



Sydney Dance Company

2021 Season Announcement

Sydney Dance Company is pleased to announce its 2021 Annual Program, comprising of the world premiere of the eagerly anticipated collaboration between Rafael Bonachela and Bryce Dessner, *Impermanence*; the return of the award-winning contemporary classic *ab [intra]*; and *New Breed*, presenting the very best in emerging Australian choreography. In addition, the company will also be touring to more locations across Australia in 2021 than ever before.

Rafael Bonachela, Sydney Dance Company's Artistic Director, said, "Following the excitement of our 50th anniversary in 2019, when 2020 began we certainly didn't expect that events would unfold as they did. Like all of us, Sydney Dance Company has had a challenging year, but we are still here and still moving forward!"

After the heartbreaking disappointment of cancelling *Impermanence* a matter of days before opening night, we are absolutely delighted to announce that our first Sydney season in February will be its world premiere! The COVID shutdown inspired me to extend *Impermanence* to make it a full length work- a response to the uncertainty we all face. *Impermanence* sees the dancers joined onstage by our dear friends, the exceptional Australian String Quartet, playing Bryce Dessner's exquisite score live. How poignant that a work originally influenced by the fragility of existence is the first to be staged after the devastation of the pandemic.

We are also thrilled that the global smash hit *ab [intra]* returns for a special encore season in September and that the year concludes with exhilarating new work in the eighth edition of *New Breed*. I can't wait to share all of these works with you in 2021."

Sydney Dance Company 2021 SEASON DETAILS

Season One

Impermanence

A visceral and thrilling exploration of the juxtaposition of beauty and devastation, Sydney Dance Company's full length work, *Impermanence*, is Rafael Bonachela's newest creation.

Contemporary composer, Bryce Dessner has composed a new score full of emotional power. Best known as a founder of American rock band The National and for his film scores for *The Revenant* and *The Two Popes*, Dessner was initially inspired by the tragedy of the Australian bush fires and the Notre-Dame fire in Paris. Performed live on stage by the Australian String Quartet, and the full power of Sydney Dance Company's ensemble, this is an epic, driven performance that packs an emotional punch.

16 – 27 February
Roslyn Packer Theatre Walsh Bay
Single tickets from \$39-\$110

Impermanence is presented in association with Australian String Quartet. Bryce Dessner's music composition *Impermanence* is co-commissioned by the Australian String Quartet and Sydney Dance Company. This commission has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council for the Arts, its arts funding and advisory body.

Season Two

ab [intra]

★★★★ 'Contemporary dance at its most evocative and beautiful' *Time Out*

Rafael Bonachela's dynamic and powerful masterwork *ab [intra]* returns for a very special encore season in September. After a sell-out European tour in 2019 showcasing Australia's best contemporary dancers.

ab [intra], meaning 'from within' in Latin is 'an exploration of our primal instincts, our impulses and our visceral responses', says choreographer Rafael Bonachela. From tenderness to turmoil, *ab [intra]* is a journey of intense human existence that commands your attention.

The music fuses lush cello concerto with ambient electronica as the exquisite dancers occupy a visually arresting ethereal world. This is a ferociously physical and heartfelt piece that will stay with you long after you leave the theatre.

★★★★ '*ab [intra]* has to be seen to be believed' *Sydney Morning Herald*

7 – 11 September
Roslyn Packer Theatre Walsh Bay
Single tickets from \$39-\$100

Season Three

New Breed

Meet the new breed of Australian dance creators

★★★★ "A must-see that features four exciting and challenging works." *Arts Hub*

In 2021 Sydney Dance Company, Carriageworks and The Balnaves Foundation continue their commitment to emerging choreographers and present the eighth edition of *New Breed*.

Showcasing a rich diversity of choreographic ideas, an incredibly talented group of choreographers will create brand new pieces on members of Sydney Dance Company.

Don't miss this limited season of raw talent and fresh ideas from some of Australia's most exciting dance creators.

New Breed is made possible by The Balnaves Foundation.

"The bar is set high in every respect" *The Australian*

22 November – 11 December
Carriageworks, Sydney
Single tickets \$35-\$45

National Tour

Travel and border restrictions permitting, 2021 will see Sydney Dance Company perform in more Australian cities and towns in one year than ever before. As part of this will be national tour of *Impermanence*, which will tour to 16 towns and cities across six states and territories from May to August 2020, with Federal and NSW State Government support. In a first for Sydney Dance Company, the dancers will be joined onstage by the Australian String Quartet in two thirds of these locations, performing Dessner's new score live.

Impermanence National Tour dates

VIC

Lighthouse Theatre, Warrnambool - Wednesday, 12 May 2021
Frankston Arts Centre, Frankston - Saturday, 15 May 2021
Mildura Arts Centre, Mildura - Wednesday, 19 May 2021 (With ASQ)
Ulumbarra Theatre, Bendigo - Saturday, 22 May 2021 (With ASQ)

NSW

Civic Theatre Newcastle, Newcastle - Wednesday, 9 June 2021 (With ASQ)
Capitol Theatre, Tamworth - Saturday, 12 June 2021 (With ASQ)
Glasshouse Port Macquarie, Port Macquarie - Wednesday, 16 June 2021 (With ASQ)
Griffith Regional Theatre, Griffith - Thursday, 24 June 2021

NSW (cont.)

Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre, Bathurst - Saturday, 26 June 2021

Wyong Arts Centre, Wyong - Friday, 2 July 2021

Orange Civic Theatre, Orange - Saturday, 10 July 2021

TAS

Theatre Royal, Hobart - Wednesday, 28 July to Friday, 30 July 2021 (With ASQ)

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Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs - Saturday, 14 August 2021 (With ASQ)

**Canberra, Darwin and South Australia Impermanence tour dates to be announced.*

Additional Sydney Dance Company performance dates outside of Sydney will be announced in early 2021.

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