## Olivier Coëffard

Olivier Coëffard was born in 1989 in the South of France, at Carcassonne. His studies in dance later took him to the Conservatoire National de Danse D'Avignon. At the age of 17 he joined Europa Danse Company in Brussels. He moved on to Spain to dance with Dantzaz Kompania and later worked with Malandain Ballet Biarritz.

In 2010 Olivier joined the acclaimed dance family of Nederlands Dans Theater (NDT). His first years were with NDT 2 under the direction of Gerald Tibbs and the care of Urtzi Aranburu. He followed this path to NDT 1 under the direction of Paul Lightfoot. Today, as a freelance artist, he wears many hats and is always looking for different challenges and projects. He continues to evolve in a different world, moving from acting, to dancing, to choreography.

He also teaches and coaches at schools of dance and dance companies around the world. Olivier is an active member of the Kylián Foundation, established to organize and maintain the works of celebrated choreographer Jiří Kylián. He began setting work in 2019 as a member of that prestigious organization and continues to work in this field around the world with other celebrated choreographers including Paul Lightfoot and Sol León.