

# EDINBURGH FESTIVALS

## The Warriors: A Love Story

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Rating: ★★★★★

*The Warriors: A Love Story*, is a stylishly constructed and highly visual hour of dance, music, and video. But more than that, it is a beautifully told love story set in the immediate aftermath of WWII.

Inspired by the lives of J. Glenn Gray, a Colorado philosophy professor and WWII veteran, and his wife Ursula, a German survivor of the 1945 Allied bombing of Dresden, Germany, who met in the months after the war, when previous enemies began to clear away the haze of war and see each other as people again.

Five dancers, our narrator and musician at his desk, a large trunk, and multiple projections on multiple surfaces filling the space to the brim, make the space feel at times very busy. Yet the busyness is nicely contrasted when at times the staging is paired right back, and our focus sharpens on a single dancer or video clip.

At times, the dancing jarred uncomfortably with the flow of the video and music but on the whole, the media worked well together to produce a startlingly assured piece of work.

Words: Georgia Jones

**The Warriors: A Love Story, Zoo Southside, Aug 1 – 24, 20:30**