

VINCENT DANCE THEATRE

Presents

IF WE GO ON

Directed and Designed by Charlotte Vincent

With text by Wendy Houstoun

Composed by Alex Catona

UK TOUR 2010

Celebrating fifteen years of original, compelling and provocative dance theatre.

“HOW SPLENDID IT IS TO SEE A PIECE WHICH CAN SHRUG OFF SO CASUALLY THE STRUCTURES OF MUCH MODERN DANCE...THIS IS SERIOUS THEATRE WHICH PROVIDES A SHARP AND POIGNANT ANTIDOTE TO MUCH OF TODAY’S MINDLESS SHOWBIZ TOP-FLASH” Stage 2009

If We Go On places the investigation of language and sound at the centre of the work, and through miniature dances, stuttering songs and militant manifestos embraces uncertainty, hesitancy and not knowing.

“A CRACKLING INTELLECTUAL CORE...IT’S THE REAL THING” Observer (November, 2009)

An extraordinary ensemble of multitasking performers morph words into movement, shunt gesture into sound and sometimes burst into song to conjure up the performance of their lives.

If We Go On is a relentless succession of splintered transactions, where words lose their meaning, music falls apart and dance leads itself up a blind and exhausting alley. Anarchic, nostalgic, and full of dark, intelligent humour, *If We Go On* asks: ‘If you had one last dance in you, what shape would it take?’

“BRAVE, INTELLIGENT ENTERTAINMENT” Times

This season features one of our most experienced and exceptional casts to date. Alongside Vincent Dance Theatre’s core company members - Aurora Lubos, Janusz Orlik and Patrycja Kujawska (recently seen in Kneehigh’s *Don John*) - are Alex Catona (composer/musician), Scott Smith (Steve Paxton, Lisa Nelson), Harry Theaker (Bock and Vincenzi, Javier De Frutos) and Carly Best (Jonathan Lunn).

Since 1994, Vincent Dance Theatre has built a national and international reputation for creating and touring powerful, engaging dance theatre work and delivering high quality participation work across the UK and abroad.

Pulling together movement, text, choreography, theatre, live music and a strong visual sense of place, VDT’s rollercoaster productions challenge conventional values in dance and gender politics.

The company’s live work tours to theatre venues across the UK and abroad. Our installation and film work is distributed into non-theatre spaces, cross arts venues and festivals across Europe, Canada, Australia and United States

For video clips, performers’ blogs and more information about *If We Go On*, visit www.IfWeGoOn.co.uk

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Tour Listings 2009

Venue: **The Junction, Cambridge**
Dates: Tuesday, 2nd February
Time: 8.00pm
Box Office: 01223 511 511
Internet: www.junction.co.uk

Venue: **Wilde Theatre, South Hill Park, Bracknell**
Dates: Wednesday, 3rd February
Time: 8.00pm
Box Office: 01344 484 123
Internet: www.southhillpark.org.uk

Venue: **Nuffield Theatre, Lancaster**
Dates: Tuesday, 9th and Wednesday, 10th February
Time: 8.00pm
Box Office: 01524 594 151
Internet: www.nuffieldtheatre.com

Venue: **Lawrence Batley Theatre, Huddersfield**
Dates: Wednesday, 24th February
Time: 7.30pm
Box Office: 01484 430 528
Internet: www.thelbt.org

Venue: **Weston Studio, Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff**
Dates: Wednesday, 3rd March
Time: 8.00pm
Box Office: 08700 40 2000
Internet: www.wmc.org.uk

Venue: **Curve, Leicester**
Dates: Wednesday, 17th March
Time: 7.30pm
Box Office: 0116 242 3595
Internet: www.curveonline.co.uk

Venue: **Harrogate Theatre, Harrogate**
Dates: Friday, 19th March
Time: 7.30pm
Box Office: 01423 502 116
Internet: www.harrogatetheatre.co.uk