

REVIEWS AND COMMENTS

**** The Chelsea is less a place than a metaphor – for being young, and living in a maelstrom of hopefulness and despair, ecstasy and boredom, narcissism and romance. And the real achievement of this work is how vividly it takes us back to that state.

But what makes this small-scale show feel so large and resonant is the detailed eloquence of the live performances. This portrait of the Chelsea is far more than an homage to one building, it's a sharp and tender elegy for our collective youth.

The Guardian, Judith Mackrell

Welsh dance company Earthfall plunges into the heart of bohemian New York's most potent myths in Chelsea Hotel, channelling the ghosts of the infamous establishment's many famous artist-residents for a 70-minute piece that builds slowly into a portrait of damaged dreams.

The accumulation of hedonism, longing and despair is so poignantly caught by the company's committed dancers that it's soon hard to resist checking in.

Siobhan Murphy, The Metro

The latest production from the Cardiff-based Earthfall is bang on the money . It is a house of boho ghosts and Earthfall's multi-media performance conjures dead souls and living spirits.

Chiming guitars, clattering electronic drums and subtle shifts of tone enhance the heady atmosphere, pungent with a kind of curdled romanticism and the decaying, hallucinatory innocence that makes the Chelsea Hotel unique. A very cool tribute.

The Stage, Neil Norman

Earthfall evokes the hotel's bohemian atmosphere and tragicomic chaos.

Earthfall's fine performers get under the skin of the different residents.

The choreography mixes naturalistic gesture and muscular dance, with risky acrobatic partnering.

The Independent, Zoe Anderson.

**** An alternately moody and heady brew of impressionistic pretensions and full-blown rock-lit attitude. Evoking the flavour of an iconic pocket of cultural history, this is a Chelsea Hotel of the mind.

The performance gradually acquires an exhilaratingly defiant, deceptively reckless bruised cool. Their body language of fast, tight spirals, truculent back-kicks and tumbling rolls is fuelled by the equally terrific and varied music.

The soundtrack of strong, hook-laden vocals backed by a seductive mesh of keyboards, percussion and guitar licks helps to turn *Chelsea Hotel* into a kind of vital, haunted party.

The Times, Donald Hutera.

Breathtakingly energetic routines.

Jean Rush, Dance File

A richly threaded impressionist homage.

Theatre in Wales, Adam Sommerset

CHELSEA HOTEL AUDIENCE FEEDBACK

FACEBOOK

- **William Henry Prince** - Best dance company in Europe.
- **Amy Blythe** - so glad I checked into the Chelsea Hotel this evening with Earthfall Dance...great show!!!!
- **Ian Reade** - Just went to see Chelsea Hotel by Earthfall Dance. Yes, they are still brilliant and shiny like a new penny. See it if you can.
- **Tacchi Morris** - Brilliant workshops, fabulous show! Thank you Earthfall Dance!
- **Rachie Bach** - I have just witnessed an amazing performance by Earthfall Dance. — feelingexcited.
- **Billy Brown** - There are still some tickets left for your chance to see "Chelsea Hotel" in the WMC Cardiff. Really amazing show that is not to be missed!
- **Christina Jansen** - Fabulous show go and see it only a few days left ...
- **Saz Mackay** - Earthfall last night at the Lowry was amazing. Atmosphere of patti smith, Lou reed in ny. Incredible dancing imagery and music. Loved it and Elise very inspired by dancing.
- **Deb Fletcher** - One word - AMAZING - huge congratulations to all who performed tonight - loved it
- **Furious-the Monkey-boy Gemmell** - The Performance was AMAZING I'm glad i came to see it and thank you for the residency that was one of the best weeks of my life

TWITTER

- **Lila Dance** @LilaDance_News - Love live music combined with film & physical theatre.. Don't miss #ChelseaHotel by @earthfall @PDSW_org
- **Hannah Pullen** @CrazySpoonLady - Chelsea hotel was awesome last night! @earthfall Can't wait to see more work from earthfall in the future :D
- **Brittany Soo** @brittanysoo - 'Chelsea Hotel' by @earthfall was fab last night! One of the most contemporary visual arts pieces I've ever seen
- **Activate** @ActivatePArts - #ChelseaHotel by @earthfall is on Thursday @PDSW_org , 4 stars in The Guardian. The lifts will blow your mind. Our message to you? Just go!
- **TashinaTKeller** @TashinaTKeller - @earthfall I just watched #chelseahotel and all I can say is. THE LIFTS, the lifts and the bed. And the lifts. I'm mind blown.
- **H** @haribosweets - Blown away by the fantastic performance of #ChelseaHotel by @earthfall at Aber. A fantastic combination of music, physical theatre and voice
- **James Baker** @James_BakerI cannot put into words how excited I am for @earthfall's #ChelseaHotel tonight. I am expressing it thru dance, but you can't see that.
- **EdgeFWD** @EdgeFWD - Incredible performance from @earthfall #Chelseahotel . Wonderful seeing our very own big brother @AMarshallP dancing. Truly #inspiring
- **Carole Green** @ITVCaroleGreen - @trotaround @steve_bale Worth seeing @earthfall live music & live top shot camera made it for me #ChelseaHotel
- **Inspired Lives** @Inspired_Lives - @earthfall enjoyed it very much thank you Loved the concept/context and the fluidity of your movement-words-music is mesmerising @The_Lowry
- **Tony Lawton** @womtheatre - Chelsea Hotel: Superb, unique contemporary theatre/dance performance by @earthfall @The_Lowry a great show _earthfall.org.uk/chelseahotel/