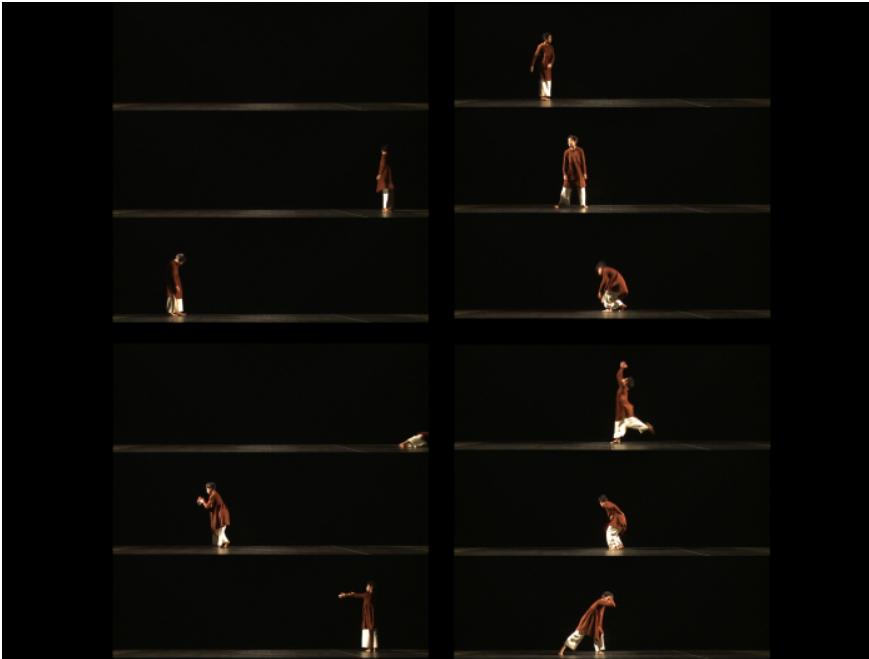

Between the Web and The Loom, Multimedia Installation (video)



This evocative collection of finely crafted moving image works explores themes around weaving through textiles, sound and dance. The context for the work is the Orkney land and seascape, a short story 'The Weaver' by the

great Orcadian writer George Mackay Brown and the sounds of the remaining Scottish Borders textile mills. The narrative is split into 12 'verses' that describe the weaver's view of the cycle of the seasons through the events and activities of ordinary rural life.

The artists: Joan Baxter, tapestry artist; John McGeoch, moving image artist; Claire Pençak, choreographer; Shamita Ray, dancer and James Wyness, composer.

Between the Web and the Loom was first presented as part of the Alchemy Film and Moving Image Festival, Hawick in 2012 and is a Tabula Rasa collaborative project. It has since seen presentations in Selkirk, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Stornoway and in November 2014 the installation toured India, visiting Kolkata, New Delhi and Chennai.

Tabula Rasa began in 1999 as a contemporary dance company led by dance maker Claire Pençak. Now based in the Scottish Borders, Tabula Rasa is specifically developing collaborative inter-disciplinary projects.

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Joan Baxter has been weaving tapestries since 1973, first as an art student in Scotland and Poland, then as a professional weaver in the UK and Australia. Her work deals with landscape, its echoes of history, its legends, its atmospheres and moods. She is particularly inspired by the rich cultural heritage and wild beauty of the landscapes of the far North of Scotland where she lives.

John McGeoch is artistic director of Arts in Motion, based in the Highlands and has a long history of commissions and collaborations, particularly between performance, music, visual arts and media. Much of the work culminates in projected images for performance or a live event, or an installation or a mixture of all three.

Claire Pençak is a dance maker and creative director of Tabula Rasa. She trained in contemporary dance at the Laban Centre, London and has worked as a dancer, choreographer and teacher in Scotland since 1991. In recent years Claire has received a Choreographic Fellowship from Creative Scotland and was a Leverhulme Trust Artist in Residence within the Centre for Rural Economy at Newcastle University in 2012.

Shamita Ray was born in Glasgow and trained in ballet and contemporary at the Urdang Academy of Ballet and in bharatnatyam at the Bharatiya Vidya

Bhavan, London. She has worked for Shobana Jeyasingh Dance Company, Sinha Dance (Canada), Lea Dance, Mind the Gap Tanztheater, Tanzlandschaft Ruhr (Germany) and Tabula Rasa.



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