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### **Education:**

- 2005 –2008** BA (Hons) 2:1 in Performing Arts Dance, LIPA, Liverpool.  
**2004-2005** Dance Foundation, Lewisham College, London.  
**2002-2004** BTEC National Diploma in Performing Arts Dance, Belfast Institute of Further and Higher Education (Belfast Metropolitan College).

As a dance artist Sheena has worked across Northern Ireland, UK and Europe as a dancer, facilitator and choreographer. She has been mentored by renowned community dance choreographer Royston Maldoom OBE (Berlin), as well as his colleagues Mags Byrne (Belfast), Janice Parker (Glasgow) and Tamara McLorg (London/Poland). She works for a wide range of companies including Dance United Northern Ireland, BBC NI, BBC Blast, Tanz die Toleranz (Vienna), Residance (Germany) Crescent Arts Centre Belfast, Open Arts Belfast, CRAIC Arts Centre Coalisland and is a Part time Dance Lecturer at the Belfast Metropolitan College. Awards include Lisa Ullmann Travel Scholarship for Dance (London) and the Travel Award Arts Council Northern Ireland.

### **Facilitation Experience:**

#### **2011**

- Ithuba-** A community dance and music project in Johannesburg South Africa in August 2011 with choreographer Tamara McLorg and Composer Chris Benstead and 150 young people from two townships. Sheena will be assisting choreographer Tamara McLorg on the project.
- Creative Souls-** Open Arts integrated project with young people in the Dungannon area resulting in a devised piece with dance, music and drama in July 2011 Artistic Director and Choreographer Sheena Kelly.
- Sutemos Youth Dance Company-** Following a community dance project in Dungannon **Sutemos** a youth dance company was created and led by Sheena Kelly. They train weekly and are working towards a piece for a local festival in June.
- Spring Zurich-** A large scale community dance piece by renowned choreographer Royston Maldoom OBE with a full orchestra and 160 dancers. Sheena assisted Royston on the project, taking morning class, rehearsals and technical rehearsals for the piece.
- Sutemos Dance United NI-** A fully integrated multicultural community dance project in Dungannon involving 60 young people from 12- 29 years of age The project concluded in a 40 minute contemporary dance piece at CRAIC Theatre and Arts Centre Coalisland choreographed and managed by Sheena Kelly through Dance United NI.
- Open Arts-** Weekly dance classes for people with Disabilities.
- Market Place Theatre Armagh-** 5 week dance course for young people.

**Dance Resource Base-** Since 2009 Sheena has been facilitating weekly dance classes with Mitchell House- a primary school for children with physical disabilities.

**Dungannon Disability Arts Program-** For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year Sheena is the sole dance practitioner on the disability arts program working with a range of different ages and abilities.

### 2009/2010

**BBC Blast-** Workshops for young people in Musical Theatre on their Armagh and Enniskillen Tour.

**Market Place Theatre Armagh-** Choreographer in Musical Theatre week for 12-18 year olds.

**ReisDance, Germany-** Dance workshops for adults as part of an international dance festival in Detmold Germany. Through Dance United NI a group of 15 dancers from all over Northern Ireland performed at the festival a piece co-choreographed by Sheena Kelly and Adib Maa-ni Hessari

**Open Arts-** Dance Assistant with CandoCo Dance Company for Omagh Luminous Soul dance development day and for Claire Cunningham for Ballymena day.

**Belfast Metropolitan College** –Part time Lecturer for Performing Dance Foundation Diploma.

**Dance United NI-** Facilitator and choreographer for new project in Belfast and Germany July 10.

**Youth Music Theatre: UK-** Choreographer for their Irish and Northwest England Auditions.

**Dungannon Arts and Disability Group** – Resident Dance Artist on Disability Arts Project with 14 different groups-projects include dance and UV light, Dance and Film and Integrated dance workshops with a range of different needs, abilities and ages.

**Open Arts Belfast** -Dance Training for adults with disabilities under the Luminous Soul Project.

**Cinemagic and Crescent Arts Centre** -‘Dance for Film’ Primary Workshops with 4 schools.

**Crescent Arts Centre Outreach** - Ligoneil/SvdePaul Primary Schools dance, drama and music workshops, New Lodge Arts contemporary dance training and movement workshops for RNIB.

