

## About WHITEOUT:

### **WHITEOUT – a thought-provoking and life-affirming dance performance about loss.**

When you find yourself in an Arctic whiteout – a natural phenomenon where snow swirls around, and everything turns white – you may experience a sensation similar to grief: any sense of direction disappears.

WHITEOUT delves into the painful longing, unbearable thoughts, shame, and taboos surrounding suicide.

On the other side of a whiteout, which demands introspection and reflection, you find yourself re-anchored in the world – we reconnect and create bonds across divides.

The performance sheds an important light on a topic that we, as outsiders, must not shy away from. At the same time, it explores the life-affirming aspects that the bereaved often speak of: the ability to reflect on the value of relationships and communities, and, above all, the gratitude for having known someone.

In WHITEOUT, grief and longing are embodied, but so are hope, strength, and faith in the power and meaning of life.

WHITEOUT won the award for **Dance Performance of the Year 2025** at **Årets Reumert**. The piece premiered at Dansehallerne (DK) in February 2025 and has since toured in Greenland and the Faroe Islands.

## About AVIAJA Dance:

**AVIAJA Dance** is a contemporary dance company led by Sarah Aviaja Hammeken. Drawing inspiration from Sarah Aviaja's unique background, a combination of Danish and Kalaallit (Greenlandic) roots, the company's work is often inspired by her Inuit heritage. Through ongoing movement research, AVIAJA Dance strives to authentically embody emotional states, resulting in an artistic language that combines visual poetry with powerful physical expression.

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## The press wrote:

*WHITEOUT is a breakthrough of dimensions.*

– **Information**, Anne Middelboe Christensen

*I've never had suicide close to my life. But the performance pulled me into a state of loss so insistent that it penetrated deeply.*

– **Peripeti**, Cecilie Ullerup Schmidt

★★★★★

*Whiteout reminds us of the value of relationships, despite the price of love.*

– **IScene**, Dorte Grannov Balslev

★★★★★

*Rarely has a dance performance managed to convey a spiritual state so precisely and authentically as here.*

– **CPH CULTURE**, Michael Søby

★★★★★

*... an infinitely beautiful work*

– **SCENEblog**, Casper Koeller

## **Credits:**

**IDEA, CONCEPT & CHOREOGRAPHY:** Sarah Aviaja Hammeken

**ASSISTANT CHOREOGRAPHER:** Amanda Rubio Sánchez

**DANCERS:** Amanda Rubio Sánchez, Elias Khanamidi, Eydís Rose Vilmundardóttir and Márton Debreczenyi

**DRAMATURGICAL CONSULTANT:** Siri Paulsen

**COMPOSER:** Gerth Lyberth

**LIGHT DESIGN:** Brian Cord'homme

**COSTUME DESIGN:** Parnuuna Kristiane Thornwood

**PRODUCER:** Sebastian Nervil

**ADMINISTRATION:** Jens Christian Jensen

**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Amalie Ivalo Hammeken

**PHOTOGRAPHER & VIDEOMAKER:** Ena Kurtagic Granulo

**PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS:** Paarisa and DRISP, Danish Research Institute for Suicide Prevention.

**CO-PRODUCTION:** Dansehallerne, Nunatta Isiginnaartitsisarfia/Greenland's National Theatre, and The Nordic House in the Faroe Islands.

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