

# Leaps and Sounds in St Austell

LEAPS and Sounds – an exciting project bringing young composers, choreographers and performers from across the South West together – is being staged in St Austell.

A joint project between CYMAZ (Cornwall Youth Music Action Zone), PMZ (Plymouth Music Zone), Remix (Bristol Music Zone) and Dance South West, this is an opportunity for burgeoning young talent to work together.

Six choreographers and six composers have joined forces to create new dance pieces which were performed at Plymouth University last week as part of Youth Music Week and at Keay Theatre, St Austell, on November 10.

The two music composers from Cornwall are teenage singer-songwriter Andrew Bate, from St Blazey, near St Austell, who has already been likened to performers like Jeff Buckley and Rufus Wainwright and Jenny Byatt, from Truro, who has a close association with Cornwall Youth Orchestra.

The young dancers appearing in their piece come from Truro College, St Austell College and Duchy Ballet and the young musicians hail from Helston, Newquay and Saltash.

Ian Abbott, regional youth dance co-ordinator at Dance South West, said: "Young people who have never done anything like this have now come up with some really exciting work together, across music and dance. I can promise it will be a really exciting evening of entertainment."