SYD FEST 2020

otos: Mark Gambino

COLOSSUS

STEPHANIE LAKE COMPANY | AUSTRALIA

COLOSSUS

STEPHANIE LAKE COMPANY | AUSTRALIA

CARRIAGEWORKS 16–19 JANUARY 50 MINS

Choreographer Stephanie Lake Composer & Sound Designer Robin Fox Lighting Designer Bosco Shaw Costume Designer Harriet Oxley Dance Assistants Marni Green, Sarah McCrorie Technical Manager Robert Larsen Production Manager Glenn Dulihanty Production Consultant Emily O'Brien Executive Producer Claire Bradley Duke

Dancers

Bjorn Aslund Alessia Augello Grace Baird David Biondi-Odo **Kirsty Campbell** Olivia Castagna Imogen Chen Chase Clegg Robinson Sabine Crompton-Ward Holli Di Nardo Lucy Doherty Franky Drousioti Eugénie English Poppy Geldart Lillian Grant Olivia Hadlev Soleil Harvey Tegan Jeffrey-Rushton Amy Jordan Alec Katsourakis Bree Kelly Tom Kennedy **Emalyn Knight**

Hosken MacFarlane Daniel Mateo Elavna Moens Callum Mooney Anja Mujic Maddison Paluch Angus Parent Candy Park **Roselyn Pasia** Neve Pierce Kristie Pike **Remv Rochester Opal Russell** Brianna Shahin Lucianna Spackman Mavcie Sprv **Jasmine Susic** Jessica Tonkin **Bachel Trent** Emma-Jane Tuck Georgia Van Gils Laura Vlasic Claudia Willimann

ABOUT THE SHOW

Are our societies, crowds and social networks more than simply collections of individuals? *Colossus* demonstrates the power of many. It fills the theatre with a heaving throng of fifty dancers, moving in intricate unison and wild individuality. *Colossus* presents a mass of human bodies, but its epic scale also extends beyond the human, with its movements echoing the patterns and systems of nature. Exploring both the beauty and ugliness of the collective experience, *Colossus* builds and rebuilds towards a united, dizzying finale.

STEPHANIE LAKE COMPANY

Stephanie Lake Company is a multi-award-winning contemporary dance company based in Melbourne. Known for a gutsy, original choreographic style and striking visual aesthetic, Stephanie Lake Company strives to create performances that are affecting and relevant. Working in collaboration with Australia's leading dancers and designers, the company has been presented in major festivals and venues around Australia and has toured internationally to France, Germany, Hong Kong, Denmark, Singapore and the UK.

Artistic Director Stephanie Lake won the Australian Dance Award in 2018 (*Pile of Bones*) and 2014 (*AORTA*) for Most Outstanding Choreography, the Helpmann Award for Outstanding Choreography in 2014 (*A Small Prometheus*) and the Green Room Award for Best Choreography (*Mix Tape*) in 2011. She is currently the recipient of the Australia Council Fellowship for Dance and a past recipient of the Sidney Myer Creative Fellowship and the Peggy Van Praagh Choreographic Fellowship. The company collaborates across theatre, film, music and visual art and has created several large-scale projects for over one thousand participants.

Stephanie Lake's work is supported by the Australia Council for the Arts, Creative Victoria, City of Melbourne and the Sidney Myer Foundation and by generous individual donors. stephanielake.com.au

THANKS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Stephanie Lake Company would like to thank the following people for their valued contribution to the work: the brilliant cast of dancers and the entire creative and production team; Sydney Dance Company for a generous studio residency; Linda Gamblin, Rafael Bonachela, Dominic Chang, Lisa Bowmer, Sarah Boulter, Paula Steeds-Huston and Craig Bary; huge thanks to our Colossus Champions Circle of major donors - Linda Herd, Michael and Silvia Kantor and Anonymous; also to our valued donors Barry and Deborah Conyngham, Colin and Christine Fox, Chloe Munro and Anonymous; Arts Centre Melbourne and Melbourne Fringe for commissioning Colossus through the Take Over Program, 2018; Monica Lim and Konfir Kabo, and John and Lorraine Bates, for their generous donations to Take Over 2018; Daniel Clarke, Simon Abrahams, Michaela Coventry and Gideon Obarzanek for their support of the original production; the entire original Melbourne cast of Colossus, Transit Dance and the Victorian College of the Arts; the Australian Cultural Fund; Creative Partnerships Australia; Wesley Enoch, Vivia Hickman and the entire Sydney Festival team.