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### **The 20th Annual Guelph Dance Festival Starts Tomorrow**

**Guelph, ON** (May 31, 2018) – The Annual Guelph Dance starts tomorrow, **Friday June 1st, and runs to Sunday June 3rd, 2018**. Festival events take place at the River Run Centre, Exhibition Park, Guelph Youth Dance Studios, Guelph Youth Music Centre and the Red Papaya. Tickets are on sale through the **River Run Centre's Box Office (519-763-3000)** or at each of the venues starting half an hour before each show. This year the [Guelph Dance Festival](#) showcases 21 companies, eight performances, four workshops, one festival dance party and a panel discussion on the future of contemporary dance. There are countless opportunities for everyone to move, watch, talk, connect and celebrate. Join us as we all celebrate 20 years of dance in our community!

The popular [In the Park](#) series will feature dance artists from Toronto and Montreal, including **Cinetic Creations'** (Toronto) world premier of **CAKE!**, a woman's seemingly impossible quest to bake a cake. **Red Sky Performance's** (Toronto) **MIIGIS** explores the catalysts, trade routes and stories of a journey from the Atlantic Coast to the Great Lakes. **BoucharDanse's** (Toronto) **La gigue en souvenir** makes the past come alive through a journey inspired by the energy, the complexity and the vigour of the traditional dance from Québec and **Gadly's** (Montreal) **KLOROFYL** portrays their signature movement rooted in Urban and Contemporary physicality.

**Park performances are Friday, June 1 at 6:30 pm, Saturday and Sunday, June 2 & 3 at 12:00 pm at [Exhibition Park](#).**

[On the Stage A](#), **Friday June 1, 8:30 pm, at the [River Run Centre](#)** features **Susie Burpee / Robyn Thomson Kacki** (Toronto/Winnipeg) with **Cotton Handkerchiefs and Dog's Tears** an "elegiac 'Godot-esque' world in which dancers ... appear as co-conspirators" (Holly Harris, Dance International). The **Canadian Contemporary Dance Theatre** (Toronto) brings us **SEEDS.whisper** a fierce and powerful blend of classical ballet and hip hop and **Lina Cruz/Fila 13 Productions** (Montreal) presents **Tempo al Dente** where two adventurous characters depart on a grand voyage with their perfectly domesticated pet clock.

[On the Stage B](#), **Saturday, June 2, 8:00 pm, at the [River Run Centre](#)**, showcases **Kaeja d'Dance** (Toronto) with **Crave** a poignant, romantic, whimsical and chaotic duet that mines intimacy while navigating loneliness. In **A Meditation on the End by Jo-Lee, Pamela Tzeng** (Calgary) portrays how with death in arms, then at her feet, Jo-Lee muses on what has given her unconventionally conventional life meaning. **Mix Mix Dance Collective** (Toronto) bring us **Follow Me** where the group performs with live music by DJ Classic Roots, who brings the sexy heartbeat of the boreal north to life with his unique brand of Electronica and pow wow techno.



[In the Studio](#), **Saturday June 2 at 4:00 pm and Sunday June 3 at 2:00 pm** at [Guelph Youth Dance Studios](#) will present the works in progress by **Julia Garlisi, Amber Sherwood-Robinson, Solana Del Bel Belluz and Robert Kingsbury**, artists currently working with choreographer **Sharon B. Moore** (Toronto) under Guelph Dance's first-ever Breaking Ground Mentorship Program.

Festival favourite, [Youth Moves](#), features seven youth dance companies in a professionally-produced performance at the **River Run Centre, at 4:00 pm on Sunday, June 3.**

[Educational opportunities](#) include two masterclasses with **Suzette Sherman**, one Contemporary Indigenous Dance Workshop with **Red Sky Performance** and one Street Dance Workshop with **Mix Mix Dance Collective**, as well as the popular **Dance Market** on Saturday after the Park performance.

***Tickets for all events and workshops are now on sale at the River Run Centre, [online](#), by phone at 519-763-3000 or 1-877-520-2408 and in person at [35 Woolwich St. Guelph, ON, N1H 3V1](#). [View map](#).***

### **About Guelph Dance**

Established in 1998, Guelph Dance—formerly the *Guelph Contemporary Dance Festival*—is a nationally recognized leader in contemporary dance, offering a platform for professional, new-generation, and youth dance artists to share their vision, push creative boundaries, and engage community audiences.

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