



## Season One 2020 Bonachela / Forsythe

21 March – 4 April  
Roslyn Packer Theatre  
Walsh Bay

12 – 16 May  
Arts Centre  
Melbourne

## SEASON ONE BONACHELA / FORSYTHE

Sydney Dance Company begins a thrilling 2020 with an exciting triple bill featuring breathtakingly innovative works from across the spectrum of physicality from Rafael Bonachela and William Forsythe.

New work **Impermanence** sees Artistic Director Rafael Bonachela join forces with Bryce Dessner of iconic American rock band The National, who will compose a score to be performed live on stage each night by the renowned Australian String Quartet. This electrifying world premiere explores the ephemeral nature of all things. Dessner's score has been co-commissioned by Sydney Dance Company and the Australian String Quartet who last worked together on Bonachela's *Frame of Mind* in 2018.

On Dessner, Bonachela said, "It's been a dream to work with Bryce Dessner, an amazing contemporary classical composer whose work has been heard in Oscar nominated films *The Revenant* and *The Two Popes*, on this exciting new piece. To have his score performed live on stage by the Australian String Quartet will be incredible for both our audience and the dancers, and I'm excited for everyone to experience it. There is nothing more powerful than dance performed to live music."

In an Australian premiere and major coup, Sydney Dance Company will perform William Forsythe's dynamic and rhythmic **N.N.N.N.**, making the Company only the sixth dance company in the world to be permitted to perform this work.

On Forsythe, Bonachela said, "Our relationship with Forsythe began in 2015 after we were the first company in Australia to be granted the right to perform his seminal work *Quintett*. The trust Forsythe showed in Sydney Dance Company has grown since then and we are delighted to continue our relationship with this extraordinary choreographer in 2020."

Audiences will also be witness to the work that put Bonachela on the map after it won the prestigious Place Prize in the UK, **E2 7SD**. This virtuosic fast-paced duet will be performed by Sydney Dance Company for the first time.

On **E2 7SD**, Bonachela said, "**E2 7SD** represents a big step in my career; its success in the UK propelled me towards becoming Artistic Director of Sydney Dance Company. It has never been seen in Australia before and I can't wait to share it with Australian audiences for the first time."

★★★★ "Forsythe's fascinatingly oddball composition" – The Guardian (*N.N.N.N.*)

★★★★ "An intensely physical and emotional duet... there is challenge, aggression, love and despair" – Culture Whispers (**E2 7SD**)

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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 which are currently undergoing significant renovation. Its temporary studios in Wattle Street house the largest public dance class program in Australia, attracting nearly 80,000 participants each year. A legendary force in contemporary dance in Australia, the company celebrated its 50th year in 2019. More information: [www.sydneydancecompany.com](http://www.sydneydancecompany.com)