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Salavisa European Dance Award finalists announced



Five finalists have been selected for the award which recognises artists from around the world for their talent and unique qualities in the field of dance.

Chiara Bersani from Italy, **Dan Daw** from Australia, **Jefta van Dinther** from the Netherlands, **Lukas Avendaño** from Mexico and **Mamela Nyamza** from South Africa were selected by a Nomination Committee composed of one representative chosen by each of the nine European institutions that make up SEDA – Dansehallerne (Denmark), Fondazione Fabbrica Europa per le arti contemporanee ETS (Italy), Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian (Portugal), Joint Adventures (Germany), KVS (Belgium), Maison de la Danse/Biennale de la Danse (France), Mercat de les Flors (Spain), Sadler's Wells (United Kingdom) and Tanzquartier Wien (Austria).

The work of the five finalists will now be evaluated by an independent jury, composed of three renowned dance experts – **Ilgaz Gurur Ertem**, **La Ribot** and **River Lin**. The winner of the €150,000 award will be announced in November during a ceremony at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation in Lisbon.

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Chiara Bersani

Performing artist, activist and choreographer. She works on the accessibility of disabled artists in the performing arts scene, exploring the politics of the body and how the images we create interact with society's narratives. She was one of the co-founders of Al.Di.Qua.Artists. Winner of several awards, she is co-curator of 2025/2026 season at Spazio Kor (Asti, Italy) and guest