**Dance United Northern Ireland-** Trainee Choreographer with the company. Assistant Choreographer to Royston Maldoom OBE for ‘Exile’ performed in Vienna and Belfast.

**BBC Blast NI** - Guerrilla Dance Workshop for teenagers, filming in public spaces across Belfast.

**CRAIC Theatre Coalisland-** Facilitator and organiser for Youth Dance classes- Contemporary, Hip hop and annual performances in Citydance Festival, Belfast.

**Maiden Voyage Dance Company-** Dance Facilitator on Ballymena dance summer week.

**Market Place Theatre, Armagh-** Dance facilitator for Youth Dance Course, and choreographer for Showstoppers.

### 2008

**King Street Arts Belfast-** Dance Workshops 7-11 years Poleglass, Belfast.

**Primary Dance-** Creative Movement concluding in public performance for St Mary’s Primary School Carland, Dungannon.

**Maiden Voyage Dance Company-**Workshops for 7-11 years in different areas in Belfast.

**Open Arts-**Movement workshops for Adults with Learning Difficulties

**Dance United NI** – Creative Movement workshops concluding in a performance with Cedar Lodge Special School, Belfast.

**Market Place Armagh Youth Dance-** Contemporary and Creative movement classes for primary and secondary age groups.

**Norway Dance Week Vikersund** – Facilitator for Jazz and Contemporary Technique and Creative Dance summer dance week.

**Norway Sunndal Festival School-** Dance workshops based on ‘Frameless’ dance piece for 10-15 year olds.

## Choreography Work (Short Overview):

### 2009/2010

**'Sutemos'** A large scale dance piece with 60 dancers through Dance United Northern Ireland

**'Have we met?'** A dance theatre duet performed at Citydance at the Crescent Arts Centre Belfast October 2010, commissioned by the Crescent Arts Centre.

**'Bus Stop'** Co choreographer for dance theatre performed at Primary Dance Festival Belfast, SommerResidance Festival Germany and Culture Night Belfast 2010.

**'Counting the spaces...'** - Contemporary dance piece performed at the Opening Festival for the Crescent Arts Centre Belfast April 2010 commissioned by the Crescent Arts Centre.

**'Cavehill'** Dance Improvisation and film piece set in Cavehill Belfast Summer 2009

**BBC Culture Club-Kids** TV shows about dance from different cultures broadcast on BBC 2 in 2009

### 2008

**CityDance Festival Waterfront Belfast**-CRAIC Youth Dance Contemporary dance piece.

**BBC Blast and YMT: UK** "13 ways of Looking at a Blackbird" Live performance of a devised Music theatre project also broadcast live on BBC website.

**Youth Music Theatre UK** "Great Expectations"- Physical Theatre Musical performed in South Hill Park Bracknell England. Director: Gerry Flanagan, Musical Director: Anne-Marie Lewis Thomas.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Music Festival Liverpool**, Contemporary and commercial dance performance for Towanda, Paul McCartney Theatre Liverpool.

**Youth Music Theatre: UK** "Stormy Weather" Choreographer for 6 day devised project, Alley Theatre, Strabane N.I, 12-19 year olds

**'Frameless'** Devised dance Physical Theatre Production premiered at the Seinnheiser Theatre Liverpool later performed at the LEAP Dance Festival Liverpool and toured Culture Festivals across Norway.

### 2007

**BBC Blast Bandwagon Project** Dance and Performance Coach for pop band and music video.

**Youth Music Theatre UK** "Great Expectations" Devised Physical Theatre/Musical Theatre performed at the Aberdeen International Youth 2007

**Youth Music Theatre: UK** "Shakespeare's Secret" Devised Hip Hop Musical performed at the Alley Theatre Strabane N.I.

**Absolute Dance**- Contemporary dance piece 3.Shades.White in collaboration with international Lighting designer Hans P.Jenssen, Unity Theatre Liverpool.

### 2006

**Youth Music Theatre: UK** "Girl in the Ashes" Devised Physical Theatre/Musical performed at Queens Film Theatre Belfast.

**CityDance Festival** - Contemporary Dance with 12-18 year olds from CRAIC Theatre.