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Harbourfront Centre's NextSteps 2016/17 Season Continues

TORONTO, ON (January 5, 2017) – Harbourfront Centre's NextSteps Canadian dance series continues with ten performances by renowned companies. Over the next five months, the series will continue to showcase the brilliant and diverse nature of the Canadian dance landscape.

Dance Ontario's three-day series, **DanceWeekend'17**, combines raw talent and contemporary innovation with the beauty and diversity of dance in three performances, including two world premieres. Throwdown Collective's **DW219: Ylem (3 Eggs Ago)** and **Various Concert**, and Radical System Art's **DW221: Glory** take physicality and athleticism to new levels with their energetic performances. **Open Art Surgery 2017** is new to the season, diving into the souls of some of Canada's finest hip hop artists as they delve into new and exciting creation processes. The award-winning **Esmeralda Enrique Spanish Dance Company** presents an elegant, provocative and captivating evening of flamenco and Spanish dances. In **Kambule**, contemporary dance company Ballet Creole delivers a powerful tribute to African ancestors with a stunning manifestation of culture, spirituality and pride.

"The second half of NextSteps showcases performances from some of the best dancers in Canada," says Marah Braye, CEO of Harbourfront Centre. "At Harbourfront Centre, we endeavour to be a significant supporter of Canadian artists. We thank everyone whose hard work made this season of NextSteps a success."

For information on ticketing, please visit our box office at harbourfrontcentre.com/specialoffers for details.

For full performance information on NextSteps, including photos and videos, please visit harbourfrontcentre.com/nextsteps and connect with dance [@HarbourfrontTO](https://twitter.com/HarbourfrontTO) [#DanceTO](https://twitter.com/DanceTO).

ABOUT HARBOURFRONT CENTRE

Harbourfront Centre is a Canadian charity operating the 10 prime acres of Toronto's central waterfront as a free and open public site. We celebrate the multiplicities of cultures that comprise Canada and enliven the city through the creative imaginations of artists from across the country and around the globe.

Harbourfront Centre presents the final shows in its **NextSteps 2016/17 Season**:

January 20–22

DanceWeekend'17, Dance Ontario in association with Harbourfront Centre

Various dance styles explode in this showcase of raw talent and contemporary innovation.

February 9–11

DanceWorks DW219: Ylem (3 Eggs Ago) & Various Concert, Throwdown Collective

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Magical realism comes to the stage in exciting contemporary dance performances.

March 18

Open Art Surgery, Co-produced by Harbourfront Centre and Breakin' Convention

A professional development opportunity for hip hop artists interested in making hip hop theatre.

March 23–25

DanceWorks DW220: Holy Cow(s)!, inDANCE

A contemporary *bharatanatyam* performance toppling taboos of gender, identity, sexuality and cultural (mis)appropriation.

March 28–April 1

Kalanidhi International Festival of Indian Dance, Whirling Streams

Showcasing the expansive variety of Indian dance styles, Kalanidhi takes a pioneering role in a world-class presentation of South Asian dance while staying true to their traditions.

April 28–29

DanceWorks DW221: Glory, Radical System Art

This acclaimed performance examines the glorification of violent behaviour in a media-drenched culture.

May 5–7

Season 2017, Esmeralda Enrique Spanish Dance Company

A passionate and elegant evening of flamenco and Spanish dance.

May 12–14

Kambule, Ballet Creole

A powerful manifestation of African culture, spirituality, beauty, royalty and pride.

May 19–20

Circus Sessions 2017, Femmes du Feu co-produced with Harbourfront Centre

National and international circus performers work together in this week-long creative laboratory.

May 26–27

Serious Games, Canadian Contemporary Dance Theatre

David Earle's classic *Serious Games* returns and witness Deborah Lundmark's *Rain Horse*, featuring a live performance by harmonica maestro Carlos del Junco and The Blues Mongrels trio.

May 31–June 4

Toronto International Tap Festival, Co-produced by Harbourfront Centre and Allison Toffan

A new festival brings three days of tap shows that offer perspective to what tap is today.

For more information, visit harbourfrontcentre.com/nextsteps or call 416-973-4000.