## Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2016 — Feel-Link

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Lithuania's very first first urban/hip-hop dance production, from the Low Air <u>Dance Company</u>, is headed for the Fringe this August at Z00 Southside's main house.

Airida Gudait and Laurynas Zakeviius represent a new generation of Lithuanian dancers and choreographers. Their show Feel-Link explores the feelings and insights evoked by the couple's experience of love and desire past, present and future, using an expressive vitality to bring a frank and fresh approach to this timeless topic.

Feel-Link was the first urban/hip-hop dance production in Lithuania and on its debut was nominated for the prestigious Lithuanian Golden Stage Cross theatre awards (for Best Debut of

the Year) and they were awarded that competition's Best Choreographers the following year.

Feel-Link features an evocative electronica soundtrack that ultimately gives way to the passion and sophisticated rawness of Nina Simone's Feelings as the dancers engage in a seemingly endless cycle of repressed feelings that ultimately come to an astonishing conclusion. A captivating and physical performance for anyone who has ever been in love.

'A subtle, poetic and emotionally eloquent conversation in motion' Kulturpolis (Lithuania)

Airida Gudait and Laurynas Zakevicius established Low Air in 2012 as the first urban Dance Company in Lithuania. They aim to uncover the artistic potential of street dance and introduce it to theatre lovers everywhere. They first met on a TV dance contest and shortly after came to prominence by winning another, along with festivalappearances and as winners of several awards.

They are currently working on a modern interpretation of

Stravinski's classical ballet The Rite of Spring that features contemporary and street dance as well as live music. Laurynas is also

involved in a project where improvised contemporary and urban dance are used to help improve social skills for young offenders. Aired and Laurynas also celebrate their first wedding anniversary while at the Fringe on 18 August!

Feel-Link is presented in partnership with Arts Printing House is a non-profit artist-run space based in the old town of Vilnius that seeks to develop a new understanding of creativity within modern society. FEEL-LINK is one of a group of four Lithuanian dance shows at Zoo in the 2016 Fringe.