



Ce n'est pas la fin du monde

Co-produced by Sylvain Émard Danse, Ville d'Eysines/Le Plateau, Théâtre de Lorient (France),
and the Brian Webb Dance Company (Canada),
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*An ethereal piece, anchored in emotion, for seven male dancers
trying to survive, together, the end of their own little world.*
Iris Gagnon-Paradis, *La Presse*, Montreal, January, 2015

Stories of men. Renowned for his striking works featuring male dancers, Sylvain Émard plunges seven dancers* — **Jason Martin, Mark Medrano, Alexandre Morin, François Richard, Manuel Roque, Neil Sochasky** and **Georges-Nicolas Tremblay** — into the hurly-burly of a contemporary world undergoing massive change. Driven by doubt and a lust for life, they are searching for their place, sketching the contours of multiple identities. Carried away by their instincts and the power of the group, their only language is subtle, energetic movement, the music of bodies electrified by a shared feeling of urgency. In this poignant ritual of resistance and adaptation to the passing of time, dance seems to be the best means of coming to terms with the world and of being transformed, the better to blend in. This vibrant piece conveys all the complexity and beauty of men coming to grips with the world they inhabit.

For this work, Sylvain Émard benefits from the talent of loyal collaborators. **Martin Tétréault** created the original score of the piece, **Richard Lacroix** its set design, **André Rioux** its lighting design, and **Denis Lavoie** its costumes. Moreover, **Ginelle Chagnon** acted as artistic advisor throughout the process.

Ce n'est pas la fin du monde premiered at the Théâtre Jean Vilar in Eysines, as part of the French biennial Danse Toujours, in April, 2013. In 2014, the crew of **Ce n'est pas la fin du monde** landed anew in France, before undertaking a Canadian tour in the winter 2015. In the beginning of 2016, the piece was back to undertake a tour of the maisons de la culture of Montreal, and to be performed in Quebec City at La Rotonde's invitation.

* Original cast : **Adam Barruch, Dylan Crossman, Justin Gionet, Laurence Ramsay, Manuel Roque, Neil Sochasky** and **Georges-Nicolas Tremblay**.

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