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Integrated Art – Outrageous Beauty
Canada Dance Festival Celebrates This Country's Renowned and
Emerging Artists with 30 Performances

Tickets On Sale Now

OTTAWA—The Canada Dance Festival announced today the 2010 line-up of 30 performances by Canada's most talented and exciting dancers, choreographers, companies and composers in five venues.

From June 4-12, Ottawa audiences will have the unique opportunity to experience a program of contemporary dance as diverse as the face of Canada itself. Wild choreography, international collaborations, cultural fusion and art that explores new technology – Canada Dance Festival (CDF) will have it all.

Pulling artists from across the country, this festival is programmed to be provocative, daring, eclectic, exotic and always entertaining. The festival opens with the fast-paced "Is You Me" by the dance legends Par B. Leux, Benoit Lachambre and Louise Lecavalier. Other must see performances include choreographer Peter Quanz's "In Tandem" by Q Dance / Quanze Danse (June 7) and the intersection between dance and video in Caturm (June 8).

A showcase of established and emerging artists, CDF is the principal Canadian marketplace for Canadian contemporary dance. CDF is produced biennially to expose dance artists to new audiences, draw media coverage and hopefully result in future bookings for Festival artists. This June Ottawa will welcome a number of Canadian and international presenters who will be scouting new talent to book shows for their upcoming seasons, in Canada and around the world. So far, representatives from **Canada, Europe, the United States and Great Britain** have all confirmed their attendance.

Dance has the unique ability to transcend age, race, culture, and language boundaries. CDF offers the public the opportunity to explore the best of the best in Canadian contemporary dance and experience world premieres of groundbreaking new routines.

"We are incredibly proud to be showcasing these artists during the festival, and I have no doubt that audiences will be dazzled by the imagination, creativity and talent coming out of Canada." says Brian Webb, Artistic Director of the Canada Dance Festival.

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The 2010 line-up includes, among many others:

- **Guillaume Cote's *Impermanence*** and **Peter Quanz's *In Tandem*** featuring dancers from the National Ballet of Canada, The Royal Winnipeg Ballet and the ensemble of Coleman/ Lemieux Company. (Monday, June 7)
- **COBA (Collective of Black Artists)** presents ***Mande Variations, Passage & Makeeba*** a program of highly energetic as well as poetic dances that reveal the diversity of dance centered in the African diaspora. (Friday, June 11)
- Celebrating the 40th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Canada and China, **Wen Wei Dance** and the **Beijing Modern Dance Company** close the festival with spectacular world premiere co-production of ***Under the Skin***, performed by an international ensemble of 12 dancers. (Saturday, June 12)
- **Bboyism** and **F.A.M.**, bring some of Canada's best b-boys and b-girls from the street to the stage in the return engagement of ***Hip Hop 360's Street/Stage*** which premiered for the world at CDF 2008. (Monday, June 7)
- Experience the exciting fusion of traditional and contemporary dance, technology and martial arts with the Sinha **Danse** presentations of ***Zeros & One and Thread and the Sampradaya / Sampad*** collaboration on ***Stealth***. (Tuesday, June 8)
- Totally new and innovative, **Paul-André Fortier** and **Rober Racine**, the brilliant artists behind **Fortier Danse Creation**, present ***Cabane*** in the alternative and unique setting of the NAC's Paint Shop. (Thursday, June 10 & Friday, June 11 at 10:30pm)

The complete Canada Dance Festival schedule follows this press release.

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CDF performances have been scheduled to allow enthusiastic festival-goers to conceivably attend every show on the program. Convenient, customizable and affordable 3-show ticket packages are also available.

Festival tickets and passes ON SALE NOW at the NAC box office or through ticket master www.ticketmaster.ca. (NOTE: Individual tickets for performances at Shenkman Arts Centre must be purchased through their box office at 613-580-2700; Toll free at 1-866-752-5231 or online at shenkmanarts.ca)

For detailed information on ticket packages and all the CDF 2010 shows and events, please consult www.canadadance.ca

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