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## SUMMARY REPORT DETOURS 2024



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## The 15th edition of Detours is coming to an end, and it's been a champagne

The 15th anniversary of the Detours Festival took place from 10 July to 22 September 2024. This year's edition was a resounding success, marked by record attendance and impressive artistic diversity. More than ever, the festival has established itself as a key pillar of the urban dance scene.

The festival has showcased a wide variety of urban dance styles, and is now opening up to new audiences with the introduction of new categories: Electro, Swing, Juggling (circus)... We celebrated the festival's 15th anniversary on the roof of the Bourse, bringing together the festival's emblematic artists for an open stage and our partners.

In addition to the Detours Cyphers national selections, international selections were held in Central America (Costa Rica), Congo and Morocco. This broadened the scope of the festival to include talent from all over the world.

The 3rd edition of the Urban Dance Caravan, co-produced with the Théâtre National Wallonie-Bruxelles, was a resounding success. It drew an increasingly diverse audience from the pedestrianised streets of Brussels to the grand stage for the final of the Detours Cyphers.

The theatre is now stepping up its commitment by hosting the next edition on 13 September 2025.

The festival also presented world premieres: 'Boddies Unbound' (Rwanda, DRC and Zimbabwe) at the Théâtre Varia and the premiere of 'Winners' (FWB) with Raffinerie Charleroi Danse. Two 'Work in Progress' evenings were organised. The artists presented their work in progress and received prizes to help them continue production and finalise their works.

**AFTERMOVIE**  
**BATTLE 2024**

**AFTERMOVIE WIP**  
**2024**



# 2024 Detours 15Years

## SUMMER PROGRAM 10TH OF JULY - 22ND OF SEPT

<b>10 JULY 6PM</b>	WEDNESDAY @ Bourse - Brussels <b>DANCEHALL</b>		<b>31 AUG 6PM</b>	SATURDAY @ Liège <b>ALL STYLE</b>	
<b>17 JULY 6PM</b>	WEDNESDAY @ Bourse - Brussels <b>BREAK</b>		<b>04 SEPT 6PM</b>	WEDNESDAY @ Bourse - Brussels <b>ABSTRKT</b>	
<b>24 JULY 6PM</b>	WEDNESDAY @ Bourse - Brussels <b>KRUMP</b>		<b>11 SEPT 6PM</b>	WEDNESDAY @ Bourse - Brussels <b>AFRO URBAN/COUPÉ DÉCALÉ/NDOMBOLO</b>	
<b>28 JULY 4PM</b>	SUNDAY @ Bourse - Brussels <b>SWING / HIP-HOP</b>		<b>14 SEPT</b>	SATURDAY @ Bourse - Brussels <b>URBAN DANCE CARAVAN 5.30PM</b>	
<b>31 JULY 6PM</b>	WEDNESDAY @ Bourse - Brussels <b>ELECTRO</b>		<b>18 SEPT 6PM</b>	SATURDAY @ Théâtre National Wallonie-Brussels <b>FINALE 7.30PM</b>	
<b>07 AUG 6PM</b>	WEDNESDAY @ Bourse - Brussels <b>CONTEMPORAIN/ACRODANCE</b>		<b>19 SEPT 20 SEPT</b>	WEDNESDAY @ CCBruegel - Brussels <b>WORK IN PROGRESS 7PM</b>	
<b>10 AUG 4PM</b>	SATURDAY @ Verviers <b>ALL STYLE</b>			WEDNESDAY @ CCBruegel - Brussels <b>WORK IN PROGRESS 7PM</b>	
<b>14 AUG 6PM</b>	WEDNESDAY @ Bourse - Brussels <b>PÔLE DANCE</b>		<b>21 SEPT</b>	SATURDAY @ Molenbeek <b>DETOURS QUARTIER 2PM</b>	
<b>21 AUG 6PM</b>	WEDNESDAY @ Bourse - Brussels <b>POWER MOOVE &amp; BREAKIN TRICKS</b>			SATURDAY @ Studio Varia - Brussels <b>PREMIÈRE BODDIES UNBOUND 4.30PM</b>	
<b>24 AUG 2.30</b>	SATURDAY @ Maison des cultures de saint-gilles <b>FUNKY STYLE</b>		<b>22 SEPT</b>	SATURDAY @ Charleroi Danse <b>PREMIÈRE WINNERS 8PM</b>	
<b>28 AUG 6PM</b>	WEDNESDAY @ Bourse - Brussels <b>JUGGLING</b>			SATURDAY @ Bizet <b>DETOURS QUARTIER</b>	

 **QUALIFICATION FOR THE  
FINAL BATTLE 14/09**





# Detours Cyphers FESTIVAL

**16 SESSIONS**

**10 000 SPECTATORS**

The festival has been buzzing all summer with the Detours Cyphers: the very essence of the festival! From July to September, the Cyphers took place every Wednesday in the centre of Brussels, but also in the FWB (Vervier, Liège) and abroad (Goma in the DRC, San José / Costa Rica).

