



Photo: Summer Dean

Club Origami

Rip, fold and scrumple!

Shall we see what we can make
with a single square of paper?

As you scrunch the paper, see how
your imagination begins to dance...

10 – 20 July 2024

Neilson Studio,
Sydney Dance Company

\$38 per ticket

Family ticket (4): \$140
Children under 12 months free

Ages 0-6 years

Duration: 40 mins + stay and play

Club Origami images

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Sydney Dance Company presents its first ever season for pre-school aged children, with the Australian premiere of the critically acclaimed UK production *Club Origami*.

This July, young children and their grownups can dive into the magical world of *Club Origami*, a celebrated kids work presented in association with UK-based artist collective Seven Circles.

Sydney Dance Company Artistic Director Rafael Bonachela said;

"We are utterly thrilled to present our first ever season for pre-school aged children and couldn't ask for a more wonderful and generous work than Club Origami. We exist to share the joy of dance with everyone, and this is a very important first step in fostering lifelong creative engagement with our littlest audiences yet."

Created by Takeshi Matsumoto, Makiko Aoyama and Robert Howat, this immersive and interactive dance show invites family audiences to create, imagine and explore new ways of thinking, playing and moving.

Made purely of paper and play, this fantastical world nurtures young children's innate wonder and curiosity. *Club Origami* is the perfect introduction to dance for little ones and celebrates the freedom of expression that comes with movement.

To continue the adventure, children and their families are invited to 'stay and play', post-performance at Sydney Dance Company's Neilson Studio.

"This imaginative stage show is ripping fun for under-fives..." **The Guardian**

The Australian premiere of *Club Origami* is supported by the Naomi Milgrom Foundation. The work was commissioned and produced by Little Big Dance – a pioneering UK-based initiative creating new dance work for pre-school aged children, led by South East Dance in partnership with DanceEast, Take Art and Yorkshire Dance.

Club Origami will feature the original UK cast as well as an Australian cast including critically acclaimed performer Ryuichi Fujimura (*INDance 2023*) with Reina Takeuchi and musician Selina Myat (Dummer Queens).

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Club Origami Creatives

Creators and UK cast Takeshi Matsumoto, Makiko Aoyama, Robert Howat

Australian cast Ryuichi Fujimura, Reina Takeuchi

Music Robert Howat, Salina Myat

Dramaturg Lou Cope

Mentor Rosie Heafford

Set and lighting designer Ben Pacey

Costume designer Giulia Scrimieri

Costume maker Hania Kosewicz

About Sydney Dance Company

Sydney Dance Company is Australia's leading contemporary dance company, presenting new works in Sydney, around Australia and internationally, under artistic direction of Rafael Bonachela. Since 1985 the Company has been resident in purpose-built studios on Gadigal Land at Wharf 4/5 in Sydney's Walsh Bay Arts Precinct. Its studios house the largest public in-studio dance class program in Australia. A legendary force in contemporary dance in Australia, Sydney Dance Company celebrated its 50th year in 2019.

More information, www.sydneydancecompany.com