



ALL ABOUT LOVE
DANCE BATTLE

The All About Love battle is an all-style dance battle created to raise the profile of queer dancers. Justine Theizen, a hip hop and queer dancer, has always had the ambition of bringing together the hip hop and queer dance communities. She therefore came up with the idea of using a format that she has always been familiar with and in which she has participated on numerous occasions: the battle, created by the Hip Hop community.

In this battle concept, we find a panel of queer juries, djs from various styles and an allied audience. Participation is open to anyone who identifies as part of the queer community.



LE BATTLE

What is it ?

By definition, a **battle** is a contest based on dance style set to the same style of music. What's special about a battle is that the participants don't know what music is going to be played beforehand, so they have to improvise. This can take the form of 1VS1, 2VS2, 3VS3 participation, or sometimes even a 'battle crew', where the members of a dance group compete against each other.

During the confrontation, a dance passage of about 1 minute is defined by the dancer to the same music. It is at this point that the juries will apply their criteria to define the winner, based on musicality, energy, technique and emotion. As the competition progresses, the number of rounds increases.



The concept 'All About Love'

For the All About Love battle, we are proposing a different concept: 'All Style'. It means 'any style'. This means that any style of dance is open to participation. The styles of music to which the dancers will compete are also varied.

For example: I'm a hip hop dancer and I come across Afro music during my battle.

The participant will have to challenge him/herself by keeping his/her dance style to a style of music that he/she is not used to dancing to. This opens up new artistic possibilities and encourages exchanges between dancers from different styles and communities.

ORGANISATION

Justine Theizen

Justine Theizen is a 26-year-old dancer and choreographer. First trained in Hip Hop for several years, then in Krump for 3 years, she grew up in an urban culture, between battle, choreographic competitions and video clip.

In 2019, she took part in the 1000PiecesPuzzle training course for emerging artists, organised by Cindy Claes in collaboration with Zinnema. It was through this experience that her artistic universe opened up to creation, storytelling and hip hop theatre. Justine won the course thanks to the debut of her play 'Seasons'.

At the same time, her career as a dancer/performer is taking off. Between 2019 and 2022, she was a dancer-interpreter in several creations: Chikara by Ronin, Solomon x Sheba by WANP, La Ave by Nina Munoz, Ruptuur by Mercedes Dassy, Categori by Yassin Mrabtifi and, most recently, in the opera Nostalgia e Rivoluzione produced by the Théâtre royal de La Monnaie and choreographed by Michiel Vandeveld.

Since 2020, Justine has also been supported by the management and distribution agency Get Down - Dancers Management ASBL.

She is also very interested in cinema and has had the opportunity to act and dance in various short films - such as 'Tarot' directed by Alice Khol - or films - such as 'Rebel' by Adil and Bilal.

Since June 2022, Justine has been creating her Dragking @Zack character and performing for Sassy Cabaret, Mama's open Mic, Fame Festival, Crashtest and Playback. Since early 2023, she has been organising the queer Battle All About Love.

Her art gives her the opportunity to represent her community, and every project she decides to get involved in brings her a little closer to that goal. She is a queer hip hop artist.



QUEER EDITION

The term 'queer' originally meant 'that which is bizarre or strange' and was used to describe people from sexual and gender minorities. It was then reclaimed by these same minorities as a positive term for difference. It has been popularised by the acronym 'LGBTQIA+', with the letter Q indicating queer people (and sometimes also people with questions).

It is difficult to give a precise definition of the term 'queer', and this is intentional. The term itself calls for the abolition of overly strict definitions that restrict personal expression.



Some dance styles have emerged thanks to the queer community itself; Voguing, Waacking, Funk, etc ... But for other styles, the queer community is invisible. This battle aims to offer a 'safer' space that highlights and gives visibility to people like them, people who find themselves in both the hip hop and queer communities, as well as non-hip hop but queer dancers who would like to experiment with the battle format.

We have also chosen to work with an LGBTQIA+ friendly team. The judges are also queer dancers and/or involved in this community.

This year we welcomed judges for Break Dance, Voguing Old Way, Hip Hop and Arms discipline.



PARCOURS

The Battle All About Love was born in February 2023 during the Rendez-vous Get Down, a carte blanche event held at the Centre culturel Jacques Franck.

For this first edition, we opted for a smaller venue to create a more intimate atmosphere.

Around a hundred people, including audience members and dancers, attended this first edition.

In November 2023, the second edition, again presented at the Centre Culture Jacques Franck, welcomed 4 judges from France, Belgium and the Netherlands. This time, the battle took place on the stage in the auditorium and was attended by **300** people.



CHARTER

The battle also has a charter to be complied with by anyone wishing to attend or participate in the event. The aim is to provide a 'safe' space.

All About Love

**ZERO TOLERANCE
FOR ALL FORMS OF**

**RACISM
LGBTQIA+ PHOBIA
SEXISM
GROSSOPHOBIA
AS WELL AS OTHER
FORMS OF
DISCRIMINATION**

**DON'T HESITATE TO
ASK FOR PRONOUNS
AND ALWAYS ASK
FOR CONSENT**

DÉROULEMENT

Pre-selection in the form of a Jam
1/4 finals
SHOWCASE (showcasing a queer artist)
1/2 final
Demo judges
Final
(After party - Dj set)

Total duration : 3h
with the after party : 5h

BUDGET

4 judges	1600€	(400€/juge)
DJ Battle	400€	
Photographer	400€	
Videographer	400€	
Host	400€	
MC Voguing	400€	
MoneyPrize	250€	
Showcase	400€	
Organisation/Coordination	400€	
Transports (staff/juges/mc)	400€	
Accessories	200€	
DJ Set Afterparty	300€	In option
TOTAL	5300€	
Get down = %	700€	(admin/production/coordination)
TOTAL	6000€	

**the budget is open to discussion*

Instagram :
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Overview of the 1st édition :



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