

## **Pieces for Small Spaces 2011**

*Each year Lucy Guerin Inc presents an evening of dance works by five local choreographers in the company's studio space in West Melbourne. This year is the 7th edition of Pieces for Small Spaces which began in 2005 at our previous space in Southbank, an old classroom and truly a small space!*

*The artists involved are invited by me to create a short 5 – 10 minute work at any stage during the year and present it with a small amount of financial and technical support within the spatial and technical limitations of the Lucy Guerin Inc Studio. The season has taken on various incarnations over the years but has always tried to utilise the space and materials at hand in functional and imaginative ways.*

*The brief for the choreographers is simple. They are offered the opportunity to create a new work in which they challenge their usual practice and take a step beyond what is familiar. Then in consultation with Frog as designer, the works are assembled with a light touch, into a cohesive evening. It is important that the choreographers spend time in the studio defining their ideas through movement and finding their own unique way of communicating them. There is no application process, no expectation for a particular outcome and no media reviews for the show. It is an opportunity to concentrate on the essential act of making, without the distractions of presentation and promotion which come all too soon. For me, it's an early Christmas present to see what these young makers, mostly in the first few years of choreographic development will create.*

*Frog, with the support of Bluebottle, has been tireless in his enthusiasm for this season and has realised the technical production and/or design for the last 6 years. It has been wonderful to have his ongoing creative input and dedication.*

*A special thanks to Laura Levitus, our administrator, who was the Producer for this event and to Michaela Coventry, the Executive Producer for Lucy Guerin Inc who mentored her in this role. Thanks also to Blair Hart, Roxzan Bowes and Savannah Adshead for their committed involvement in this season. The Board of Lucy Guerin Inc generously supports all our investigations into dance development for which we are most grateful. And very importantly we owe many thanks to the Angior Family Foundation for their ongoing support of this program which due to their generosity has grown into one of the highlights of the Melbourne dance calendar.*

**Lucy Guerin**

**CURATOR: Lucy Guerin**

**LIGHT AND PRODUCTION: Bluebottle**

**OPERATION: Roxzan Bowes and Savannah Adshead**

**PRODUCER: Laura Levitus**

**SPECIAL THANKS TO: Vincent Long, Nick Sommerville, Stephen Horsley, Tom Howie at Arts House-City of Melbourne and Chunky Move.**

**DURATION: 50 minutes** (no interval)

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## ***Untitled***

CHOREOGRAPHED AND PERFORMED BY: **Holly Durant**

CONSIDERATIONS: The inspiration for this single image work comes from the ageing female characters in Victorian society and literature who chose not to marry. It is about isolation, vanity, solitude and ultimately becoming invisible.

COSTUME DESIGN: Alice Swing

THANK YOU TO: Lucy Guerin, Michaela Coventry, Laura Levitus, Savannah Adshead, Frog, Blair, Roxzan, and Bluebottle, James Welsby, Derrick Amanatidis, Moira Finucane, Rob McCredie and Michael Iveson.

## ***Within an Inner***

CHOREOGRAPHED AND PERFORMED BY: **Rebecca Jensen**

SOUND: Rebecca Jensen reading from *The Human Zoo* by Desmond Morris; Sound excerpts from Laurie Anderson's *Born Never Asked*.

THANK YOU TO: All of Lucy Guerin Inc, Frog, Blair and Roxzan. Thomas Muratore, Daniel Arnott, Sarah Aiken, Rennie McDougall, Maddy Krenek, Lillian Grace Steiner, Janine Proost and Annabelle Balharry.

## ***Circles for Squares***

CHOREOGRAPHED AND PERFORMED BY: **Natalie Abbott**

CONSIDERATIONS: Mesmeric and hypnotic states. Audible motion. Repetition. Abrasions.

THANK YOU TO: Lucy, Laura and Michaela. Frog, Blair and Roxzan. My family. James. Amy. Bec. The dear and wonderful John.

## ***Thoughts are Circular***

CHOREOGRAPHED AND PERFORMED BY: **Rennie McDougall**

THANK YOU TO: Annabelle Balharry, Deanne Butterworth, Luke George, Alexander Larielle, Bec Jensen, Lucy Guerin, Gill McDougall.

## ***Untitled***

CHOREOGRAPHED BY: **Atlanta Eke**

PERFORMED BY: Amanda Betlehem, Sophie Beirne, Tessa Broadby, Ashlea English, Atlanta Eke, Abbey Leonard and Sarah Ling.

MUSIC: Excerpt of sound score from the film *Picnic At Hanging Rock - A Theme From Picnic at Hanging Rock*; sound excerpt from Janis Joplin's *Piece of My Heart*.

THANK YOU TO: Timothy Birnie, Lucy, Laura, Michaela and the Bluebottle team.