

COMPAGNIE CATHERINE GAUDET

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LES JOLIES CHOSES



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A WORD FROM GUILLAUME CÔTÉ, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF THE FESTIVAL

To me, *Les jolies choses* by Catherine Gaudet is a true gem. A work of rare choreographic precision, where raw movement becomes a vehicle for pure emotion.

The piece begins with great simplicity—almost meditative—but slowly builds into a visceral crescendo. The intensity grows like a slow-burning fuse that eventually explodes, sweeping the audience into a whirlwind of repetitive rhythms and raw energy.

Catherine Gaudet explores beauty, intelligence, and even a restrained violence, through an obsessive language that's as unsettling as it is fascinating. The performers deliver a performance of overwhelming intensity. It's a physical and emotional marathon—a true act of giving. You won't leave unaffected.



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LES JOLIES CHOSES (55 min)

Five bodies move to the rhythm of the metronome. Their mechanical movements resume, the machine heats up and demands impeccable rigour from them. As her artistic language matures, choreographer Catherine Gaudet sets out in search of a space beneath the bodies where desires can be reborn despite the weight of constraint.



CHOREOGRAPHY

Catherine Gaudet

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CATHERINE GAUDET, CHOREOGRAPHER



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Catherine Gaudet, who holds a bachelor's and a master's degree in contemporary dance from UQAM, stands out for her powerful and distinctive choreographic approach. Her work explores the tensions between social conventions and the unconscious, blending physical precision, theatricality, and dark humour. Since her first choreography in 2004, she has created several notable works, including *L'invasion du vide* (2009), *Je suis un autre* (2012), *L'affadissement du merveilleux* (2018), and *Les jolies choses* (2022). Catherine is currently the artistic and general director of Compagnie Catherine Gaudet, a member of Circuit-Est centre chorégraphique, an associate creator at DLD – Daniel Léveillé Danse, and an associate artist at Agora de la danse.

ABOUT COMPAGNIE CATHERINE GAUDET

Compagnie Catherine Gaudet was founded in August 2019 in Montreal, with Catherine Gaudet serving as both general and artistic director. Since its inception, the company has produced several notable works, including *L'invasion du vide* (2009), *Je suis un autre* (2012), *Au sein des plus raides vertus* (2014), *La très excellente et lamentable tragédie de Roméo et Juliette* (2016), *Tout ce qui va revient* (2018), *L'affadissement du merveilleux* (2018), *Se dissoudre* (2021), *Les jolies choses* (2022), *Mains moites* (2023), *Les mondes parallèles* (2023), and *ODE* (2024). These creations have been presented both locally and internationally, including in Denmark, France, Belgium, Germany, and the United States, at prestigious venues and festivals such as the Festival TransAmériques in Montreal, the Lyon Biennale, the Tanz im August Festival in Berlin, and the Théâtre national de Chaillot in Paris. The company is dedicated to the production and dissemination of contemporary choreographic works, supporting research, creation, and the visibility of its artistic director's pieces on both national and international stages.

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