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A new creative generation *unfolds* at Sydney Dance Company

Australian brothers, film director Daniel Askill and designer, Jordan Askill, have joined Rafael Bonachela, new Artistic director of Sydney Dance Company to work with him on "*we unfold*". This new work created for Sydney Dance Company will premiere at the Sydney Theatre Walsh Bay on 31 March, 2009.

At a relatively young age Daniel (31) and Jordan (28), have forged successful international careers based in Paris, Los Angeles and New York.

Jordan, who has become well known for his jewellery and sculpture collections, has recently returned from Paris, having spent three years working at Christian Dior.

Daniel works as a director and artist, and has created award winning short films, installations, music videos and commercials. He is also one-third of Sydney based production company Collider, a leader in contemporary film production, art direction, design and 3D animation throughout Australia and worldwide.

We Unfold is the Askill brothers first foray into contemporary dance. Daniel will create a video installation and Jordan will design the costumes.

As the brothers say, "The opportunity to work with Rafael on his new work has taken us into new territory. The relationship between ourselves, Rafael and the dancers is tremendously exciting and we are finding Rafael open to our ideas. It is particularly inspiring to be doing this with such a great company".

Daniel and Jordan's father, musician Michael Askill of Synergy fame, has also collaborated with Graeme Murphy and Sydney Dance Company on a number of memorable productions.

Rafael Bonachela understands the power of using vibrant new talent to help create his works. He sought out the Askills as representatives as the new wave of Australian artists to give his new work the edge and power he requires.

The new work is set to a new cello symphony by the Italian composer

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Also with Askill brothers, George Gorgo will do sound and Hugh Taranto who worked so effectively with Rafael on 360o will again look after lighting.

As Rafael says "I am a choreographer who likes to work with other artists using all sorts of art forms. The "we unfold" is about shifting and changes and blossoming."

With an invigorated new group of dancers who have joined the company for 2009 and a national tour to Brisbane, Melbourne and Adelaide coming up soon, Sydney Dance Company is a creative powerhouse on the Australian dance scene.

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