

PRESS RELEASE

Shechter Underground at Somerset House
Choreography and Music by Hofesh Shechter
23- 25 August 2018



GREAT ARCH HALL, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON

£15.00/£12.50 CONCESSIONS

Performance Times: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 6.30pm and 8.30pm (approx. 1 hour long)

Age guidance 14+ the performance may contain material unsuitable for a younger audience.

This summer, for three nights only, internationally celebrated choreographer and Somerset House resident Hofesh Shechter Company will present *Shechter Underground*, welcoming its extraordinarily talented young dancers to perform a site-responsive show that will lead audiences through the atmospheric maze-like underground tunnels and rooms beneath Somerset House.

Hofesh is renowned for his bold, exhilarating and tribal choreography accompanied by a pulsating score, and in this unique experience, a group of anarchic performers will take the audience on a journey underground at Somerset House, through spaces not usually open to the public, as they play their parts in a macabre circus of comedy, murder and desire.

Hofesh Shechter company dancer, Erion Kruja will take original movement from Hofesh's hit show *Clowns* and shape it to respond directly to Somerset House's historical setting. Enter a darkly comic, topsy-turvy world where fools can be kings and kings are fools, and experience Hofesh's inimitable theatre-dance-rock-gig style in an unforgettable and intimate setting.

Shechter Underground is performed by the young dancers of Hofesh's apprentice programme *Shechter II* and complements Somerset House's commitment to supporting and nurturing young talent across the creative sector.

"One of the sharpest, most daring choreographers/composers working today" - Vogue

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ABOUT SOMERSET HOUSE

Inspiring contemporary culture

One of the city's most spectacular and well-loved spaces, Somerset House is a new kind of arts centre in the heart of London, designed for today's audiences, artists and creatives – an inspirational community where contemporary culture is imagined, created and experienced.

From its 18th Century origins, Somerset House has played a central role in our society as a place where our culture and collective understanding of the world is shaped and defined. In 2000, it began its reinvention as a cultural powerhouse and home for arts and culture today, creating unique and stimulating experiences for the public, bringing them into direct contact with ideas from the greatest artists, makers and thinkers of our time. Our distinctive and dynamic year-round programme spans the contemporary arts in all its forms, from cutting-edge exhibitions and installations to annual festivals, seasonal events in the courtyard including Film4 Summer Screen, Summer Series and Skate, and an extensive learning and engagement programme.

As well as welcoming over 3million visitors annually, Somerset House houses the largest and most diverse creative communities in the country – from one-person start-ups to successful creative enterprises including MOBO, British Fashion Council, Dance Umbrella, Improbable Theatre, Hofesh Shechter Company, and Dartmouth Films.

In 2016 we launched Somerset House Studios – a new experimental workspace connecting artists, makers and thinkers with audiences. Currently housing over 80 artists and Makerversity (a community of over 250 emergent makers), the Studios are a platform for the development of new creative projects and collaboration, promoting work that pushes bold ideas, engages with urgent issues and pioneers new technologies. www.somerset-house.org.uk