

## COMPAGNIE MARIE CHOUINARD on tour in Canada

**Montreal, January 17, 2018** – The year 2018 begins with a Canadian tour for COMPAGNIE MARIE CHOUINARD. After visiting 13 countries in 2017, before heading back to Europe, the COMPAGNIE will perform in four provinces between January 25 and March 10: Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan.

### Three Ontario cities

For the first time, the COMPAGNIE will visit Markham and Burlington, near Toronto, with *24 Preludes of Chopin* and *The Rite of Spring* in a double program. The team will then travel to Kingston with *The Rite of Spring* and *HENRI MICHAUX : MOUVEMENTS*. The COMPAGNIE has performed in the city once before, in 2009.

### A first appearance in Valleyfield

The COMPAGNIE is pleased to be making a first visit to Valleyfield, where it will perform the flagship works *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun* and *The Rite of Spring*.

### A much-awaited return to Nova Scotia

The tour will continue in Halifax, where the COMPAGNIE's faithful production partner Live Art Dance will host performances of *24 Preludes by Chopin* and *Le Cri du monde*. This marks the COMPAGNIE's seventh visit to Halifax.

### Art gallery performances in Saskatchewan

On March 9 and 10, the dancer Carol Prieur, who has been with COMPAGNIE MARIE CHOUINARD for 22 years, will perform the solos *S.T.A.B. (Space, Time and Beyond)* and *Étude no. 1* at the MacKenzie Art Gallery in Regina. Invited by Robin Poitras of New Dance Horizons, the COMPAGNIE will present this double program for the first time. *S.T.A.B. (Space, Time and Beyond)* is a solo created and performed by Marie Chouinard in 1986. It was taught to the COMPAGNIE dancers in the late '90s for the show *Les Solos 1978-1998*.

### Schedule of performances:

#### ***24 Preludes by Chopin & The Rite of Spring***

[Flato Markham Theatre](#)

January 25, 2018 at 8 pm

Info and tickets: <http://www.markham.ca>

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[Burlington Performing Arts Center](#)

January 27, 2018 at 8 pm

Info and tickets: <http://www.burlingtonpac.ca>

#### ***The Rite of Spring & HENRI MICHAUX : MOUVEMENTS***

[The Grand Theatre / Kingston](#)

January 30, 2018 at 7:30 pm

Info and tickets: <https://www.kingstongrand.ca/event/compagnie-marie-chouinard-rite-spring-and-henri-michaux-mouvements>

#### ***Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun & The Rite of Spring***

[Salle Albert-Dumouchel / Valleyfield](#)

February 8, 2018 at 8 pm

Info and tickets: <http://www.valspec.com/fr/valleyfield/spectacle/danse/compagnie-marie-chouinard>

#### ***24 Preludes by Chopin & Le Cri du monde***

[Rebecca Cohn Auditorium \(Dalhousie Arts Centre\) / Halifax](#)

February 14, 2018 at 8 pm

Info and tickets: <http://liveartdance.ca/event/compagnie-marie-chouinard/>

#### ***S.T.A.B. (Space, Time and Beyond) & Étude no. 1***

[Mackenzie Art Gallery / Regina](#)

March 9 at 7 pm and March 10, 2018 at 2 pm



*24 Preludes by Chopin* / Photo: Marie Chouinard / Dancers: Kirsten Andersen, Isabelle Poirier, Carla Manuca, Sandrine Lafond



*S.T.A.B. (Space, Time and Beyond)* / Photo: Louise Oligny / Dancer: Marie Chouinard

**About MARIE CHOUINARD and the COMPAGNIE**

Marie Chouinard is the Executive and Artistic Director of COMPAGNIE MARIE CHOUINARD, Founding Chair of the Prix de la Danse de Montréal, an Associate Dance Artist of the Canada's National Arts Centre and Director of Dance at the Venice Biennale.

Marie Chouinard is a true cultural ambassador for Quebec. She has won several awards for her contribution to arts, including the Walter Carsen Prize for the Excellence in the Performing Arts (Canada, 2016), the Positano Prize "Choreographer of the year" (Italy, 2016), the Governor General's Performing Arts Award for Lifetime Achievement (Canada, 2016), the title of Chevalier of the Ordre national du Québec (2015), the Prix Denise-Pelletier (Quebec, 2010), the title of Chevalier of the Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (France, 2009), the title of Officer of the Order of Canada (2007) and the Bessie Award (New York, 2000). The name of Marie Chouinard became a dictionary entry in *Le Petit Larousse illustré* in 2010 and in *Le Robert* in 2011.

Since its founding in 1990, COMPAGNIE MARIE CHOUINARD has met with acclaim on stages all over the world. The dancers brilliantly perform a repertoire of daring works created by Marie Chouinard. The COMPAGNIE's opus also includes a multitude of projects and protean creations in which choreographic art is explored through various media: installation, performance, film, photography, drawing, writing and application.

***Download CANTIQUE, the application for iPad and iPhone created by Marie Chouinard, free from the App Store, and choreograph a duet of faces!***

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