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New dance and heritage project commemorating the Mayflower 400 anniversary awarded funding from Arts Council England

Multi award-winning choreographer Katie Green will bring her newest project *Imagination Museum: Mayflower 400* to Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Hampshire and Plymouth in the lead up to the 2020 anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower. The project will see 5,500 people get involved in innovative dance and heritage events within their local community.

The Imagination Museum: Mayflower 400 project will bring to life museum collections and heritage sites through fun and engaging dance performances and workshops. It will draw on the historic story of the Mayflower's voyage from England to America, and will begin in North Nottinghamshire and culminate in Plymouth. The Mayflower set sail from Plymouth in September 1620, and the 400th anniversary will be commemorated nationwide.

From 2019 – 2020, the project will tour to 19 venues across the Midlands and South West of England, including museums, heritage sites, schools, community centres and churches. Each performance will be different, drawing on workshops with the local community at each venue to develop the core dance piece, and providing opportunities for community groups to perform alongside professional dancers.



The Imagination Museum; photo Pari Naderi

Choreographer Katie Green says: *“We are thrilled to have been supported through the Arts Council’s Strategic Touring programme to develop our work with dance and museums. This funding, along with the support of our other partners, enables us to work closely with communities in three key regions. We’re particularly excited to work with people who may be new to dance or museums.”*

To find out more about how you can get involved in *The Imagination Museum: Mayflower 400* project, contact katie@madebykatiegreen.co.uk.

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Notes for Editors

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Made By Katie Green is a contemporary dance company developing new ways of responding to historical artefacts and heritage sites through dance. Working collaboratively with a range of artists, we create stories that bring our shared past to life in new ways, and engage a broad audience, including those who are new to dance.

For more information about the company's work visit: www.madebykatiegreen.co.uk

For more information about the national **Mayflower 400** commemoration, please visit: <http://www.mayflower400uk.org/about/>

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