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## CHANGES AT SYDNEY DANCE COMPANY

Sydney Dance Company is undergoing a company restructure in response to new artistic leadership and to the current economic climate in order to move forward and fulfill its 2009 season plans and touring commitments.

The appointment of Rafael Bonachela as Artistic Director has brought a new vision to the Company. Mr. Bonachela is reshaping the Company's ranks and as a result has not renewed contracts of 7 of its 17 dancers. He is sourcing new Australian talent and will conduct auditions by invitation and is working toward building a leading international dance company.

Noel Staunton, Executive Director of Sydney Dance Company said today "On the management front, a number of technical staff will move from permanent to casual contracts for the 2009 Season.

"Most importantly the Company will retain a 17 member ensemble however, administration and technical staff levels are being restructured so that the Company can responsibly deliver the best outcomes for its audience under the most responsible economic structure."

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