

Call for Papers – EADH 2021 Conference in London

WAR, PEACE & POLITICS IN DANCE

In partnership with

BBO Dance – British Ballet Organisation

Friday 28 to Sunday 30 October 2022



In unsettled times marked by conflicts and threats, the conference proposes a reflection on how politics, war and peace have affected and/or have been represented in dance throughout history. How have battles, villains and heroes been portrayed in dance? How have politics and war affected artists and/or the creative output?

We welcome submissions for the presentation of papers or posters (the latter particularly from undergraduate and postgraduate students), demonstrations and workshops. Although priority will be given to papers that focus on the theme, we still welcome papers in any area of dance history, and shall dedicate one conference session on 'general topics'. Please note that all speakers must be or become an active EADH member. Students presenting posters must have an EADH student membership. Please send proposals of about 200 words to conferences@eadh.com by **Sunday, 21st August 2022**, stating preferences (online or presential) and any technical requirement. If live demonstration is a significant part of your paper, please indicate this for planning purposes.

Potential lines of enquiry might include (but are not restricted to) the following topics:

- Depicting heroes, villains and battle scenes in ballets
- Adopting or adapting a choreographic vocabulary to depict war and peace
- Dancers displaced by war and conflict
- Dance in the Cold War
- Troubled psyches: internal conflicts externalized in movement
- A battle of egos: backstage quarrels
- Dance as a political weapon in the Grand Siecle and in English Restoration
- Dance as a military training exercise
- Folk and traditional battle dances
- Dances celebrating peace or marking the end of a battle

The conference will have a hybrid format, both online and presential (in London). Collaborators attending online might wish to submit pre-recorded video presentations or join live online/presential sessions.

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