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Audio Tour And Dance Fuse Together In Wanstead Park Premiere

Imagine a walk in the park where memories float around your ears and dancers animate the landscape. The hidden treasure of Wanstead Park is the location for a new immersive experience that brings dance into the open spaces whilst listening to a soundscape of untold stories and dream-like music.

Memento: Wanstead Park- is part of the east London trilogy of the sound walk series by producers ScreenDeep. As a self guided experience wearing headphones, each walk is unique and an alternative way of getting to know a location with Redbridge Council having supported the initiative through their arts grants scheme. Park stories come alive as locals are interviewed about their connection to this parkland and now dancers interpret moments from the soundtrack in a new, one-off event.

The dance event is free and takes place as part of the 2016 Big Dance week on Sun 10 July with choreographer Hannah Anderson-Ricketts | Hannah Meraki Dance leading the visual experience. She bases the piece around her development of The Movement Alphabet where dynamics of dance are explored amongst a breadth of dance styles. *“Site-specific work is always an exciting experience as a viewer and choreographer, you never know what random events may happen on the day! This is a great chance to bring dance to the sound experience - fusing different art forms to create a unique event”*. Hannah Anderson-Ricketts, Hannah Meraki Dance.

The local reverend, the girl who grew up there, the historical enthusiast - all kinds of voices guide you through this tucked away green space, once a garden for Wanstead House and its charismatic owner. *“The history and local connections to the park will further come alive through this event. We’re always exploring new ways to make all kinds of places cultural and memorable.”* Olivia Bellas, ScreenDeep.

Put on your headphones and switch on your senses.

Event is free and lasts 1.5 hours including a walk back to the start point: Wanstead Tube Station phone box
Equipment will be provided, comfy shoes recommended. Pls note: walk is continuous for duration.
The online archive of full, unedited interviews are [available here](#)

Book your free space on the Wanstead Park Dance Sound Walk: Sun 10th July at either 11am/1pm/3pm
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sound-dance-walk-an-immersive-experience-tickets-25481277186>
Information: <https://screendeep.co.uk/sound-walks/memento-wanstead-park/>
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www.screendeep.co.uk are an arts collective established in 2009 focusing on placemaking and social commentary. They move across the worlds of sound, film, theatre, music and live events. The audience experience is at the centre of their work.

www.hannahmeraki.com Hannah's choreography explores the eclectic repertoire of dance styles she has trained in and experienced: Contemporary, Ballet, African, Jazz, Waacking, Hip Hop, Krump, Capoeira and House. Currently she is establishing a methodology inspired by British Sign Language and will be investigating the relationship to space at home with a residency at the Barbican centre.

www.redbridge.gov.uk are an east London borough supporting the community in various ways. They have supported the production of the Sound Walk in 2015 and the Dance event in 2016.

www.bigdance.org.uk is a biennial festival of people dancing led by the **Mayor of London** in partnership with **People Dancing** and the **Big Dance Hubs**, a network of leading dance organisations across the UK.
