



**For Immediate release:**

**Bristol artist Jo Bannon returns to Arnolfini with sell out show *Alba***

Bristol based performance artist Jo Bannon will return to Bristol following a national tour of *Alba*. *Alba* will be presented at Arnolfini on Friday 8 September at 7.30pm, with a post performance talk with Helen Cole, Artistic Director/CEO of In Between Time.

*Alba* was commissioned by In Between Time and premiered at IBT15 Bristol International Festival (2015) in Arnolfini and sold out to local, national and international audiences, leading to a national tour of *Alba*.

In *Alba* Jo Bannon draws on her experience as a person with albinism and unpicks a tangle of stories. *Alba* reveals the myths we inherit, and the identities we cannot shake off.

*Alba* has been described as an extraordinary visual poem, created with story, light and sound. Bannon unpicks the ways in which we look, hear and sense our immediate environment.

*"This show is a little miracle" \*\*\*\* The Guardian*

Jo Bannon commented: *"Alba is many ways a performance about arriving in your own sense of self, your own being and all the ways we identify and are seen by ourselves and the outside world. Therefore it is a huge privilege and thrilling, exciting and daunting to show this work in my home city, to a home crowd consisting of friends, peers, old and new audiences to my work, and for the first time to my mum, who is featured in the work, but has not yet seen it. I can say one thing for sure...It will be emotional...!"*

Bannon's work is concerned with human exchange and encounter, exploring how our bodies experience the world around us and how this sensory experience can or cannot be conveyed.

Bannon has presented work in UK, Europe, South American and Australia including The Barbican, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Spill Festival of Performance, Battersea Arts

Centre, PAD Mainz and the National Theatre. She is the founder member of Bristol based artist collective Residence.

More information and tickets are available at [www.arnolfini.org.uk/whatson/jo-bannon-alba-1](http://www.arnolfini.org.uk/whatson/jo-bannon-alba-1)

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**Lead image available to download from Dropbox here:**

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More images available on request.

**Notes to Editor:**

**Credits**

Commissioned and produced by In Between Time with Ovalhouse & Pink Fringe. Supported by Residence and Campo. Developed through Fuel's Jerwood Residencies at Cove Park, which are supported by the Jerwood Charitable Foundation.

**Press Quotes**

"This show is a little miracle" \*\*\*\* **The Guardian**  
"Bannon creates a transcendent moment" **Total Theatre**  
"Jo Bannon's fabulous Alba" **The Guardian**

**About Jo Bannon**

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**About Arnolfini**

Woven into the fabric of Bristol since 1961, Arnolfini is a pioneer of interdisciplinary contemporary arts, presenting an ambitious programme of visual art, performance, dance, film and music, accompanied by a programme of learning and participation activities.  
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