ADC Youth Ensemble presents

# SUCCESSION

Australasian Dance Collective

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Perennial / ADC Youth Ensemble / 6 minutes

In The Wake of Revolution / ADC Youth Ensemble / 7 minutes

HUEman / ADC Youth Ensemble / 8 minutes

Invisible Hands/A Force of Time / Harrison Elliott / 3 minutes

Arc / Amy Hollingsworth / 15 minutes

Australasian Dance Collective acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands, waters and seas on which we work and live paying respects to Elders, past, present and future.

## Welcome to Succession

Succession returns in 2023 with a beautifully crafted program where collaboration has been at the forefront of our creativity.

As its name suggests, Succession is a key platform in ADO's commitment to actively developing the next generation of dancers and dance makers. It is important that we offer opportunity, new experiences and instil the freedom of creative possibility.

This year our Youth Ensemble have been given the task of creating their own self-devised choreographic works. With mentorship from the ADC company dancers, these intriguing and often quirky performance works see our ensemble's wonderful imaginations and cleverness come to the fore.

Our new introduction this year is our collaboration with Brisbane State High School. BSHS students will perform a work created for them by ADC's company dancer, Harrison Elliott. To complete our program we come together to reprise repertoire from Arc, choreographed by ADC Artistic Director, Amy Hollingsworth. Arc premiered for the Brisbane Festival in 2020 with a company of 38 dancers that included our very own Youth Ensemble.

We have transformed our studio to be an amazing theatre in the round, giving our audience and performers a more thrilling and engaging live theatre experience.

A perfect setting to a truly joyful season of performance.

Chloe Bath Sasha Brewin-Brown Claire Brvan Makeda Callinicos-Tomlin Georgie Cooke Isobel Dowd Jenna Howard Haruhi Kawaura Vivelle Kenzler Isa King Caroline Knight Annika Lewis Paige Lowe Poppy Nowlan Mia Raeli Matilda Shanks Aalivah Solomon Angela Warr Amara Weaver

2023 Youth Ensemble

Cleo Berkmortel Alisha Diacos Makaela Griffin Jenna Howard Emily McWilliams Altayra Soebrata Safia Turan

**Brisbne State High School** 



# Youth Ensemble Director Riannon McLean

## Welcome to 2023!

From the humble beginnings of an 8-week pilot program, we are now soaring onto our fifth year. Our ensemble has successfully grown in calibre and standard, and it was time to explore connections that would offer opportunity and engagement. I have the great pleasure of introducing our collaboration with Brisbane State High School. I would like to thank April Williams for her support of this endeavour and her beautiful students for committing to this performance season with us.

As part of our commitment to our ensemble of young creatives, we are pushing our performance space to new imaginings for a more exciting theatre experience for both performer and audience.

I am incredibly proud of our students for bringing so much to our 2023 season of Succession. They have all contributed with such honesty and openness to their own creative processes. It is incredibly special to see our students' efforts in leadership, and determination combined with enthusiasm for their art form. Their engaging works I have seen grow with curiosity, beauty, and grit to come into fruition to be standout works of art. Congratulations!

Our program runs across three terms and features two performance seasons, Succession & Echo. Succession is our first season that is curated to explore exciting new ideas for our students and collaborators, and how we define reimagined spaces. Our Youth Ensemble's signature season, Echo, sees our young dancers perform in dance works created specifically for them by Australian Choreographers. Echo highlights the talents of young creatives and designers, and showcases our ensemble in their very own films crafted for performance.

Our purpose is to offer a safe and nurturing place of exploration and fulfilment. We encourage curiosity, the importance of communication and exploration as a young artist coupled with a true sense of belonging.

These beautiful artists are our future. Their experience and purpose is what makes this program so incredibly special. As their Director, I feel honoured to share it.



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# Perennial

# ADC Youth Ensemble

Perennial is a love letter to the unique and varying beauty and wonder of the natural world. It explores the survival characteristics of plants and their growth in diverse habitats. As they unfurl from seedlings, sweep across the desert, consume unrelentingly for survival, and finally return to the soil, they remain ever-present on our earth.

Choreography	Makeda Callinicos-Tomlin, Mia Raeli, Poppy Nowlan, Sasha Brewin-Brown, Aaliyah Solomon, Vivelle Kenzler, Paige Lowe
Lighting Design	Claire Browning in collaboration with the ADC Youth Ensemble
Costume Design	ADC Youth Ensemble
Music	'Searching' / Matthew Hubert 'Timbres' / Yosi Horikawa 'Mas Que Nada' / Luiz Henrique 'Red Sex' / Vessel 'Page One' / Lemon Jelly Music edited by Makeda Callinicos- Tomlin



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# In The Wake of Revolution

## ADC Youth Ensemble

Two artists who believe in their own assured perfectionism, demonstrate the emotional and mental toll of the 'tortured artist' as they struggle with the looming presence of their own ethereal statues.

Choreography	Jenna Howard, Caroline Knight, Isa King, Annika Lewis, Isobel Dowd
Lighting Design	Claire Browning in collaboration with the ADC Youth Ensemble
Costume Design	ADC Youth Ensemble
Music	'Enemies to Lovers' / Joshua Kyan Aalampour 'Music for Weather Elements: Rain, In Your Black Eyes' / Ezio Bosso Music edited by Jenna Howard



Creatives

# HUEman ADC Youth Ensemble

HUEman is an exploration of emotions we feel as part of the human experience. Each emotion is felt and expressed differently by each individual. Despite the variety of expressions, we share every emotion with those around us. The emotional experiences intertwine and represent the constant battle between peace and chaos.

Choreography	Claire Bryan, Georgie Cooke, Angela Warr, Chloe Bath, Matilda Shanks, Haruhi Kawaura, Amara Weaver
Lighting Design	Claire Browning in collaboration with the ADC Youth Ensemble
Costume Design	ADC Youth Ensemble
Music	'Apathetic' / Yojas '18 hands' / Alfonso Peduto 'Uzumaki' / Machine Girl Music edited by Angela Warr



# Invisible Hands/ A Force of Time

Harrison Elliott

This work is constructed from a curriculum solo created for Brisbane State High School. The solo explores the tenuous relationship we have with time in our daily lives. Time can be wasted, it can be relished, it can make us feel pressured or even caged. However, despite it's continuous movement, we are capable of finding control inside the constraints of time passing. Through an acceptance of time we are positioned to be guided by it rather than pushed.

Choreography	Harrison Elliott
Lighting Design	Claire Browning
Costume Design	Brisbane State High School
Music	'Fjarlægur' / Oskar Schuster
Cast	Jenna Howard, Cleo Beckmortel, Michaela Griffin





# Arc Amy Hollingsworth

In its original presentation, Arc was a work of scale, capturing the odyssey of the human spirit, and how we strive for connection, purpose and unity in a time of separation and fear.

Commissioned as a bespoke creation for the Brisbane Festival in 2020, Arc is a reflection of us and our journey from isolation to reconnection.

For Succession, Arc has been crafted as an excerpt that showcases an outstanding array of Brisbane talent, the young artists of ADC's Youth Ensemble combining forces with the dance students of Brisbane State High School.

Choreography	Amy Hollingsworth
Lighting Design	Claire Browning
Costume Design	Alana Sargent
Music	Wil Hughes
Cast	ADC Youth Ensemble & Brisbane State High School

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