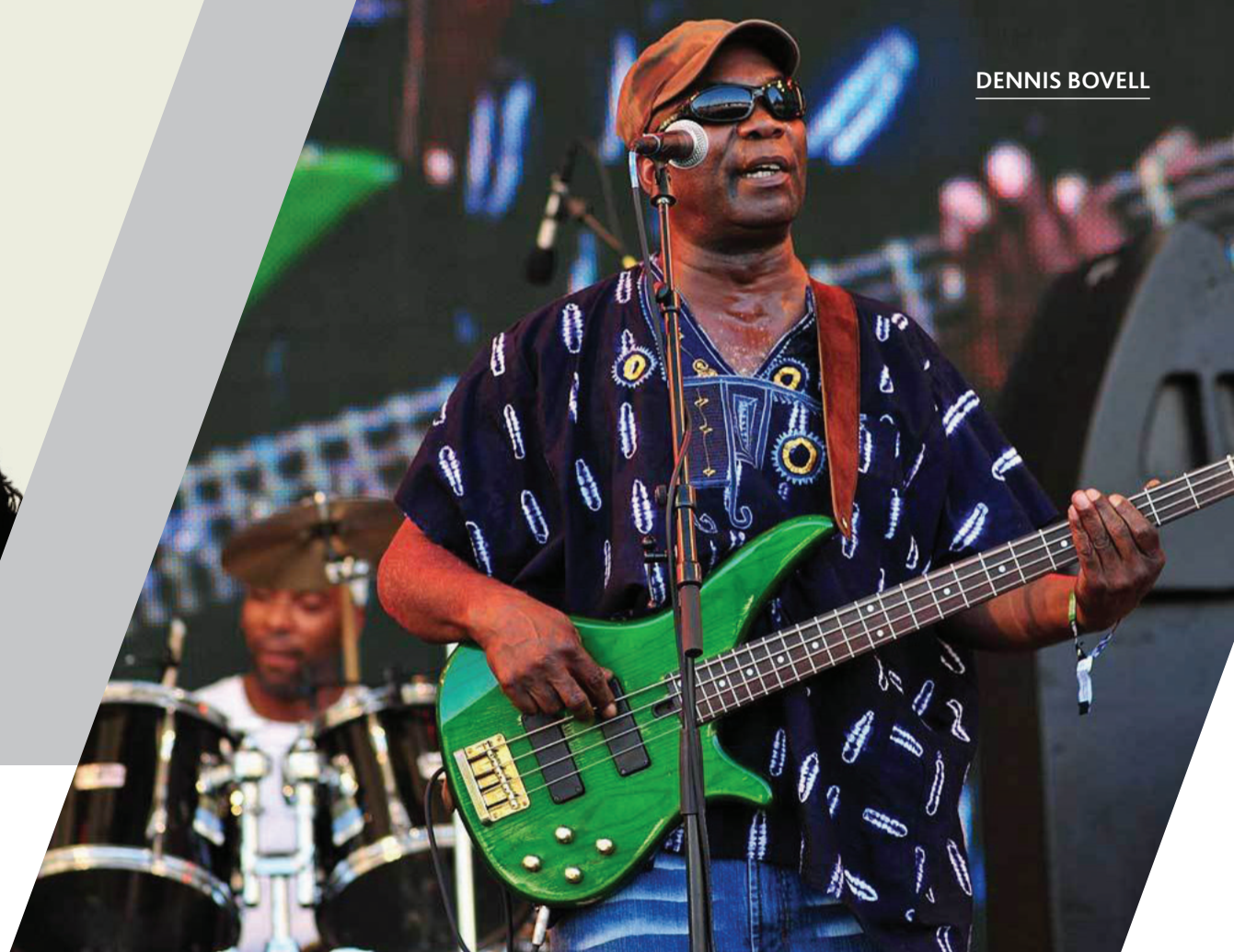
This show takes you on a nostalgic journey to the golden years of Lovers Rock, the 70's and 80's, when many children of the Windrush Generation were in the flush of their youth entering adulthood.

Theatre boldly meets music with cheeky stories highlighting the Lovers Rock lifestyle, the fashion, the attitudes and influences. The important part

played by the church in many Afro-Caribbean households, the highs and lows of falling in love for the first time.

