



Press Release

LA DANCE PROJECT BRINGS CONTEMPORARY STAGE SHOW TO DUBAI OPERA

Dubai UAE 8th February 2017: Dubai Opera has announced the GCC Premiere of Artistic Director Benjamin Millepied's 'Gems Trilogy', the final instalment, performed by the L.A. Dance Project on 28th September 2017. The L.A. Dance Project will present the following works and choreographers; Murder Ballades by Justin Peck, Hearts & Arrows and On the Other Side by Benjamin Millepied.

This contemporary dance show brings together visual artists, musicians, designers and composers and the Gems Trilogy is in collaboration with composer Philip Glass. The project, which was founded in 2012, has toured 11 countries and 34 cities to date performing new works and collaborations from influential dance makers worldwide. Its mission is to create innovative platforms for contemporary dance and to promote the work of emerging and established creators.

Previous works have been described by the New York Times as *'The way the dancers are constantly moving, through asymmetrical patterns, surging in and out of groups, separating into solos and pairs. Narratives, emotion, histories and memories are evoked by the way the dancers coalesce and part. Everything is unexpected yet everything feels serendipitously right.'*

Contemporary dance combines the strong and controlled legwork of ballet and improvisation characteristics of modern dance creating a visual spectacle of rhythm, speed, and direction to tell a story. The L.A. Dance Project's work includes full performances in traditional theatres such as Dubai Opera and also site-specific specifications in non-traditional dance venues creating new platforms for dance.

Dubai Opera's Chief Executive, Jasper Hope, commented: "LA Dance Project under the direction of Benjamin Millepied is at the forefront of the contemporary dance world right now. Their whole programme is going to show off their incredible talents and the GCC Premiere of "On the other side" with music by Philip Glass especially is an incredibly exciting addition to our dance programme for 2017 and one I know Dubai audiences are going to relish."

This collaboration is supported by the historic jewellery house Van Cleef & Arpels. Tickets will go on sale for LA Dance Project at **9am on Sunday 12th February**.

For more information please sign up to the mailing list on the [Dubai Opera website](#), where all members will be informed regarding all ticket sales.



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Note to Editors

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