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LIVERPOOL, UK

RISE - a season of extraordinary female artists, thinkers & leaders performers

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RISE is all about inspiring, educating, engaging and championing the visibility of young girls and women. Liverpool has a reputation for producing exceptional female leaders in the arts, sciences, business, sport and politics. Featuring local and internationally renowned female producers, practitioners, artists, poets, musicians, choreographers, speakers and thinkers, RISE provides a platform to create and share new commissions, exciting artworks and provocative interventions.

Young emerging talent collaborated with established pioneers and local artists and companies shared skills and profiles with global innovators. The full programme launched on 8 March 2019, International Women’s Day and ran until December 2019.

**IMPACT**

- Over 36 events
- 234 artists / speakers
- 484,473 audience / visitor figures
- 191 days
- 15 new art commissions and Liverpool firsts
- 3 UK premieres

RISE continues in 2020 and will launch a new programme. The programme is funded by the Liverpool City Council and Arts Council England (as part of the National Portfolio Organisation programme).

**NEXT CHALLENGES**

The challenge is to ensure that RISE is not seen as a standalone programme. It should be an underlying strand that weaves throughout the whole of Culture Liverpool’s event programmes.

RISE is about inspiring, educating and engaging. We all rely on stories, images and examples that teach us about who we are and what we can achieve. It is often seeing someone who has done it which empowers us to step forward ourselves.

We need to keep fighting for gender equality and championing the visibility of women, especially in environments that are still largely male-dominated. The RISE programme will continue to do this so that we will continue to see brilliant women take over the city and have their work showcased on a national and international stage.