Supported by a live band, Lovers Rock music is played throughout the show including the early hit tunes of Janet Kay 'Silly Games', Carroll Thompson 'Hopelessly in Love' and Victor Romero Evans 'At The Club', guaranteeing you a foot tapping sing-along experience.

**10 October @ 8 pm
Tickets: £22 / £16 Concessions**



DENNIS BOVELL

DENNIS BOVELL: AKOUSTIK LIVE

**A legend of British reggae premieres his new
album at the Bernie Grant Arts Centre**

Dennis Bovell quite simply is British reggae. He's a master composer, producer, multi-instrumentalist, vocalist and MC. His skills have taken him from the roots of the UK reggae scene to international collaborations with artists as diverse as Arcade Fire, Shakira, Toots & The Maytals, Lee "Scratch" Perry, Ryuichi Sakamoto, Marvin Gaye and The Slits.

Now Dennis is taking centre stage with his new album, Akoustik. These songs represent his journey through the maze that is song-writing. A mix of Dennis on acoustic guitar, piano, harmonium and vocals, Akoustik shows a new side of this man's formidable talents – live in concert on our stage, Akoustik-style.

**17 October @ 8 pm
Tickets: £15**

STAGE



WARHEADS

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A group of misfit lads in their twenties looking for a cause to believe in

They find the British army. Will they survive the war? If they do, will they ever be the same?

Starring acclaimed poet and YouTube sensation **Suli Breaks** making his theatrical debut alongside actor and co-writer **Taz Skylar**. Co-written by **Ross Berkeley Simpson**.

24 October @ 7:30 pm
Tickets: £10



"This block is the devil's playground...
He follows the beaten
and the weak."

AMBREEN RAZIA: POT

This edgy young playwright returns with a story about young lives teetering on the verge of chaos

Louisa wakes up on lock down surrounded by debris from last night's blow out. Josh has vanished but she is not alone and she's beginning to feel the heat.

From the writer of 'The Diary of a Hounslow Girl', Ambreen Razia's restless new thriller, POT, reveals the hidden lives of Britain's invisible children, adrift in the care system at the mercy of gang culture.

26 October @ 1 pm and 7:30 pm
Tickets: £12 / £10 Concessions /
£6 Schools Matinee



STAGE



"A fearless dance adventure"

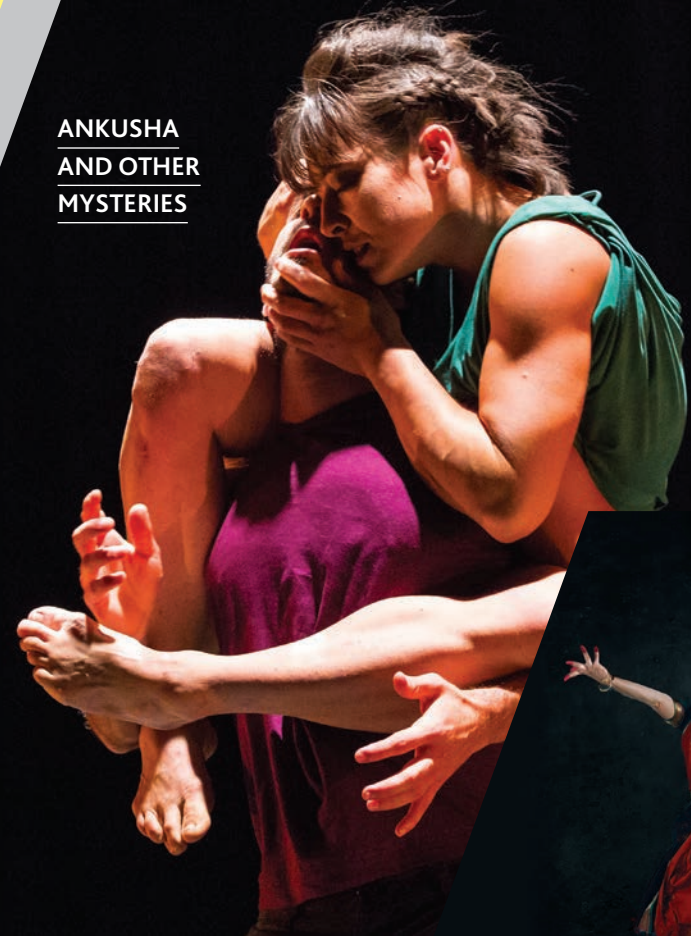
HANSEL & GRETEL

After last year's sell-out performance of *The Head Wrap Diaries*, Uchenna Dance returns with a new show for children and families

This contemporary retelling of Hansel and Gretel finds the two characters lost in London and overwhelmed by the sights and smells of the city. Join our two heroes as they outwit the adults to find their way back to their parents in a show that celebrates the plucky courage of childhood.