The battle brought together the best dancers in their category, each time focusing on a specific dance style.

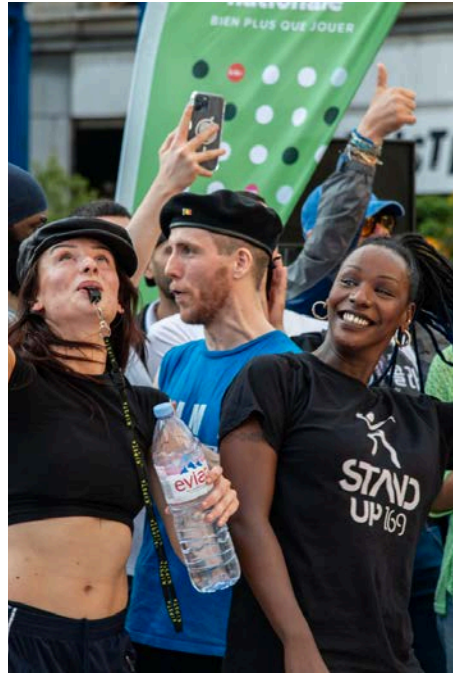
All of this was punctuated by moments on the open stage, open to all, to discover the hidden talents of the public.

Over the years, these events have become a unifying force for the Belgian hip-hop scene.

They bring people together and allow artistic disciplines to cross-fertilise, giving rise to unique performances!

The final of these Battles brought together the winners from each week on the big stage of the Théâtre National Wallonie Bruxelles, for a colourful closing night to the festival!









## COLLABORATION

### PLAISIRS D'ÉTÉ

As part of 'Plaisir d'Été', organised by Brussels Major Events, we offered a series of pop-up street shows in different areas of Brussels.

Three street shows took place in emblematic locations:

1. \*Place de l'Europe
2. \*Place Sainte-Catherine\*
3. \*Place du Jeu de Balle\* (in the Marolles district)

These events succeeded in bringing together a varied public, creating a festive and dynamic atmosphere.

#### \*Swing Qualification\*

The Swing Qualifier, held on the Plaisird'été stage, was a great success with the general public and the Swing community.

#### \*Layers Show\*

In parallel with these activities, the 'Layers' show, presented by Jules Rosenwajn, winner of previous WIPs, took place. This contemporary performance attracted an audience of contemporary performance enthusiasts, and enriched the programme by offering innovative experiences in the urban space.



**AFTERPARTY**

**200 GUESTS**

The Detours 15th anniversary party took place on the roof of the Bourse, a symbolic place for us since our activities began at the foot of this building with street shows.

Afterwards, professional dancers, friends of Detours and Festival partners and amateurs danced together to choreographed routines in a convivial spirit.

Around 200 people attended this memorable evening. The evening kicked off with an open stage featuring a number of emblematic Detours artists. Among them were MCs (Makyzarts), Beatboxers (Gaspard Herblot), contemporary dance performers (Yvan docteur Maboul) and breakdancers from all over the world, who put on breathtaking performances to create a festive and convivial atmosphere.

The participants expressed their satisfaction and particularly appreciated the diversity of the artistic performances. All in all, the evening was a great success, exceeding our expectations in terms of attendance and atmosphere.

We look forward to repeating the experience and continuing to bring the spirit of Detours to life on the roof of Brussels.





# Detours Quartiers

Thanks to Detours Quartiers, the festival leaves the centre of Brussels to reach out to people in other municipalities. In this way, it reaches a public less familiar with artistic creation and brings together diverse audiences to bring them all the way to the Théâtre National for the Grand Finale.

This year we held a Detours Quartier in the Great Hall of Molenbeek with Charleroi/Danse as part of Molenfest, and another with AMO SESAME in the Bizet district.

These events are punctuated by concept dance battles, workshops given by professional dancers, international shows and lots of multicultural encounters.

**3 SESSIONS**

**600 SPECTATORS**

St Gilles (Funky Styles)

Molenbeek - Grande Halle (House)

Anderlecht - Bizet (New Style)



September 19 and 20 were devoted to the Detours Festival's  
Detours Festival.

Over the course of the two evenings, 12 companies presented their work on the stage of the CC Bruegel to members of the Belgian and French choreographic scene, who were partners in the event, and to the Detours public, who all received their 'coup de cœur' awards.

This initiative enables artists to benefit from artistic support and tools for creation, development, production and communication.

Each year, the projects presented are selected by the Detours team following a call for applications, on the basis of quality, with a concern for representation of genres and cultures. This year our international partners included Summer Dance Forever (Netherlands).

