

The 39th Annual Early Dance Festival

21 – 23 October 2022

The Victoria Hall, Akeman Street, Tring, Herts. HP23 6AA



THE PROGRAMME

FRIDAY	18:00	Reception opens
	18:30	Welcome Drinks Reception
	19:00 – 21:00	Talk by Dr Kathleen Walker-Meikle
SATURDAY	9:00	Reception opens & rehearsals begin
	13:00 – 17:00	Festival Performances
	18:00 – 19:15	Dinner
	20:00 – 22:30	Dancing with Colin Hume & Cloudburst
SUNDAY	11:00 for 11:30 entry	Visit to Waddesdon Manor, HP18 0JH

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Please come and join us for the 39th EDC Annual Early Dance Festival, the first live Festival event since we gathered in Edinburgh in 2019. We hope to create a relaxed party atmosphere, celebrating our return to dance after too long a time of deprivation. It will be a chance to meet old friends and make new ones. Some groups may feel a little rusty, but please don't let that stand in the way of sharing our mutual passion for early dance.

FRIDAY NIGHT: we begin the Festival at 18:30 with a drinks reception, followed by a talk from **Dr Kathleen Walker-Meikle**, currently with the Science Museum. Her subject, *Dancing and Performing Animals*, will be profusely illustrated from the medieval and early modern periods, including animals in masques and theatrical performances, itinerant dancing animals and their keepers, popular species for dancing and performance, human dancers disguised as animals, and something about the iconography involved. Since Tring houses part of the Natural History Museum, a collection donated by Walter Rothschild, this talk may prompt some explorations nearby. From costumed fleas to items rather larger, the museum has a lot to offer.



Because catering costs have risen so much post-Covid, we decided to miss out the usual supper before Kathleen's talk. There are many pleasant pubs and restaurants in Tring where a wide choice of food will be available, or you are welcome to bring along your own simple meal.

SATURDAY: The morning will be taken up with rehearsals by the performing groups. Tea and coffee will be available in the Hall kitchen throughout the Festival, but lunch will not be provided on site. Please bring a packed lunch or visit one of the many eateries nearby.

The **Festival Performances** will run from 13.00 – 17:00, with the usual two sessions of dancing for all. We look forward to seeing plenty of groups returning to the Festival dance floor to share the dances they have enjoyed working on together.

The **evening entertainment** starts with a buffet dinner at 18:00. There is no bar, but you may bring your own drinks + drinking vessels. Finally, we have a special evening of informal dancing planned. The very well-known Colin Hume is our caller, with the band Cloudburst, who play a wide range of traditional dances. Tea, coffee + water will be available all evening.

SUNDAY: the best option is to book your own tickets for House & Grounds at Waddesdon Manor and your choice of food as well. Then members of NT, RHS, AF & HH, pay only £2.00 entry. Full details will follow once you register for the visit.

SALES

Some tables will be available for those who wish to sell goods. Please book in advance, at a fee of £10.00 per table, payable when booking.

SPECIAL OFFER ON MEMBERSHIP

Anyone joining the Early Dance Circle at the Festival, who fills in a Standing Order Form, will receive a £10 discount on their first year's membership.

BOOKING FORM

- ❖ Please book for the Festival as early as possible. Advance booking is required for the Saturday buffet dinner and reservations for it must be received by **Monday 10 October 2022**.

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE AT THE FESTIVAL, please send this form and payment to: **Michele Odell**, 11 Alton Gardens, Beckenham, Kent BR3 1ND.

Tel. 0208 650 8811 Email: bookings@earlydancecircle.co.uk

A booking confirmation will be sent by email.

Make cheques payable to “The Early Dance Circle.” To pay by BACS, email your Booking Form to bookings@earlydancecircle.co.uk and instructions will be provided.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

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GROUP BOOKINGS

Name of Group:

Please list individual names on a separate sheet, stating clearly whether they are members or non-members.

DO YOU / YOUR GROUP INTEND TO PERFORM? YES / NO

If YES, you will be sent a Registration Form. Please return your completed form as early as you can. We want to welcome as many groups as possible.

Personal Data: The Early Dance Circle (EDC) will not share your data and will use it only to communicate with you about our activities and events in the early dance world.

Filming and Photography: Please be aware that there will be filming and photography at this event. By attending, you accept that photographs and recordings taken by the EDC and its agents may be used in EDC publications, publicity, the EDC website and on line.

DEAF AIDS: Would anyone needing hearing support, please notify Michele well in advance at bookings@earlydancecircle.co.uk. We will try to provide the best solution for your needs.

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Please tick boxes for each person. The Saturday supper must be ordered in advance, by Mon. 10/11/22, with no refunds possible after that date. Tea and coffee will be available throughout the Festival, but please bring your own mug / drinking vessel. All Covid mitigations will be notified ahead of time.

Member / Dance Musician		£8.00	£13.00	£23.50	£10.00	£10.00	Waddesdon Visit Y / N	Dietary needs: Insert V for veg. VE for vegan. GF for gluten free. Please note any other allergies etc.	Cost per person
Non-Member		£12.00	£17:00 *	£23.50	£15.00	£10.00			
NAME	EDC member Y / N	Friday Lecture	Festival *Student £8	Saturday Buffet Supper	Saturday Evening Dance	Sales Table			
TOTAL COST									