Choreographer and Uchenna Dance founder Vicki Igboke puts her unique twist on a classic story, weaving together styles including House, Waacking and Voguing, with African and Contemporary dance in a show that will delight the whole family.

23 November @ 10:30am and 1:30pm
24 November @ 12:30pm and 3pm
Tickets £12 / £8 Concessions / £5 Schools Matinee



ANKUSHA AND OTHER MYSTERIES

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An eclectic evening of world-class contemporary and Indian dance

With three distinctive solos, an explosive trio and a multi award-winning dance film, **Kamala Devam Company** seeks answers to unanswerable questions. Does fate or free will have a greater hand in shaping the course of our lives? How do we define ourselves without limiting our potential?

The company's first UK tour, *Ankusha and Other Mysteries* showcases the company's signature contemporary works *Ankusha* and *Babushka*

vs. *Renaissance Man*, along with a new classical Bharatanatyam solo, Jati-Swara-Leela and Devam's collaboration on the acclaimed dance film *The Art of Defining Me*.

"The three bold performers are thrillingly fearless" – Pulse Magazine

"Fluid, boldly physical, yet sensual and beautifully rendered" – DanceTabs

1 December @ 7:30 pm
Tickets: £14 / £12 Concessions



CINEMA

STORY OF LOVERS ROCK

BLACK SOUND FILM FESTIVAL

IN ASSOCIATION WITH SOUNDS LIKE LONDON

7-9 September

Tickets: £20 day ticket, £45 weekend pass

A weekend of films celebrating the creativity of black British music, co-curated by Lloyd Bradley and Winstan Whitter. Enjoy three days of docs, premieres and rarely seen celluloid classics featuring the likes of Eddy Grant and Jazzy B.

EDDY GRANT LIVE AT THE NOTTING HILL CARNIVAL

World Premiere!

GOLDIE: WHEN SATURN RETURNS

Directed by John Akomfrah

DUKE VIN & THE BIRTH OF SKA IN BRITAIN

Directed by Gus Berger

HALF A CENTURY CARNABY STREET

Directed by Lucy Harrison

STORY OF LOVERS ROCK

Directed by Menelik Shabazz

BOW SELECTOR

Directed by Goetz Werner – and more to be confirmed!

CINEMA LOUNGE

BOOM FOR REAL: THE LATE TEENAGE YEARS OF JEAN-MICHEL BASQUIAT

A postcard from 1970s New York, dingy, graffiti-covered and often on fire, where a sometimes-homeless teenager from Brooklyn is about to become the most talked-about artist of his generation.
1, 8, 15 September

NEW QUEER VISIONS

Enjoy an evening of short films from around the world exploring the intersections between race, sexuality, and contemporary identity. Films to include:

- VA BENE
- YOU'RE A GOOD GUY
- SILVIA IN THE WAVES
- LEROY
- MORE LOVE

– and more to be confirmed.
22 September

A VIABLE CANDIDATE

This gripping short film examines the intersection between political power, race, and Britain's secretive establishment as charismatic MP Sylvan Bradshaw is tipped to be the first-ever black prime minister. Screening to be followed by a panel discussion with director Orson Nava.
27 October

THE ACTING CLASS

All the world's a stage. But not all the players are equal. When Tom Stocks has to turn down a chance to study drama because he cannot afford the fees, he sets out on a campaign to highlight the barriers faced by ordinary people to working in the arts.
24 November

