

Call for Dancers – *Shape Shifters*

We are seeking **three performers** to join the creative team of *Shape Shifters* – a joyful and visually striking new performance for early years audiences (ages 3+), blending contemporary dance, visual storytelling, and quick-change illusion to explore identity, diversity, belonging, and self-expression.

Produced by the **Edinburgh International Magic Festival**, *Shape Shifters* is a collaboration between choreographer **Eszter Marsalko**, costume designer **Alison Brown**, and theatre director **Svetlana McMahon**. Our confirmed community partner, **North Edinburgh Arts**, will provide venue space and engagement support throughout the process.

The project includes a **two-week R&D**, a **technical week**, and **two work-in-progress performances** as part of the **Edinburgh International Magic Festival** in December 2025.

Who We're Looking For

We're looking for performers with:

- **A strong movement or dance background**
 - **An interest in experimental performance and collaboration**
 - Experience working with early years audiences is welcome but **not essential**
We also encourage applications from performers who may not identify as dancers but have strong **physical performance skills** and creative curiosity.
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Key Dates & Commitments

- **Audition (Workshop Format):**
Tuesday 30th September 2025
Location: *North Edinburgh Arts, 12C Macmillan Cres, Edinburgh EH4 4AB*
- **Rehearsal (R&D) Period:**
27th October – 9th November 2025 (Exact days to be confirmed; total time commitment will not exceed 40 hours per week)
- **Technical Week:**
15th – 19th December 2025
- **Performances:**
20th December 2025 (2 performances)

Full availability is required for all scheduled dates.

Fee & Expenses

- **£620 per week**
 - Plus **travel expenses** if commuting over 25 miles to Edinburgh for rehearsals, tech, or performances
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Inclusion & Access

MagicFest is committed to creating a diverse, inclusive, and accessible working environment. We welcome applications from performers of all backgrounds, identities, and lived experiences — especially as *Shape Shifters* centres on themes of diversity and belonging.

If you have any access needs (including for the audition), please get in touch with **Svetlana McMahon** at svetlana@magicfest.co.uk to discuss how we can best support you.

How to Apply

Please email **Svetlana McMahon** at svetlana@magicfest.co.uk with the subject line:
Shape Shifters Auditions

Include:

- A short **paragraph, voice note, or video** (max 3 minutes) introducing yourself and sharing why you're interested in the project
- A link to your **website, Spotlight, or portfolio** if you have one

Application Deadline: *Tuesday 17th September 2025 6pm*

Audition invitations sent by: *Monday 22nd September 2025*