

Aaben Dans – Regional dance theatre in Roskilde since 2008

We want to move our audiences in entertaining, relevant and thought-provoking ways. Every year, in collaboration with composers, video designers, visual artists and more, we create at least two new shows from scratch. At least one of them is for children and young people.

Dance from cradle to grave

We believe in the power of art to speak across generations. Our world can be experienced and perceived in countless ways, depending on who you are and what you have experienced before. People of all ages can enjoy a day at the beach together – so can people in the theatre. We create dance that provides artistic nourishment and content for all ages. We offer shared and unifying experiences for people at all stages of life from 0 to 100 years old.

Popular avant-garde

We believe in the power of art to bring new perspectives to our lives. We want to create good, sensuous and surprising performances about current issues that communicate to a wide audience. With open eyes, we explore what dance can and will do in our time. We work to create new and relevant forms of performing arts. We make popular avant-garde.

A river

Aaben Dans sees itself as a river where the water never stands still. A place for movement, oxygenation and creativity. We work with artistic development, both in our own productions, but also by supporting young artists. We cultivate professional artistic growth, both locally and nationally.

We want to bring together people from completely different backgrounds and conditions. This could mean people within a wide age range, or people with different social or cultural backgrounds, or people who are in different mental or physical situations. We work with institutions, schools, youth education and special schools, through which we can reach a diverse field of pupils and students who would otherwise not experience new performing arts. We create activities in public spaces, where residents get to meet art as part of their everyday lives.

SWOP – International Festival for Children and Young People

In even-numbered years, the local and the international merge as we present the best of the European dance scene to young audiences. The festival programme, with both Danish and international performances, is designed to include performances and activities for children, young people and adults. The festival invites private audiences, schools and institutions as well as artists and organisers from Denmark and abroad. In addition to the performances, there is always a wealth of parallel arrangements in the form of interactive events such as SWOP dance, creative installations, concerts and a seminar for professionals working with dance, body and art for children and young people. All activities during SWOP are for free.

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