

SYDNEY DANCE COMPANY RESUMES SEARCH FOR NEW ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Mr. Tom Dery, Chairman of the Board of Directors at Sydney Dance Company, today confirmed the search for a new Artistic Director has formally recommenced, following the untimely death of Director-Designate Tanya Liedtke last August.

"We have resumed our search for the right person to take the company forward. The Board is continuing to consider applicants from Australia and also world-wide, as it had done in the first search. Sydney Dance Company is seen as an organisation that has prided itself on possessing an original voice, earning its international reputation for innovative new work. It is that image that will potentially attract the most fascinating applicants from all over the dance world", says Dery. "We hope to announce the appointment of the new Artistic Director in the second half of the year. "

"We are fortunate that the Executive Director Noel Staunton has been such a galvanising influence at this critical time. Not only has he reinforced the administration team, he has ensured that the dancers have been challenged, rewarded and nurtured through a variety of choreographic commissions and with astute appointments on the ballet staff, such as Brett Morgan as Dance Director and veteran dancer Bradley Chatfield as Deputy Dance director."

As further evidence of its strength moving forward, the Company has just announced a new three year Platinum Partnership with Deutsche Bank AG, placing the company on a firm financial base to support its new era of artistic achievements."

Meryl Tankard's *INUK 2*, currently playing in Sydney, will tour in May to the Arts Centre in Melbourne and the Canberra Theatre. In an exciting direction, the Company will present two seasons at CarriageWorks in Sydney, offering audiences an exhilarating new performing space to experience the premiere of new works by London-based, Barcelona born choreographer, Rafael Bonachela (July 26-August 16) and the rising young Canadian choreographic star Aszure Barton ((October 8-25).

For more details of the position of Artistic Director please see the website www.sydneydancecompany.com

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