**Extant**

For over 25 years, we have been the UK’s leading professional performing arts company that explores visual impairment to create unique and innovative artistic experiences, placing visually impaired people at the centre of all we do: from the productions we create, to the artists we employ or support to build stronger careers in the sector, to the audiences we perform to and the participants we work with.

We work across London and the UK on: [professional touring productions](https://extant.org.uk/productions), [artist development](https://extant.org.uk/artist-development), [audience access](https://extant.org.uk/access/productions-enhance) and [participation](https://extant.org.uk/participation).

Extant has a vital role to play within the theatre community scrutinising issues around engagement for visually impaired people, developing creative access solutions and influencing the policies and practice of others.

We are funded by Arts Council England as a National Portfolio Organisation and receive additional funding from several trusts and foundations.

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**Enhance**

Enhance performances are a form of affordable access provision developed by Extant to support small-scale touring companies to engage with visually impaired audiences.

As part of Enhance, the venue also receives Visual Impairment Awareness Training (VIAT).

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For Pre-Enhance we encourage that access is creatively integrated at the start of the creative process, and offer tailored consultancy based on this concept.

Post-Enhance supports the touring company to build in access post-production. This is done via the creation of succinct programme notes, and touch tour training. The Enhance show is preceded with a touch tour including programme notes. The programme notes are written with access for visually impaired audiences at the core. They encapsulate the visual aspects of the show (without giving away spoilers) and any key visual action that could otherwise be missed. The Touch Tour offers exploration of set, props and costume: offering an immersive space in which to imagine the work before the show begins.

If you would like further information on any of the above, please contact our Enhance Training Manager: caroline@extant.org.uk