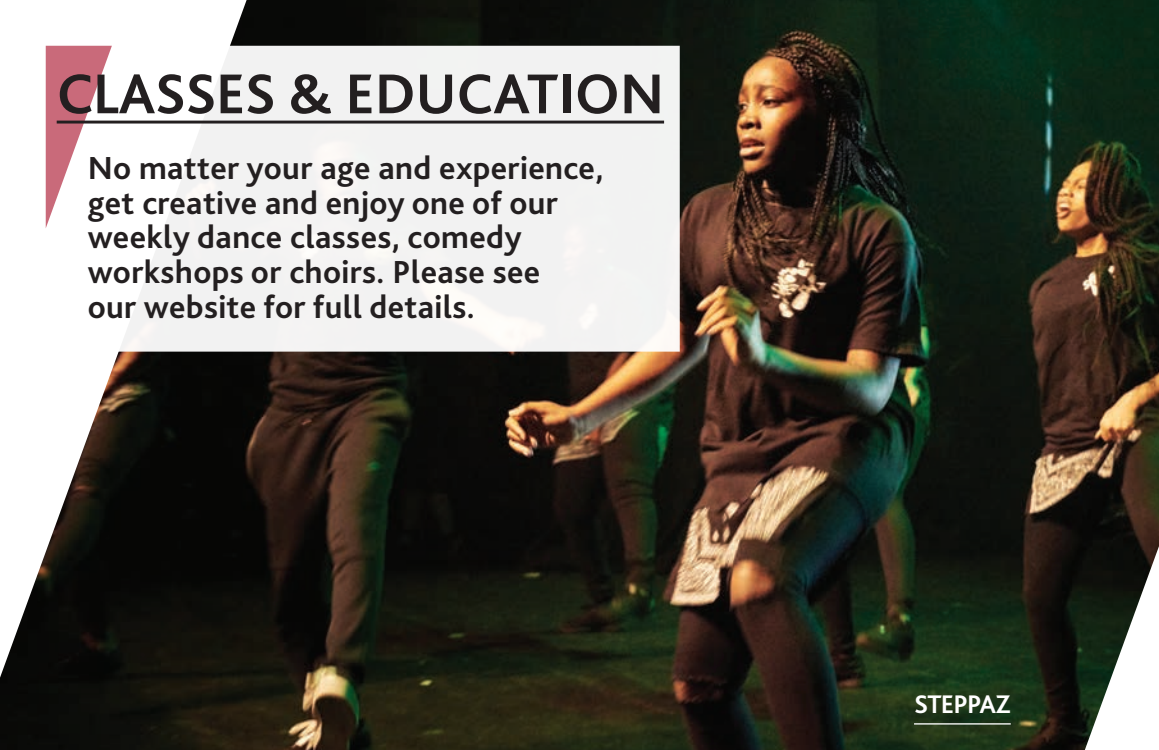
TICKETS £7 EARLY BIRD AND £9 ON THE DOOR
– BOOK EARLY. PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE
FOR MORE DATES AND TIMES

JEAN-MICHEL BASQUIAT

A VIABLE CANDIDATE

CLASSES & EDUCATION

No matter your age and experience, get creative and enjoy one of our weekly dance classes, comedy workshops or choirs. Please see our website for full details.



STEPPAZ



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DAISY ROOTS DANCERS

ANIKO'S DANCE ACADEMY

MONDAY

LONDON HOUSE CATS CHOIR

A contemporary choir for intermediate and advanced singers. 7:30-8:30 pm, £7 per rehearsal or £20 per month.

COMEDY WORKSHOPS

With Thanyia Moore – cheaper than therapy and lots more fun! See page 4.

TUESDAY

ANIKO'S DANCE ACADEMY

Classical ballet for children and adults. 4-7pm. £12 per adult class drop-in with free trial classes for children.

NEW TOTTENHAM SINGERS

Rehearse and perform a wide range of vocal music, from Mozart to musical theatre and jazz. Evenings, £60 per term.

WEDNESDAY

DAISY ROOTS DANCERS

Exciting dance class for beginners covering hip hop, Latin, Afrobeats, and more. 8:15-9:15pm. £20 per month or £6 drop in.

STEPPAZ

For young people and adults who love dance and movement. £5 per class. Drama (all ages) 5-6 pm. Open Styles (all ages) 6-7 pm. Grown Steppaz (18+) 7-8 pm.

THURSDAY

ANIKO'S DANCE ACADEMY

Classical ballet for children and adults. 4-8pm. £12 per adult class drop-in with free trial classes for children.

