

Southbank Centre presents

## **LES BALLETS C DE LA B** **Koen Augustijnen**

### **IMPORT** **EXPORT**

**Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 June 2007 at 7.45pm**  
**Southbank Centre, Queen Elizabeth Hall**

Les Ballets C de la B return to the Queen Elizabeth Hall from 12 – 14 June as part of Southbank Centre's re-opening week of performances following the two-year refurbishment of the Royal Festival Hall.

Choreographer/dancer Koen Augustijnen and countertenor Steve Dugardin, whose first bold collaboration, *bâche*, sold out at Southbank Centre in 2005, again share the stage with a multicultural cast of dancers and musicians, this time focussing on the theme of 'powerlessness' in all its forms; from disempowerment in the face of aggression on a political or social level, to the plight of the individual who mourns the loss of love.

*Import Export* is a genre bending fusion of dance, acrobatics, song and live music in Les Ballets C de la B's characteristic style, as the performers bring their varied life experiences, as well as expert training in ballet, contemporary dance, break-dance, circus acrobatics and theatre, to the work. While referencing contemporary issues of immigration and frontier controls, the highly-charged spectacle is set to the French baroque music of Lambert Charpentier and Clérambault, performed live on stage by the Kirke String Quartet and sung by Dugardin, adapted by composer Bart Vandewege with added electronica by Sam Serruys.

Having started as a dancer with Les Ballets C de la B, Koen Augustijnen is one of four choreographer-directors of the famous Belgian collective, which has had strong associations with Southbank Centre since Alain Platel's groundbreaking work was first presented there. More recent Les Ballets C de la B works at the Queen Elizabeth Hall and Purcell Room include the UK premieres of Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui's works' *Rien de Rien*, *Tempus Fugit* and the co-commissioned *Foi*.

Tickets: £15 - £25 Box Office: 0871 663 2500 [www.southbankcentre.co.uk](http://www.southbankcentre.co.uk)

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#### **DANCE & PERFORMANCE at SOUTHBANK CENTRE**

Southbank Centre will relaunch with the reopening of the Royal Festival Hall in June 2007 after two years of refurbishment. A revitalised Dance & Performance programme includes events in the Royal Festival Hall from **Klaus Obermaier** with the **London Philharmonic Orchestra**, a ballet gala presented by **George Piper Dances**, Southbank Associate Artist **Rafael Bonachela** choreographing *Carmen Jones*, and **CandoCo** in the Hall's much loved Ballroom and foyer spaces. As part of the relaunch season international artists **Les Ballets C de la B** and **Tanja Liedtke**, as well as leading British artists **Gauri Sharma Tripathi** and **Darshan Singh Bhuller** present works in the Queen Elizabeth Hall and Purcell Room. Artists in Residence **Stan Won't Dance** will create a large-scale outdoor spectacular in July.  
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