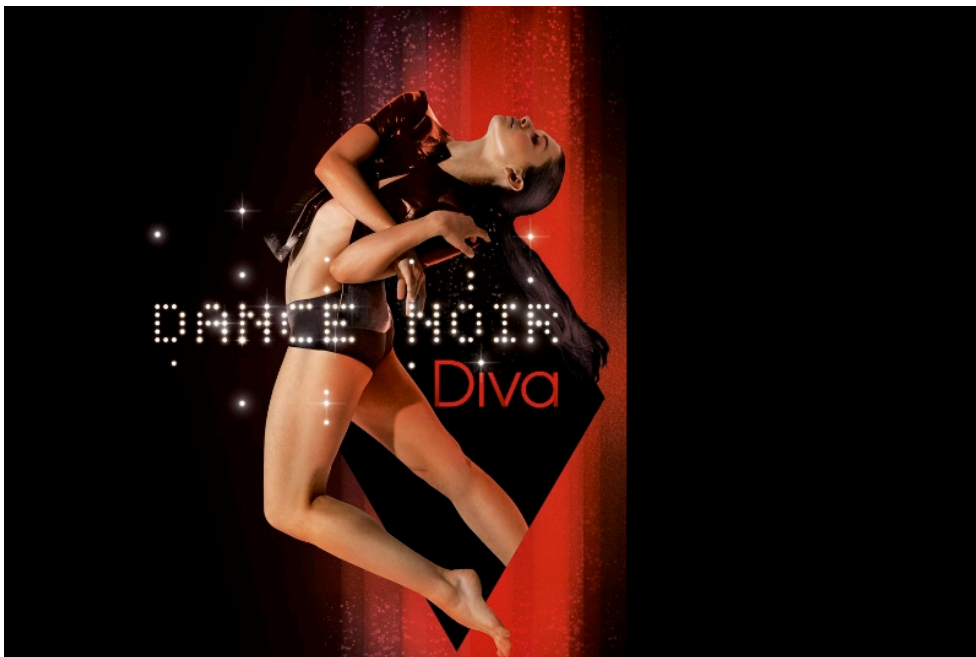


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**DANCE NOIR - DIVA  
SYDNEY DANCE COMPANY'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISING PARTY  
September 6<sup>th</sup> 2014**



*"One of the hottest tickets on Sydney's social calendar"* (Sydney Morning Herald), Sydney Dance Company's Annual **Dance Noir** party and dinner returns to Pier 2 at Walsh Bay on Saturday September 6 from 7.30pm, this year with the theme of Diva!

Now in its fifth year, **Dance Noir** has earned a reputation amongst Sydney's social set for offering an exclusive Sydney Dance Company "money can't buy" experience. A grand departure from your typical corporate fundraiser, the event is truly representative of the Company it serves – dynamic, sophisticated and creative.

A highlight of each year's **Dance Noir** event is the specially created dance performances choreographed by Artistic Director Rafael Bonachela and the Company's dancers, which are presented throughout the evening. Set on a catwalk stage in the centre of the venue, these are stunning to behold and a unique opportunity to get up close and personal with some of the country's most talented performers.

This year's **Dance Noir** embraces a Diva theme with performances by the incomparable Taryn Fiebig, renowned for her Helpmann Award winning performance in Opera Australia's *Bliss*, along with the legendary singer and actor Paul Capsis.

With gourmet dining by Bayleaf Catering, wines by Robert Oatley Vineyards, fabulous cocktails by Vitek Vodka and champagne by Pommery, it's guaranteed to be an evening of decadence and delight, brilliantly hosted by The Chaser's Chris Taylor.

**Dance Noir** was created five years ago to raise essential funds for the creation of new works, support Sydney Dance Company's DancED program - catering for students from primary school to pre-professional level, and enable the Company to tour, showcasing the best of Australian contemporary dance to national and international audiences.

Renowned auctioneer, Ronan Sulich of Christie's Auction House will tempt guests with live auction items including:

- Be Italian! Fly return business class to Italy courtesy of Singapore Airlines and enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime two-day driving experience with Maserati at their home in Parma and surrounding towns as well as on the racetrack;
- Dive into decadence in France. Wrap yourself in luxury every step of your journey. Fly business class to Paris with Singapore Airlines, stay at the incomparable Hotel Le Bristol, pamper yourself at the Lancome Institute, and get out of town with accommodation from Relais & Chateaux;
- Gather 20 of your closest Divos and Divas for a stay at the beautiful Chateau Soulac in the Bordeaux region of France. You and your guests will enjoy exclusive access to every inch of this 8-hectare property, tennis court, and swimming pool, owned by Sydney Dance Company patron and former prima ballerina Darcey Bussell CBE;
- Take a break. Just a hop over the sea to New Zealand, but you'll feel light years away from your worries with return premium economy flights from Virgin Australia and accommodation with Relais & Chateaux at the incomparable Huka Lodge

Plus there are more than 50 silent auction prizes including:

- A small signature grain Burberry leather tote bag in pale taupe
- Run onto the field with the GWS Giants at a home game
- A Vodka Masterclass with the master himself Vitek Czernuszyn of Vitek Vodka
- Garments from star designer Toni Maticevski
- VIP Zoofari accommodation and experience for four at Taronga Western Plains Zoo.

For those who can't make it on the night but want to support the event, advance bidding opens on August 25th until 5pm Friday 5th September 2014. Register at <http://www.sydneydancecompany.com/dance-noir-2014-live-auction/>.

Tickets to this year's Dance Noir have now sold out. To add your name to the wait list, or to get in early for next year, email [Joshua@sydneydancecompany.com](mailto:Joshua@sydneydancecompany.com).

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#### **ABOUT SYDNEY DANCE COMPANY**

Sydney Dance Company is Australia's leading contemporary dance company, employing a full-time ensemble of sixteen dancers from around Australia and overseas, led by Artistic Director, Rafael Bonachela. In 2014, the Company celebrates its 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.