the other side

ASCENSION DANCE

Easy Read Guide

The Other Side is an outdoor dance show by **Ascension Dance Company.**

FOUR dancers perform in **The Other Side.**

The Other Side is performed **outside** on **grass, in parks, fields, and festivals.**

We perform on a **soft, foam flooring.**

We dance with **10 long wooden logs** and **5 short wooden logs.**

The Other Side is about how **working together as a team** can be easier than working alone.

Sometimes as humans, we can be quite selfish, but **The Other Side** looks at how we can **share.**

Performance Information

The Other Side is about **30 minutes** long and can be watched from **3 sides.**

There are **no lights** used in the show.
There is **loud music** that is played all the way through. There are times when **the performers will talk and shout at each other.**

Throughout the show, it might seem like the performers are in danger, **but don't worry, this is all part of the performance and everyone is safe.**

You are **allowed** to make **noise** throughout the show.

The performers really enjoy it when you **clap and get excited.**

The show is suitable for **all ages!**

It may be **busy and noisy** at the event. There will be people around who you can **ask for help if you need it.**

The show has a **story** that you can follow if you watch it from the beginning to the end, but **if you need to leave, it's ok to go and come back!**

At the end of the show, it's ok to **come over and talk to us!**

You can also **feel how heavy the logs are**, you might be surprised!

Sometimes, we run **movement workshops** for audience members, feel free to **ask us** if we are running a workshop at your event.

About the Company

Ascension Dance Company is a **contemporary dance** company based in Coventry. We are inspired by movement from **parkour and free-running.**

Contemporary Dance is often inspired by a theme or topic.

It can be quite expressive and is often fused with other dance styles to make something new.

Parkour / Freerunning is when you move on and around obstacles. It's about finding new ways to get from one place to another.

Meet the Team

The Other Side was created by Ashley Jordan and Ben Morley.

They worked with the performers to create the movement and piece it together.

They chose the music, costumes, and the designs of the wooden poles.

My name is Ashley Jordan (AJ).

My character is stubborn but he is committed to positive actions and is intrigued by new possibilities.

I enjoy the movement language in the piece. I like the various ways we use and interact with the set.

My name is Laura Hague.

My character is strong minded and empathetic. She's not afraid to stand up to the other characters.

I enjoy the sense of connection with the set and the other performers during the show.

My name is Sophie Page.

My character is determined and wants to be supportive to the others... once she know she can trust them.

I enjoy the puzzle of the poles, using them to extend my actions and creating a new environment for us to play on.

My name is Tilly Maginnis.

My character is intrigued by the other characters, but is still determined to complete her own mission.

I enjoy the journey of the piece – how we gradually realise that if we work together we can do much more exciting things!

My name is Ishmael Khan.

My character is mischievous and cool.

I enjoy exploring styles of movement that I don't often get to explore.

My name is Abbie Thompson.

My character is curious, cooperative and energetic.

I enjoy interacting with the set and with the other characters.

My name is Ben Morley.

My character is nervous to begin with but builds his confidence as he grows into the show.

I enjoy finding the flow in the movement with me and the bridge.

My name is Lexy Garner.

My character is sensitive, curious and playful.

I enjoy going through the various energies that my character explores and finding my own way within each.

The Other Side goes on **tour.**
This means it's performed **lots of times** in **different places.**

For different shows on the tour, the characters are performed by **different dancers.** This is because sometimes the dancers are unavailable, or they might need a rest.

The show you watch will **always** have **4 dancers** in it. Feel free to say hello to them at the end of the show!

The following **pairs** play the **same character** and **swap between different shows**:
Ashley Jordan and Ishmael Khan
Ben Morley and Laura Hague
Lexy Garner and Sophie Page
Abbie Thompson and Tilly Maginnis

Scene Breakdown

The Other Side has FOUR sections.

Section ONE is called
'Fight for Resources'

Each performer is trying to gather as many logs as they can for themselves in a desperate fight for power.

Section TWO is called
'Blame Game'

This section is all about pushing the blame onto other people and pointing the finger.

Section THREE is called **'Working Together'**

This section is about putting aside differences and working together to solve issues.

Section FOUR is called **'New Possibilities'**

This section is about exploring new possibilities as a team and celebrating overcoming hurdles.