

acuna

A PRODUCTION FOR THE VERY YOUNG (18 MONTHS AND OLDER)

SHERBROOKE, APRIL 20th, 2017 – *Acuna*, the company's first choreographic work for the very young (18 months and older), will be presented in the form of a workshop-performance from April 28th to May 7th, at the Centre des arts de la scène Jean-Besré, for a total of fourteen school and family matinees, as part of the 8th edition of the Petits bonheurs Festival in Sherbrooke.

Conceived, choreographed, and performed by Amandine Garrido Gonzalez, the work is inspired by the singular regard of the child on a quest to discover the world. With a judicious blend of dance and circus arts, the choreographer uses sounds and textures to captivate the senses of this young audience.

Acuna is a cradle, a nest, a cocoon. A soothing and intimate space where one feels enveloped in softness. It is the arrival into the world, into a universe of colours, of sensations and of movement. It is where nature and the swarming of new life meet. The audience, young and old alike, is first invited to move and to explore, before watching the performance and discovering the universe of this new creation.

This new production is in keeping with an artistic direction that leaves room for the young generation, and has an eye to continuity. Over the years, Amandine Garrido Gonzalez's career has led her to acquire a wealth of experience in dance for the very young. It is the proximity with young children that prompted her to create a work especially conceived for them. After collaborating on a number of the company's productions as a dancer, this is her first creation for Sursaut. In the creation of this work, she is accompanied by artistic director Francine Châteauevert, and is surrounded by a solid team of designers.

CHOREOGRAPHER / PERFORMER: **Amandine Garrido Gonzalez**

MUSIC: **Kareya Audet** | SET AND LIGHTING: **Simon Vincent** | COSTUMES: **Liliane Rivard** |

MAKEUP: **Geneviève Lauzon** | ARTISTIC CONSULTANT: **Francine Châteauevert**

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