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Between Tiny Cities រវាងទីក្រុងតូច

by Nick Power



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, 20 MAY 2019 – As part of Arts Centre Melbourne’s [Big World, Up Close](#) and [Families Winter/Spring](#) programs, [Between Tiny Cities រវាងទីក្រុងតូច](#) is a dance work that represents the cultural exchange between Australian and Cambodian artists, taking over the State Theatre Rehearsal Room from 10 – 13 July these winter school holidays.

In this work, dancers **Erak Mith**, from Phnom Penh, and **Aaron Lim**, from Darwin, use the rituals, movement styles and language of their shared hip-hop culture to reveal the dramatically different worlds that surround them and uncover the choreographic links that unite them.

This is an immersive experience, with the performers up close, as the audience forms a circle to witness the playful and exploratory intensity of physical storytelling. Choreographed by internationally-renowned Sydney hip-hop dance artist **Nick Power** and accompanied by the beats and sound design of **Jack Prest**, the work blends the raw energy of b*boy battles with skillful improvisation and choreography, offering a cross-cultural perspective on style, community and locality.

The project is the result of a four-year dance exchange between Darwin’s D*City Rockers and Cambodia’s Tiny Toones youth program. The two crews have travelled, trained, battled and performed together, and *Between Tiny Cities រវាងទីក្រុងតូច*, is the culmination of that exchange.

Premiering in Melbourne as part of 2017’s Dance Massive, *Between Tiny Cities រវាងទីក្រុងតូច* has gone on to tour Australia, Asia and Europe including a skate venue in Phnom Penh, to prestigious European dance festivals such as Berlin’s *Tanz im August* and Vienna’s *ImPulsTanz*.

“A rich exploration of the possibilities of hip-hop choreography” – Arts Hub

Between Tiny Cities រវាងទីក្រុងតូច is touring with the support of the Australian Government through the Australia Council for the Arts. It was developed with the support of the Australian Government through the Catalyst – Australian Arts & Culture Fund, the Australia Council, Artback NT and Accomplice. It is produced by Intimate Spectacle, which is supported by the Australian Government through the Australia Council for the Arts.

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Images can be found [here](#).

Creative Team

Choreographer: Nick Power

Dancers: Aaron Lim & Erak Mith

Sound Designer: Jack Prest

Designer: Bosco Shaw

Dramaturg: Lee Wilson

Creative Producer: Britt Guy – ACCOMPLICE

Tour Producer: Harley Stumm – Intimate Spectacle

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***Between Tiny Cities* វិសេសទីក្រុងតូច**

State Theatre Rehearsal Room | 10 – 13 July

10 – 12 July | 6pm

13 July | 5pm & 7pm

Duration: 40 mins (no interval)

Age Suitability: 8+

Accessibility: Wheelchair Access, Companion Card, Visual Performance, Assistive Hearing

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