

Four-country European tour and performance with symphony orchestra for COMPAGNIE MARIE CHOUINARD

Montreal, May 8, 2017 - For the second time this year, COMPAGNIE MARIE CHOUINARD will travel to Europe. This new tour will take it to four different countries over the next month.

German premiere of HIERONYMUS BOSCH: THE GARDEN OF EARTHLY DELIGHTS

The tour will begin in Potsdam with the German premiere of HIERONYMUS BOSCH: THE GARDEN OF EARTHLY DELIGHTS, presented at the Potsdamer Tanztage - International Festival for Contemporary Dance on May 16 at 7:30 p.m. Next, the work will be performed in Heilbronn, Germany at the Festival Tanz! on May 20 at 7:30 p.m.

From Sweden to Spain

The COMPAGNIE will then travel to Sweden, invited by the Festival Scenkonstbiennalen in Norrköping, where it will perform *The Rite of Spring* and HENRI MICHAUX : MOUVEMENTS in a double bill on May 26 at 8 p.m., and May 27 at 7 p.m.

On June 2 and 3 at 8 p.m., at the Teatro Arriaga de Bilbao, HIERONYMUS BOSCH: THE GARDEN OF EARTHLY DELIGHTS will be presented to the Basque audience.

The Rite of Spring with orchestra in Austria

The tour will close on June 9 at 7:30 p.m. with the presentation of the *Rite of Spring* with the Tonkünstler-Orchester Niederösterreich orchestra under the musical direction of Garrett Keast at the Festspielhaus St-Pölten in Austria.

Marie Chouinard's *Rite of Spring* has been continuously danced all over the world for nearly 25 years and has recently been performed with a variety of orchestras: the Montreal Youth Symphony Orchestra in 2016, the University of Washington Symphony Orchestra, Seattle in 2013 and the Orchestre National de Lyon in 2006. This flagship work will be presented in Austria in a double bill with HENRI MICHAUX : MOUVEMENTS.

For more information on the COMPAGNIE's works, visit our website: <https://www.mariechouinard.com>

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.



HIERONYMUS BOSCH: THE GARDEN OF EARTHLY DELIGHTS
Dancers: Anne-Sophie Lapointe, Marie Chouinard,
Scott McCabe, Lily M. May, Garth Pinner, Maria Gallego



The Rite of Spring / Photo: Nicolas Ruef / Dancers: Carol Pinner, James Veinos