



Knot

Assembly Roxy (Upstairs), 2 Roxburgh Place, Edinburgh, EH8 9SU

Wednesday 31st July – Sunday 25th August 2019 (not 6th, 13th, 20th), 14:45

Physically exhilarating and touchingly poignant, *Knot* is the internationally acclaimed circus theatre work by Nikki & JD. These talented performers use breathtaking hand-to-hand and dance skills to tell the tale of an impossible choice: how can we be honest with ourselves without hurting those we love? Part of the British Council Edinburgh Showcase 2019, *Knot* is a finely crafted journey through the struggles of commitment, exploring the absurdity, mundanity and joy of a very modern affair.

Presented by Jacksons Lane, the UK's leading supporter of contemporary circus, *Knot* tells the story of two acrobats, one gay and one straight, linked together in an unconventional relationship. Using delicate sensitivity and exceptional circus skills, *Knot* is an exploration of LGBTQIA+ identity and the important bonds of companionship.

Knot is a funny and moving piece combining astonishing partner acrobatics, dance and storytelling to examine their own relationship, its durability and intensity. Bringing together a theatrical narrative with stunning circus skills, it explores the tension and dependency between two people and unpicks the audience assumption that a stage duo must be a couple.

Performer and co-creator Nikki Rummer comments, *With Knot, we wanted to achieve new heights of acrobatic story-telling. Too often, circus tricks can feel like they interrupt a narrative. Knot brings together acrobatics, contemporary dance and the emotional punch of a story about an artist's life backstage. It's about the conflict, humour and sensitivity we wrestle with in relationships.*

Created in collaboration with award-winning choreographer Ben Duke of Lost Dog Dance Company, *Knot* is supported by Jacksons Lane, Déda, Jerwood Choreographic Research Project II, the National Centre for Circus Arts, Arts Council England and Warwick Arts Centre.

Notes to Editors

Title	<i>Knot</i>
Performance Dates	Wednesday 31 st July – Sunday 25 th August (not 6 th , 13 th , 20 th), 14:45
Running Time	55 minutes
Location	Assembly Roxy (Upstairs), 2 Roxburgh Place, Edinburgh, EH8 9SU
Box Office	Tickets are available from www.assemblyfestival.com or 0131 623 3030. Previews: £10 Weekday: £12 (£11) Weekend: £14 (£13)
Performers	Nikki & JD (Nikki Rummer and Jean-Daniel Broussé)
Directors	Jean-Daniel Broussé, Nikki Rummer, Rosamond Martin
Producer	Jacksons Lane
Dramaturg	Ben Duke
Choreography Mentor	Ellis Saul
Movement Mentors	Pippa Duke, Martin Corri
Lighting Designer	William Ingham
Costume Designer	Oliver Garcia
Twitter	@nikkiandjd, @jacksons_lane, #knotfringe, @AssemblyFest
Trailer	https://vimeo.com/261517258
Notes	Recommended 7+, contains material referring to sexual identity.

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