



SYDNEY DANCE COMPANY ANNOUNCES

PRE-PROFESSIONAL YEAR DANCERS OF 2019

Sydney Dance Company are thrilled to announce the aspiring young Australian and New Zealand dancers selected to take part in the acclaimed Pre-Professional Year program

“By offering students the chance to train in a company-like environment with access to world-class choreographers, SDC is laying the foundation for the next wave of Australian dance talent. It is an exciting initiative, and as a dance critic, these are names that I’ll now watch with interest.” **Claudia Lawson, *Fjord Review on PPY18 Revealed***

Now in its sixth year, this 12-month intensive program provides a unique opportunity for aspiring contemporary dancers to train alongside Sydney Dance Company ensemble and experience a professional dance career.

Led by Sydney Dance Company’s Head of Training, Linda Gamblin, the [Pre-Professional Year](#) dancers work with over 35 local and international contemporary choreographers and specialists each year, who offer a variety of unique movement philosophies and techniques as well as helping the dancers to gain invaluable insight into their unique creative practice.

The critically acclaimed end of year performance at Carriageworks, *PPY Revealed*, showcases new choreography created with these guest artists throughout the year.

Dancers from around Australia and New Zealand applied for the Pre-Professional Year 2019 course intake. Following a highly competitive audition process, the final cut comprises eleven dancers from New South Wales, six from Queensland, four from ACT, three from WA, one from Victoria, one from Tasmania, one from South Australia and one from New Zealand, all ranging in age from 18 to 24 years.

The dancers will commence their studies at Sydney Dance Company’s brand-new, state-of-the-art studios in Ultimo from February 2019.

Sydney Dance Company’s Head of Training, Linda Gamblin says; “I am excited to inspire young people through the exploration of dance while encouraging personal and professional development. I am passionate about uncovering the spirit of a group environment, allowing space to strengthen their authentic self.”

Sydney Dance Company’s Artistic Director, Rafael Bonachela says; “With sophisticated technique and a strong sense of the artist within, Pre-Professional Year graduates are brave and generous when working within the contemporary dance industry”.

★★★★ "There was some challenging, extremely difficult choreography and glorious dancing at Sydney Dance Company's *PPY18 Revealed*... this year's ensemble were splendid." **Arts Hub on *PPY18 Revealed***

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Amy Jordan, Bulli, NSW
Annalise Malachowski, Castle Hill, NSW
Claudia Willimann, Christchurch, NZ
Emma-Jane Tuck, Sydney, NSW
Gabriela Planck, Black Rock, VIC
Georgia Taylor, Sydney, NSW
Holli Di Nardo, Carindale, QLD
Imogen Chen, Rockhampton, QLD
Isaac Clark, Armidale, NSW
Jessica Tonkin, Townsville, QLD/Canberra, ACT
Lauren Rutherford Perth, WA
Lillian Grant, Canberra, ACT
Maddison Weiley, Wallsend, NSW
Mia Corfield, Perth, WA
Nicholas Caldwell, Orange, NSW
Nikki Rossendell, Canberra, ACT
Olivia Hadley, Gold Coast, QLD
Opal Russell, Kiama, NSW
Patricia Hayes Cavanagh, Canberra, ACT
Reina Takeuchi, Sunshine Coast, QLD
Remy Rochester, Lane Cove, NSW
Sabine Crompton-Ward, South Hobart, TAS
Sebastian Vidot, Perth, WA
Shalani Wood, Torrensville, SA
Siobhan Lynch, Sydney, NSW
Soleil Harvey, Brisbane, QLD
Telea Jensen, Toowoomba, QLD
Lara Beverley, Newcastle, NSW

Sydney Dance Company's Pre-Professional Year includes a nationally recognised outcome qualification CUA50113 -Diploma of Dance (Elite Performance) and CUA60113 Advanced Diploma of Dance (Elite Performance) through a partnering arrangement with Australian Teachers of Dance (ATOD) RTO #31624. Both qualifications are recognized within the Australian Qualifications Framework.

Our Pre-Professional Year 2018 dancers recently performed in *Narrabeen*, a film by acclaimed Australian choreographer and filmmaker Sue Healey. Watch the film [here](#).

For more information about the course, go to <https://www.sydneydancecompany.com/classes-and-courses/ppy/>

Image: Sydney Dance Company Pre-Professional Year 2019 dancers on their first day at the Sydney Dance Company Studios. Photo by Pedro Greig

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