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# Dublin Dancing

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Swing by Fishamble The New Play Company

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This time of year the Dublin streets bristle with life. Sunlight wrestles with a fiercely inclement sky and gains a temporary foothold, promising warm days and summer ahead. The city teems with people enjoying Dublin's delights. Not least of which is the welcome return of the annual, [Dublin Dance](#) Festival which runs till May 31st.

Now in its tenth year, the Dublin Dance Festival has established itself as an integral part of the city's cultural calendar. This year, current Festival Director, Julia Carruthers, has assembled a wide ranging selection of both national and international acts, as well as master classes, discussion, film and family friendly shows. Highlights include celebrated, London based choreographer, Russell Mailphant, whose company present *Still Current*, with the maestro himself conducting a master class. Part body sculpture, part installation, *Bodies in Urban Spaces* by Cie. Willi Dorner from Austria promises to transform some of Dublin's best known streets and public spaces. Home grown talents are also well represented, including *Swing* from Fishamble, The New Play Company, *Quad* by Pan Pan Theatre Company and Irish Modern Dance Theatre, *Re-presenting Ireland* which serves up offerings from several Irish based companies and choreographers and the always inventive, Pony Dance, with *Ponies Don't Play Football*.

Running from May 20th till May 31st, this year's Dublin Dance Festival promises to be an exciting one. So if you live in the city or are just popping in for a few days, you'd be mad to miss it. But move fast, some shows are selling out already.

For programme details, times, tickets and all other information go to:

<http://www.dublindancefestival.ie/>



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