

**SYDNEY DANCE COMPANY
AND
KATIE NOONAN
INTERNATIONAL TOUR**



Sydney Dance Company will top off its 2015 program with a series of international engagements, in conjunction with legendary Australian songstress Katie Noonan.

Australia's leading contemporary dance company has this morning announced a series of performances in Germany this November – presenting at Fürth's Stadtheater and the renowned Festspiele Ludwigshafen.

These engagements follow on from Sydney Dance Company and Australian Chamber Orchestra's season of *Illuminated* at Hong Kong's Kwai Tsing Theatre on November 13 and 14, marking a rare co-presentation by two major Australian performing arts companies in Asia.

The three part international tour will see Katie Noonan accompany the Sydney Dance Company dancers on a three-week expedition from November 11 to December 2, across two continents.

In Hong Kong, Katie will join the Sydney Dance Company dancers onstage, along with musicians from the Australian Chamber Orchestra, led by Richard Tognetti.

Whilst in Ludwigshafen, Katie and the dancers will share the stage with players from the German State Philharmonic of Rhineland-Palatinate.

Sydney Dance Company appears internationally in November at:

Kwai Tsing Theatre, Hong Kong

8pm, 13 – 14 November 2015

Sydney Dance Company and the Australian Chamber Orchestra present *Illuminated*

Two of Australia's greatest ensembles come together to present a trio of breathtaking dance pieces created by Helpmann Award-winning choreographer Rafael Bonachela, set to the compositions of Benjamin Britten, Vivaldi, JS Bach, and Jean-Philippe Rameau

Program –

Project Rameau

Les Illuminations, featuring Katie Noonan

Variation 10

Stadtheater Fürth, Germany

7:30pm, 18-22 November

Sydney Dance Company presents Rafael Bonachela's multi-award-winning *2 One Another*, alongside his latest creation, *Variation 10*.

Theatre im Pfalzbau, Festspiele Ludwigshafen, Germany

7.30pm, 28-29 November

Sydney Dance Company presents ***Triptych***

A three-part program showcasing the music of Benjamin Britten, choreography by Rafael Bonachela and costumes by Toni Maticevski

Program -

Simple Symphony

Les Illuminations, featuring Katie Noonan

Variation 10

Presented by Festspiele Ludwigshafen, and featuring the German State Philharmonic of Rhineland-Palatinate.

An additional program at Festspiele Ludwigshafen 2015 is yet to be announced.

Katie Noonan is currently appearing in Sydney Dance Company's production of ***Triptych*** at Roslyn Packer Theatre, Sydney, from September 25 to October 10. Book online at www.roslynpackertheatre.com.au, or telephone 02 9250 1999.

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Image: Katie Noonan 2015. Photo by Cybele Malinowski; Sydney Dance Company, *Les Illuminations*. Photo by Peter Greig. Costumes by Toni Maticevski.

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ABOUT SYDNEY DANCE COMPANY

Sydney Dance Company is Australia's leading contemporary dance company, presenting new works in Sydney, around Australia and internationally, under the Artistic Direction of Rafael Bonachela. Since 1985 the Company has been resident in purpose-built studios at Pier 4 in Sydney's Walsh Bay, minutes from the city's famed Harbour Bridge. Its studios house the largest public dance class program in Australia, attracting nearly 80,000 participants each year. A legendary force in contemporary dance in Australia, Sydney Dance Company will celebrate its 50th year in 2019. More information, www.sydneydancecompany.com

ABOUT KATIE NOONAN

Katie Noonan's technical mastery and pure voice makes her one of Australia's most versatile and beloved vocalists. A mother, singer, producer, songwriter, pianist and business woman, this 4 x ARIA Award winning and 7 x platinum selling songstress first received widespread praise as the angel-voiced songstress of indie-pop band George and has since taken audiences on sublime excursions through Jazz, Pop and Classical music. In 2013 *Herald Sun* ran a poll asking Australia's most famous vocalists to nominate the Greatest Australian Singers of all time. Katie was voted in the top 20 sharing this honour with the likes of Michael Hutchence, Bon Scott, Neil Finn, The Bee Gees and Gurrumul. More information, <http://kati Noonan.com>

ABOUT THE DANCE WORKS

PROJECT RAMEAU

Choreographer: Rafael Bonachela
Composers: Jean-Philippe Rameau, Vivaldi, JS Bach (selections)
Leader: Richard Tognetti
Set and lighting designer: Benjamin Cisterne
Costume designers: Rafael Bonachela and Fiona Holley

LES ILLUMINATIONS

Choreographer: Rafael Bonachela
Composer: Benjamin Britten, *Les Illuminations*
Soprano: Katie Noonan
Musicians Hong Kong: Australian Chamber Orchestra led by Richard Tognetti
Musicians Ludwigshafen: German State Philharmonic Orchestra Rhineland-Palatinate
Costume designer: Toni Maticovski
Set and lighting designer: Benjamin Cisterne

VARIATION 10

Choreographer: Rafael Bonachela
Composer: Benjamin Britten, *Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge*
Costume designer: Toni Maticovski
Set and lighting designer: Benjamin Cisterne

2 ONE ANOTHER

Choreographer: Rafael Bonachela

Production & Costume Designer, Creative Director of Screen Content: Tony Assness

Lighting Designer: Benjamin Cisterne

Composer, Original Music: Nick Wales

Writer: Samuel Webster

SIMPLE SYMPHONY

Choreographer: Rafael Bonachela

Composer: Benjamin Britten, *Simple Symphony*

Costume Designer: Toni Maticevski

Stage and Lighting Designer: Benjamin Cisterne