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Guelph Dance Festival Just One Week Away!

Guelph, ON (May 26, 2016) – In just one week, Guelph will be swimming in contemporary dancers, as 18 dance companies arrive to perform in 9 performances in 5 venues! From June 2-5, Guelph Dance presents free events in city parks, ticketed events in theatre settings, and several educational opportunities for people of all ages and experience levels. The performances are sure to enlighten and entertain as they define gravity in new ways.

The popular, pay-what-you-can *In the Park* series takes place on all four days of the Festival this year. Three of the four shows take place in Exhibition Park, while the fourth show features Hanlon Creek Park. A highlight will be Aeriosa (Vancouver) dancing from Exhibition Park's stately trees in their ambitious aerial dance work.

Ticketed performances include the innovative Le Patin Libre (Montreal) ice dancing at the University of Guelph ice rink, Julia Sasso (Toronto) and Suzanne Miller & Allan Paivio Productions (Montreal) performing their thought-provoking and intelligent works at the River Run Centre, and the honest and comedic Sara Porter (Toronto) in the intimate studio setting of Guelph Youth Studios. Prices range from \$15-30.

Educational opportunities include an ice dance workshop, a workshop in a new dance technique called Skinner Releasing, intensive days for youth and for teens, and post- and pre-show chats.

More detailed information about the gravity-defining Guelph Dance Festival can be found at www.guelphdance.ca. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.guelphdance.ca/festival/tickets/> or by phoning 519-763-3000.

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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FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE

Thursday, June 2

7:00 pm: In the Park – Exhibition Park (pay-what-you-can)

Friday, June 3

11:45 am: Youth Dance Day (\$32)

5:30 pm: In the Park – Hanlon Creek Park (pay-what-you-can)

8:00 pm: On the Stage A (\$15-30)

Saturday, June 4

9:30 am: Ice Dance Workshop (\$20)

9:30 am: Teen Dance Day (\$45)

12:00 pm: In the Park – Exhibition Park (pay-what-you-can)

1:00 pm: Dance Market (free)

4:00 pm: In the Studio (\$15-20)

8:00 pm: On the Stage B (\$15-30)

Sunday, June 5

9:30 am: Skinner Releasing Workshop (\$20)

12:00 pm: In the Park – Exhibition Park (pay-what-you-can)

1:00 pm: Dance Market (free)

2:00 pm: Local Initiatives (pay-what-you-can)

4:00 pm: Youth Moves (\$15-20)