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Fully caffeinated dance in a 50s jazz club brew

BLACK COFFEE

"It's the cool of jazz, the aroma of coffee and the buzz of 1950s sub culture."
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The Fringe goes back to the 1950s with Move Through Life Dance Company. Served with a ten piece live jazz ensemble, vintage fashion and a subterranean cabaret vibe, 'Black Coffee' is a dance show that takes you beyond the fourth wall and into the often seedy world of the dancer.

'Black Coffee' recreates the buzz of a 1950s jazz club, immersing patrons in music, movement, and espresso. Even the front of house staff will be dressed and in character, a live jazz band will play throughout and the smell of fresh coffee and good food will permeate the space. Welcome to the club, cats.

"We're trying to get away from the idea of the audience just sitting passively and waiting for 'the performance' to start," Artistic Director Jo McDonald declares. "We're welcoming them instead to a club, a whole sensory world of music and dance and artistry, and the moment they come through door they'll be right inside not just a show but a *culture*."

With costumed dancers scattered among the audience, the jazz influenced dance routines onstage will be intercut with 'off stage' vignettes from the private lives of the performers. So, look out.

Formed in 2004 with a vision to create innovative and accessible dance theatre, Move Through Life has already produced four highly rated shows, including 2007's 'word of mouth' Fringe hit 'Mocean'.

But 'Black Coffee' ups the buzz even further with its modern take on vintage; accelerating mere retro into a contemporary fusion of old school jazz, new school dance and 'too cool for school' subculture.

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"We're taking the decaf out of dance."

Artistic Director Jo McDonald is available for interview.

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