FRIDAY

STEPPAZ

For young people and adults who love dance and movement. £5 per class. Mini Steppaz (ages 3-5) 4:15-5 pm Little Steppaz (ages 6-8) 5-6 pm Youth Steppaz (ages 9-17) 6-7 pm

SATURDAY

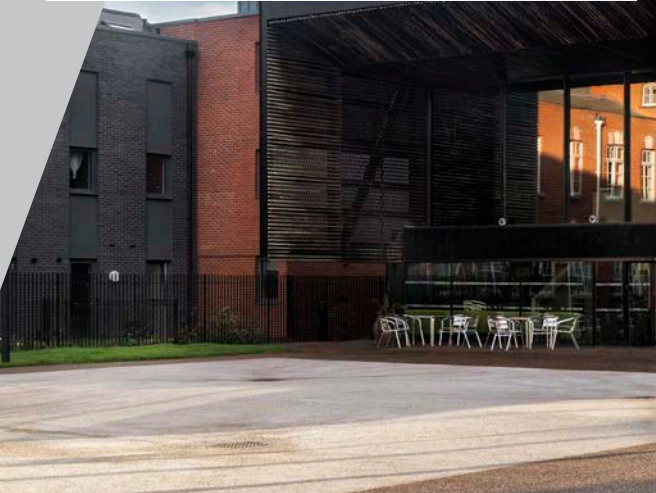
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You can find contact details for class organisers on our website. Please confirm dates and times before setting out to attend.

CREATIVE SPACES

Since we first opened our doors in 2007, we have hosted everything from London premieres by world-famous choreographers to new work by performers who grew up just round the corner.



CREATIVE CONTRIBUTORS

Are you a director or producer, musician, writer, actor, choreographer or curator? We want to hear from you! Please reach us on programme@berniegrantcentre.co.uk

Are you an artist, designer, maker, or creative entrepreneur? Learn about renting a studio in our Enterprise Centre: berniegrantcentre.co.uk/hire/workspace.

With six easily configured spaces, from our 274-seat theatre to three dance studios, we have wonderful facilities for artists developing new work. For more information visit berniegrantcentre.co.uk/hires



EXHIBITIONS

BLACK SOUND

CO-CURATED BY LLOYD BRADLEY AND SCOTT LEONARD

BLACK SOUND

This landmark, critically acclaimed visual installation examines 100 years of black British music with a timeline marking the most important events – musical, political, and social – that influenced the innovators who revolutionised British music. A tribute to the incredible power of London's dynamism and the dogged persistence of DIY creativity.



More exciting exhibitions to be announced!
Visit berniegrantcentre.co.uk/see for the latest.

Are you a visual artist or sculptor looking for a place to show your art?
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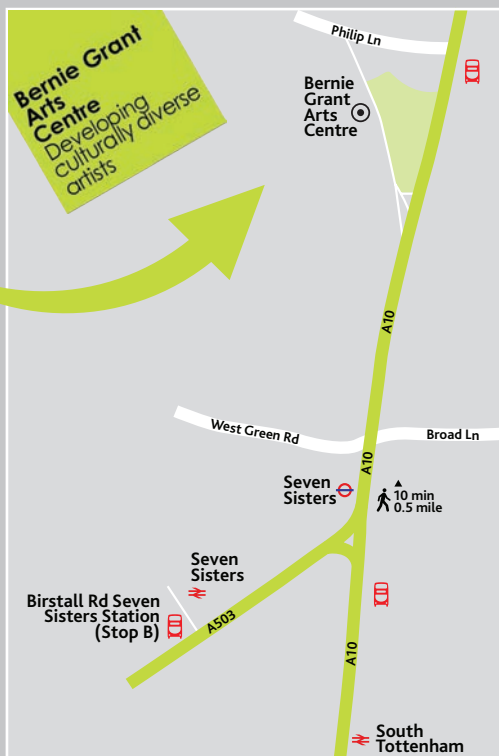
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Located in the heart of south Tottenham next to Tottenham Green and the old Town Hall, the Bernie Grant Arts Centre is easy to find.

It's just a short walk from the Seven Sisters Tube and Overground station and is served by bus routes 76, 149, 230, 243, 259, 279, 318, 341, 349 and 476.



BOX OFFICE

Box Office Hours:
Monday to Friday 9 am - 7 pm
Saturday 9 am - 6 pm

Phone: 020 8365 5450

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