Here is the list of works in progress selected for this edition:

Theatre de Suresnes: Camille Dewaelle Aequilibrium

Mars- Mons: Elora Pasin - Fugu

Charleroi Danse: Anonyme - Tempo a Terra

Flow: Progeria

CCN Roubaix: Karima

Lezarts Urbains: Whack or Not

Summer Dance Forever: House an Nou

Le Grand Studio: Whak or not

CCJF: Progeria

DETOURS : kaiho - Facing Familiar faces

Public : Pyramid - Les vides Denses







# Detours Creations

10 CREATIONS

1000 SPECTATORS



Detours Festival is also a showcase for accomplished urban dance projects, both for the street and for the stage. This year, Detours presented 10 creations (including 5 by artists from the FWB). These performances brought together a diverse audience of urban dance enthusiasts and the curious, both regulars and non-regulars. They gave urban dance professionals the chance to present their projects on some of Brussels' finest stages in front of an attentive audience.

- 28/08** Layers - (FWB)  
How Did You Know ? cie Why Not ? (FWB)
- 14/09** Costa Rica All Stars - (Costa Rica)  
Piramid (République du Congo)  
Goma Dance All Stars (République Démocratique du Congo/ Rwanda)  
Street OG - (FWB)
- 18/09** Cie Ca sent le Roussi - (FWB)  
Herosan - Hero Macro - (Japon)
- 21/09** Boddies Unbound (Rwanda - RDC - Zimbabwe) - Théâtre Varia  
Winners ? cie No Way Back - La Raffinerie Charleroi/Danse - (FWB)



## PRO MEETINGS - DISCUSSIONS

**25 PARTICIPANTS**  
**4 MODERATORS**



The professional meetings took place at La Raffinerie Charleroi- Danse.

They gave 25 urban dance creators the opportunity to take part in round-table discussions with a panel of professionals including Lezarts Urbains, CCN Roubaix and Summer Dance Forever.

The topics discussed at each table related to the distribution, production and communication of urban dance creations.

The debates led to some interesting exchanges, which will undoubtedly feed into the future work of the artists present.





# URBAN DANCE CARAVAN

**2000 SPECTATORS**

**BRINGING THEATRE TO THE STREETS AND THE STREETS TO THE THEATRE!**

Conceived and (co)built with the Théâtre National Wallonie-Bruxelles, the Urban Dance Caravan is a huge urban dance movement that crosses the city centre from square to square, taking us to the heart of the Théâtre National. Dancers from all over Belgium, Latin America and Africa (Congo DRC, Brazzaville, Rwanda, Zimbabwe) performed on ephemeral stages, like so many stations on the pedestrian walkway, from Place de la Bourse to Place De Brouckère, before taking the crowd to the large stage of the Théâtre National for the final battle of the Detours Cyphers.



**850 SPECTATORS**

AND THE WINNER IS.... DJIBRIL  
DIOP  
THE FINAL AT THE THÉÂTRE  
NATIONAL WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.

HIP-HOP FANS, THEATRE-GOERS,  
ONLOOKERS AND DETOURS  
AFICIONADOS.

AN INITIATIVE THAT WILL BE  
REPEATED NEXT SEASON!

# FINAL DETOURS CYPHERS









# OUTLOOK FOR 2025



## **DETOURS CYPHERS THÉÂTRE DES DOMS / FRINGE FESTIVAL**

We are in discussion with the Théâtre des Doms about organising a Detours at the Avignon Festival 2025.

We are in communication with various structures of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival (Assembly and C- Venues) to organise a Detours at the 2025 Fringe.

## **SELECTION WIP IN BRÉSIL**

Based on the WIP model developed at the Goma Dance Festival. During the evening, Detours Festival will award its prize to a project that will be selected to take part in the WIP in Brussels.

## **DETOURS IN THE PARK**

In collaboration with Bruxelles environnement, we are going to open a new 'Detours in the park', which, as its name suggests, will take place in different parks in Brussels. Like our 'Detours Quartier' events, the focus will be on passing on and sharing with new generations.

## **DETOURS FLANDRE**

We are currently canvassing to extend our qualifications to other towns in Flanders.

## **URBAN DANCE CARAVAN 2.0**

The Festival will be offering a unique experience on the Place De Brouckère, with a Dantesque scenography based on gigantic Getho Blasters hosting large-scale choreographic performances.



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## DEAR PARTNERS THANK YOU

Thanks to your confidence, the 15th edition of the Detours Festival went wonderfully well.

Your help played a big part in its success, and the entire Detours Festival team would like to express its sincere gratitude.



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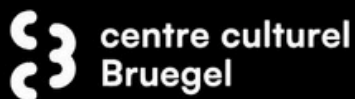
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