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Kaeja d'Dance Announces 2008 Season

Kaeja d'Dance is proud to announce an exciting series of new choreographies by Karen and Allen Kaeja for 2008, including two world premiere performances, the release of a new Bravo!FACT film, and more.

Abattoir

Concept & Direction by Allen Kaeja, Choreographed by Allen and Karen Kaeja

Featuring dancers: Tanya Crowder, Robert Halley, Karen Kaeja, Ryan Lee, Susan Lee, Tim Spronk, and actor Aaron Willis, with special guest appearance by Allen Kaeja

Collaborators: Fides Krucker (New Opera Singer), Edgardo Moreno (Composer)

Original text: Jason Sherman

Designers: Roelof Peter Snippe (Lighting), Jorge Sandoval (Costume)

Dense with hard-edged kinetics, *Abattoir* combines the disciplines of dance, music, theatre and exquisite new opera vocals. Allen's vision of our capacity for innocence ignites this multi-disciplinary dance production.

Final Creation Residency

Hosted by: Norman Rothstein Theatre

Location: Norman Rothstein Theatre, 950 West 41st Avenue (at Oak), Vancouver

Community workshops available, please call: 604.257.5111 ext 235

March 10-18, 2008

World Premiere

Presented by: Vancouver International Dance Festival / Chutzpah! Festival

Location: Norman Rothstein Theatre, 950 West 41st Avenue (at Oak), Vancouver

Dates: **March 19-20, 2008** · 8pm

Tickets: \$24 -\$30

VIDF Box Office: 604.662.4966 | www.vidf.ca

Chutzpah! Box Office: 604.257.5145 | www.chutzpahfestival.com

Toronto Premiere

Presented by: Kaeja d'Dance & Harbourfront Next Steps Series

Location: Premiere Dance Theatre, 207 Queen's Quay West - 3rd floor, Toronto

Dates: **March 25, 27-29, 2008** · 8pm

March 26, 2008 (Youth Matinee) · 10:30am

Tickets: \$18 -\$30

Special rates: **4 for 3 discount:** buy 3 tickets and get the 4th free; or **10% discount** before March 1

\$10 Dance School students

Harbourfront Centre Box Office: 416.973.4000 | www.harbourfrontcentre.com

Guelph Premiere (20 minute excerpt)

Presented by: Guelph Contemporary Dance Festival

Location: Co-operators Hall, River Run Centre, Guelph

Dates: **May 31, 2008** · 8pm

GCDF Info: 519.780.2220 | www.guelphcontemporarydancefestival.com

BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Concept & Direction by Karen Kaeja; Creative Collaborator: Diana Groenendijk

The wildly popular *BIRD'S EYE VIEW*, which originally premiered over 12 hours in the Casa Loma Stables during Toronto's Scotiabank Nuit Blanche in September 2007, has been commissioned to appear at the Guelph Contemporary Dance Festival. Integrating seven Guelph dance artists and three children performers, Karen Kaeja will ignite a miniature 10-minute version of this dance installation for their site-specific series. ("#1 Nuit Blanche Greatest - Hit Casa Loma: Stables. The mix of dance and projection left visitors spellbound. And haunted." Ariel Teplitsky, Toronto Star)

Guelph Premiere (Miniature Version)

Commissioned by: Guelph Contemporary Dance Festival

Location: Exhibition Park (between London and Division, west of Woolwich Street), Guelph

Dates: **May 31 & June 1, 2008** · Noon

GCDF Info: 519.780.2220 | www.guelphcontemporarydancefestival.com

Wedding Threads

A Dusk Dances Commission

Concept & Direction by Karen Kaeja; Choreography by Karen Kaeja

Featuring dancers: Mairead Filgate, Diana Groenendijk, Jenn Helland, Ashley Sanderson, Teena Walker;

Children: Mika Kaeja (Karen's daughter), others TBA

Music: Sue Smith

A modern day controversy for couples of any sexual preference, **Wedding Threads**, danced by five female dance artists and five 10 year old children, brings alive the relationship between mothers and daughters. Flooded in white, the hopes placed on daughters by their mothers to follow the threads of the inevitable future expectation of the 'wedding' become a colorful journey.

World Premiere

Presented by: Dusk Dances

Location: TBA, Toronto

Dates: **August 12-16, 2008** · Evening only (time TBA)

August 16, 2008 · Matinee & evening shows

Dusk Dances Info: 416.504.6429 ext 41 | www.duskdances.ca

Between Seams

Directed by Allen Kaeja; Choreography by Allen Kaeja

Created with featured dancers: Karen Kaeja, Sylvie Bouchard

Music: Edgardo Moreno

Gemini nominated Director and award-winning Choreographer **Allen Kaeja** delves into the creative spirit and the realm of quilt making in **Kaeja d'Dance's** newest Bravo!FACT dance film, *Between Seams*. Viewers become voyeurs into the vision of two vibrant, dynamic women who share a great passion in the creation of an elaborate quilt. Together, the women discover an unexpected, timeless joy and transcend a tradition embedded with responsibility. Scheduled for release in the spring 2008, *Between Seams* is the 8th Bravo!FACT film by **Kaeja d'Dance** to date.

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