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QUARK

QUARK explores our human need to connect with each other, and how many things, including social media, threaten these connections. Quarks are the smallest known layer of matter in the Universe, and when pulled apart their bond becomes both stronger and more strained, until it snaps and new quark pairs are created. Just like us, the elementary particles in every cell of our bodies can never exist in isolation.

Viewed from all four sides, it's as if the work is being examined under a microscope by the audience. Featuring intricate and quiet duos juxtaposed against a heaving mass of bodies, QUARK is both visually impressive and strangely moving.

With co-choreographer Adam Wheeler having a strong relationship with the community in Alice Springs, Yellow Wheel is very excited to bring QUARK to the NT as our major season for 2019. This project has the potential to engage local young people through a dance workshop series, and will be an incredibly special experience for our young company members.

QUARK was presented as Yellow Wheel's major season in 2016, and was choreographed by Adam Wheeler and Kyall Shanks, in collaboration with a cast of 23 young dancers.

SEASON CREDITS

Artistic Director

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Choreographers

Adam Wheeler & Kyall Shanks

Lighting Designer/Operator

Graeme Whelan

Sound Designer

Duane Morrison

Costume Designer

Bec Jensen

Performers

Abby Reynolds, Abigail Benham-Bannon, Alannah May, Bonnie Sampson, Cassie East, Dominique Cowden, Eiren Chamley, Kathryn Riddoch, Maddi Cushion, Natalie Kwan, Nuala Rooney, Phillipa Chapman, Pippa McEwen, Rachel Mackie, Rachel Owens and Siobhan Henderson.

THANK YOU

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ABOUT YELLOW WHEEL

Yellow Wheel, established in Melbourne in 2012, is an Australian dance company specialising in working with young people and emerging artists. The company offers a range of programs to connecting emerging dancers with professional artists, and provides rigorous contemporary dance training and professional development. Yellow Wheel presents fresh, ambitious new dance works featuring the next generation of young movers, as well as supporting artists to create and present work.

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