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Laban, Deptford Dance Centre,
RIBA Sterling Award Winner.

TOUGH FLOOR FOR DANCE COLLEGE

The newly constructed Deptford Dance Centre, RIBA Stirling Award winner, welcomed 350 students when the academic year started in October 2002. Laban's new building, the world's largest for contemporary dance, opened officially in February of this year. Partly funded by the Arts Council of England with National Lottery Funds, the internal floor areas of this architecturally impressive building will be subjected to consistently high levels of foot traffic. With practicality an important consideration, Main Contractor, Ballast contracted Ryebrook Resins Ltd to lay a resin floor along all corridors, concourses and stairways as well throughout the toilet, shower and changing room areas. Creating an aesthetic impact. The specification required incorporating an aggregate into the final finish, giving depth and shimmer to the almost black floor, with aluminium trim providing contrast along the walls, skirtings and joints.



The project had a number of unusual and challenging elements for Ryebrook. In the toilet and shower areas for example, the solvent-free epoxy screed, Ryescreed, was to be dressed up the walls to ceiling height, whilst vanity units also had to be created. This vertical application required highly skilled installers, ensuring a total seal was created. Ryebrook was also required to form the treads, risers and nosings on the imposing spiral staircase in the main entranceway, providing the steps with excellent protection from wear and tear.

To clean and key the floor, Ryebrook first had to undertake mechanical abrading before the aluminium edge trim could be laid in place. Ryescreed was then laid at 4mm to walls and 6mm in all floor areas, with clear seal coat enhancing the effect of the blend pigment in the aggregate. A radius coved skirting was formed in all areas to facilitate cleaning and maintenance of hygiene standards, with movement joints from within the sub floor only being brought through.

The almost seamless floor finish will provide the Dance Centre with many years of constant use and, with good housekeeping, will remain looking good well into the future.

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