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INDance

Sydney Dance Company's annual program of independent contemporary dance.

Week One: 15 - 17 August

Make Your Life Count by Sarah Aiken - 6:00pm
CUDDLE by Harrison Ritchie-Jones - 7:45pm

Week Two: 22 - 24 August

Brightness by Kristina Chan - 6:00pm
SUB by Ashleigh Musk - 7:45pm

Location

Neilson Studio
Sydney Dance Company

Duration

50 min approx. per performance

Supporting Partner

Neilson Foundation

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Over two weekends in August, Sydney Dance Company and the Neilson Foundation will be supporting *INDance*, an independent dance program held in the Neilson Studio at Sydney Dance Company.

INDance provides a platform for independent choreographers and creatives to present their work, with the aim of building capacity, improving access and participation across the sector while reflecting the rich diversity of choreographic voices in contemporary Australia.

Four incredible artists have been chosen for the 2024 *INDance* program through an expression of interest process and reviewed by an external panel of industry advisors led by Rafael Bonachela – **Sarah Aiken, Kristina Chan, Ashleigh Musk and Harrison Ritchie-Jones.**

Sydney Dance Company is thrilled to be able to provide production, technical, publicity and marketing support for the artists involved and acknowledges the Neilson Foundation's visionary investment in this program to enable the growth and development of Australian dancemakers.

After critically acclaimed, sold-out performances in 2022 and 2023, Sydney Dance Company is delighted to invite audiences back to the Neilson Studio for the third *INDance* program which has now become a firm staple on the Australian dance calendar. *INDance* will showcase a rich diversity of choreographic ideas which push the boundaries of dance and reflects the current Australian contemporary dance landscape.

Sydney Dance Company's Artistic Director, Rafael Bonachela said; "I am so excited to be launching the 2024 program of *INDance* at Sydney Dance Company, generously supported by the Neilson Foundation. This year we received a record number of outstanding applications of a very high calibre for *INDance*, highlighting the positive impact that the program has had on the sector by providing a platform for independent artists. Supporting Australian choreographers and creatives is at the heart of Sydney Dance Company's mission, and it is incredible to see *INDance* return for its third year."

[INDance images](#)



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Neilson Foundation Trustee, Paris Neilson, said; “The Neilson Foundation is thrilled to continue our commitment to this important program by providing a platform for artists to present compelling and ambitious works. We recognise that performance opportunities like these are vital to ensuring that independent dancemakers can have their works seen by new audiences. The intimacy of the Neilson Studio at Sydney Dance Company enhances the experience of watching bold, diverse and dynamic dance works, and we are proud to partner with Sydney Dance Company to establish this invaluable platform.”

For more information on choreographers Sarah Aiken, Kristina Chan, Ashleigh Musk and Harrison Ritchie-Jones, please [CLICK HERE](#).

“A rare and vital opportunity for an independent dance maker to focus solely on the art of choreographing... Sydney’s dance culture benefits greatly from bringing fresh voices into the mix: exposing new styles, approaches, and ideas to foster a vibrant creative culture.” — **Dance Australia (INDance 2023)**

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 was founded in 1969.

More information, www.sydneydancecompany.com