



PRESS RELEASE

MATSENA PRODUCTIONS SHADES OF BLUE ANNOUNCED AT TALIESIN ARTS CENTRE

Monday 21st March 2022

For immediate release

We are delighted to be visiting Taliesin Arts Centre in Swansea for a sharing of *Shades of Blue* on **Thursday 7 April** and a screening of our feature film *Error Code 8:46* on **Friday 8th April**.

Matsena Productions will present an excerpt of our latest dance theatre work *Shades of Blue* followed by a Q&A where the audience will be invited to share their thoughts and questions with the artistic directors and members of the cast.

Audiences can then enjoy *Error Code 8:46*; a film directed by the two brothers which combines dance and poetry. Admission will be on a 'pay what you can' price tag, allowing the audience to choose from three price bands at their own discretion.

Thursday 7 April 5pm

Excerpts from *Shades of Blue*

Join Swansea's own artistic brothers Kel and Anthony Matsena as they present an excerpt from their upcoming dance-theatre production *Shades of Blue*, which will go on to tour this spring (DanceEast 24 April, Sadler's Wells 6 & 7 May, Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama 10 & 11 May). You will be invited to share your questions and thoughts with Anthony and Kel, following this short presentation.

This event is free of charge.

Friday 8 April 7.30pm

Error Code 8:46 (cert tbc/tystysgrif i'w chadarnhau)

This feature film marks a new level of creativity combining dance and poetry through the use of handheld cameras. Influenced by distinct locations, this film addresses ideas of humanity, spirituality and nature in an attempt to crush borders within the framework of performance. The film ties in the politics of today with the politics seen in one of the most influential female sculptors of the 20th Century, Elisabeth Frink. The screening will be followed by a Q&A with the creative team behind the film.

Pay What You Can

£5 / £7.75 / £10

Written, Choreographed & Directed/ Awduron, Coreograffwyr a Chyfarwyddwyr Anthony Matsena and Kel Matsena

Matsena Productions is a performance company, focused on the entirety of movement through the use of different performative arts. The company was founded by Anthony Matsena and Kel Matsena. Born in Bulawayo and brought up in Swansea, the brothers lead the company as Co-Artistic Directors. They have spent the last few years researching movement and its relation to the human condition through performance. Having a background in traditional African dancing and a strong background in different styles of hip-hop and krump, they merge contemporary movements together to give performance a whole new meaning. Strongly moved by aspects of theatre, poetry and writing, the company's work tends to combine different aspects of the performative arts. Recent work has drawn national and international attention, with performances on the main stage of Sadler's Wells as part of Dancing Nation - a project coordinated by Sadler's Wells and the BBC.

Ticketing information

Tickets for events at Taliesin can be purchased online at: www.taliesinartscentre.co.uk/en/all-events or alternatively, can be purchased over the phone by calling the box office on 01792 60 20 60.

For any enquiries, please email office@taliesinartscentre.co.uk or visit www.taliesinartscentre.co.uk. Alternatively, patrons can visit www.matsenaproductions.com/whatson

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SHADES OF BLUE - FOR MATSENA PRODUCTIONS

Written, Choreographed & Directed - Anthony Matsena and Kel Matsena

Associate Director - Arnold Matsena

Producer - Steph Be

Lighting Design - Ryan Joseph Stafford

Composed - Lara Agar

Dramaturg - Alfred Enoch

Costume and Set Design - Cory Shipp

Assistant Writer - Charlie Layburn

Additional Music - Anthony Matsena

More: [Anthony and Kel Matsena Biographies](#) / [Matsena Productions Website](#) / [Shades of Blue on Sadler's Wells](#)

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