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PRESS RELEASE

Canolfan y Celfyddydau
Aberystwyth Arts Centre

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National Dance Company Wales

7.30pm, Friday 29 - Saturday 30 January



Exciting, Exceptional, Enthralling

National Dance Company Wales launch their major UK and Ireland tour at Aberystwyth Arts Centre from Friday 29 – Saturday 30 January at 7.30pm.

Making their first visit to Aberystwyth under their new name, National Dance Company Wales, the award-winning company present a double bill from leading choreographers Andonis Foniadakis and Itzik Galili.

"Atmospheric and striking" (Veil of Stars) The Guardian

Now in demand on both sides of the Atlantic, Andonis Foniadakis has created *Veil of Stars* set to an original score from Julien Tarride. *Veil of Stars*, his first work with Wales' national company, brings his signature physically exhilarating choreography to the hungry, infectious dancers. The inspiration for the piece is identity, how we protect it, what do we reveal and what do we conceal? The seamless sophistication of the gripping work and the artistry of the dancers bring motion to emotion and delight the imagination.



"Extraordinary stage pictures of beauty, excitement and compelling emotion." Theatre in Wales

Intriguing Itzik Galili returns with a new commission after delighting audiences internationally with *Peeled* (2006). Itzik Galili's new work intoxicates with his elegant and eclectic style, incorporating a new score commissioned from Percossa and Steve Reich's *Six Marimba*. Galili's physical and expressive style will take you on an exciting and entertaining exploration of perspective and perception. An instinctive choreographer, Galili uses large boards to create defined spaces in which

the 10 dancers perform. Full of pulse-raising energy, you will be drilled to your seats as the dancers surf the music.

“Sophisticated and slick...captivating from start to finish.” Dance Europe (Itzik Galili’s *Peeled*)

The tour follows the Company’s hugely successful Autumn 2009 season that ranged from performances at new UK venues and a two week tour of south west China.

Artistic Director Ann Sholem said: “It is great that we have Itzik coming back to work with us as he has become a firm favourite wherever we tour. *Peeled* was loved by our audiences as far afield as Bilbao and Brecon, Milan and Mold, I am sure that the new work will be as captivating and exhilarating – something to really look forward to.”

“We took Andonis’ dance *Veil of Stars* on our autumn tour and it amazed and thrilled audiences and critics alike. I am now excited to be taking a work that we have performed in China, Cardiff, London and Edinburgh to even more audiences throughout the spring.

“I am personally delighted we are extending our touring to include some exciting new venues as well as returning to meet our friends – and make new ones – around Wales, England, Scotland, Jersey and Ireland.”

“International touring is in our blood and is vital to ensuring we are a vibrant company taking Wales to the world and bringing the world to Wales.”

NDCWales’ international work continues in 2010 with an extensive tour of Switzerland. The Company will be performing mixed programmes comprising >>FORM<< by Stijn Celis, *Veil of Stars* by Andonis Foniadakis and *Lunatic* by Nigel Charnock. Forming part of the country’s STEPS International Dance Festival, the Company will be performing in Lucerne, Baden, Bern, Delémont, Chiasso, Zug and Zurich between April 25 and May 8.

Tickets for their performances at Aberystwyth Arts Centre are £9 (£8) CC £8.50 (£7.50) and can be booked by contacting the Arts Centre ticket office on 01970 62 32 32 or online at www.aber.ac.uk/artscentre

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Tour details

Aberystwyth
Canolfan y Celfyddydau, Aberystwyth Arts Centre
29-30/01, 7.30pm
01970 62 32 32
www.aber.ac.uk/artscentre

Milford Haven

Torch Theatre
03-04/02, 7.30pm
01646 695267
www.torchtheatre.co.uk

Swansea
Taliesin Arts Centre
11-12/02, 7.30pm
01792 60 20 60
www.taliesinartscentre.co.uk

Bray
Mermaid Arts Centre
25-26/02, 8.00pm
01 272 4030
www.mermaidartscentre.ie

Cork
Cork Opera House
28/02, 8.00pm
021427 0022
www.corkoperahouse.ie

Navan
Solstice Arts Centre
04/03, 8.00pm
+353 46 909 2300
www.solsticeartscentre.com/booking.php

Wexford
Wexford Opera House
06/03, 8.00pm
053 912 2144
www.wexfordoperahouse.ie

Liverpool
Liverpool Playhouse
19-20/03, 7.30pm
0151 709 4776
www.everymanplayhouse.com

St Helier, Jersey
Jersey Opera House
25/03, 8.00pm
01534 511115

www.jerseyoperahouse.co.uk

Mold

Clwyd Theatr Cymru

15-16/04, 7.30pm

0845 330 3565

www.clwyd-theatr-cymru.co.uk

Switzerland

STEPS International Dance Festival

Lucerne, 25 April, Luzernertheater

Baden, 27 April, Kurtheater

Bern, 29 April, Dampfzentrale

Delémont, 1 May, Halle des Expo

Chiasso, 4 May, Cinema Teatro

Zug, 6 May

Zurich, 7/8 May

www.steps.ch

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