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**Premiere of *The Cicada and the Ant*
The Sursaut Dance Company reinvents the famous fable**

SHERBROOKE, OCTOBER 30 2013 – The Sursaut dance company invites young and old to be transported into the heart of life, into the difficult and the beautiful of the ordinary, with the presentation of its new production, *The Cicada and the Ant*. The show will be presented Sunday November 3rd at 2:00 P.M. as part of the *Chouz-Bizz* series for youth, as well as Monday November 4th at 1:00 P.M. and Tuesday November 5th at 10:00 A.M. at the Centre culturel at the University of Sherbrooke.

Inspired by Jean de La Fontaine's famous fable, *The Cicada and the Ant* is a choreographic work that casts a glance at the world of art and agriculture. The show presents a unified vision of the world of the cicada and that of the ant, where art and life are intimately linked.

This new work has been with Francine Châteauvert, the artistic director and choreographer, for a long time. "This artistic project is heavily influenced by my origins and my rural lifestyle. I grew up on a farm where the relationship to the earth was direct and essential, where life passed with the rhythm of the seasons. Like many artists, my work is inspired by my values, my environment and my vision of the world."

The Cicada and the Ant is the Sursaut dance company's seventh production for young and family audiences. For this show, the choreographer worked in close collaboration with Stéphanie Brochard, assistant artistic director, Michel G. Côté, composer, Simon Vincent, set designer, Dominique Thériault, costume designer, Armando Gomez Rubio, lighting designer as well as with seven dancers.

With this new production, Francine Châteauvert proposes a work that is singular, extremely personal and full of poetry.

The Cicada and the Ant • Sunday November 3rd at 2:00 P.M.
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