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AWARD-WINNING CIRCUS COMPANY PRESENTS
COMMON DISSONANCE
HAMILTON PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE - TUE 23 MAY
FOR RECONCILIATION WEEK 2023

Following the highly successful, Greenroom Award Nominated season at The Melba Speigeltent and award-winning season at the 2022 Adelaide Fringe comes contemporary circus work, *Common Dissonance*, produced by Na Djinang Circus and directed by company founder and Waka Waka man, Harley Mann.

Called “exhilaratingly new” by Time Out, *Common Dissonance* is a contemporary circus work exploring the struggle between traditional and modern modes of reasoning.

For thousands of years in Australia, understanding of the world came from dreamtime stories, song lines, and oral histories all of which are still relevant to many Australians. Our environment is riddled with the hypocrisies of a culturally diverse past lingering in the wake of a globalized present. *Common Dissonance* explores not only the harmony and discord of contemporary Australian reasoning, but finds a Common Dissonance.

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Taking place at Hamilton Performing Arts Centre on Tuesday 23 May at 7:30pm, Mann is performing alongside contemporary dancer and circus performer, Isabelle Champagne-Chittick using their distinctly contradictory upbringings as inspiration for the work.

Amanda Hurley, Acting Manager of Hamilton Performing Arts Centre said, "This beautifully choreographed First Nations piece features two contemporary performers with shared and distinctly individual experiences. We're so excited to showcase some of the best Australia has to offer in contemporary dance and circus, up close and personal in the HPAC Function room."

Tickets to the performance have been subsidised by Southern Grampians Shire Council as part of their 2023 Reconciliation Week events to help enable more people to experience this moving work.

Na Djinang Circus is working towards producing contemporary circus by and for young Australians establishing their social and artistic identity. With the company, Mann wants to "showcase the talent and unique insight of the next generation."

"Common Dissonance tugs at the very heart of your conscience all with the sensitivity and intensity to leave you thinking about it long after you leave the venue."

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About HPAC

Hamilton Performing Arts Centre (HPAC) is the major venue for live shows, engaging performances and events in the Southern Grampians. Situated in the heart of the Greater Hamilton region on Gunditjmara Country, HPAC's landmark arts facility is at the centre of Hamilton CBD's cultural arts precinct.

HPAC presents engaging and accessible live performances for and by the community, not only within the walls of the building but in spaces across the region. Live music, drama and dance, physical theatre, cabaret and circus come alive at HPAC, alongside opportunities for all ages to create, learn and be inspired.

Contact the team for information, media opportunities or to discuss partnerships and creative ideas!