

Presents: *Fihi Ma Fihi (It Is What It Is)*, June 8-11, 2016

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La Caravan Dance Theatre Presents World Premiere of *Fihi Ma Fihi (It Is What It Is)*

New artistic work draws inspiration from 13th century Sufi mystic and philosopher Rumi

Calgary AB – La Caravan Dance Theatre presents the world premiere of *Fihi Ma Fihi (It Is What It Is)* at Theatre Junction Grand, **June 8-11, 2016**. Tickets range from **\$40 - \$75** and can be purchased at lacaravan.com.

Fihi Ma Fihi introduces a new genre of performance art reawakened with gusto through the poetry of revered 13th century Sufi mystic, theologian, and Islamic scholar, Rumi. A multidisciplinary dance-opera featuring vocal experimentation, innovative choreography, installation art, new media and projection mapping, and original compositions, *Fihi Ma Fihi* showcases the battle between birth and death, and the climactic awareness of freedom that reveals the enigma of human understanding about where we come from and where it is we're going.

Featuring original concept and design by artistic director and choreographer Maya Lewandowsky, *Fihi Ma Fihi* promises to awaken, revitalize, and enrich the fullness of human sensation through intricate interpretations of Rumi's cherished poetic works.

"*Fihi Ma Fihi* speaks to the poet, the questioner, the wonderer, in all of us", says Maya Lewandowski, Artistic Director for La Caravan Dance Theatre. "Drawing on some of the most vivid, graceful text in history, and told through the story of song, artistry and movement, the existential creature in each of us will be drawn out, illuminated, tantalized and invigorated."

Fihi Ma Fihi (It Is What It Is) runs **June 8-11, 2016**, at **Theatre Junction Grand**. For ticket purchase and information, visit lacaravan.com.

MEDIA CALL: Tuesday, June 7 @ 2:00PM

Theatre Junction Grand (608 1 Street SW)

****Additional promotional photos available upon request****

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La Caravan Dance Theatre is Calgary's most unique non-profit dance company. The company and Artistic Director, Maya Lewandowsky, aim to inspire ordinary people to experience dance and dancers to create extraordinary theatrical dance and physical art works through provocative, multidisciplinary, co-creative processes.

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