

DANCE THEATRE / GERMANY AND FRANCE

# Café Müller

Pina Bausch

Tanztheater Wuppertal Pina Bausch + Terrain Boris Charmatz

**Dates:** Mon 10 Mar – Sun 16 Mar

**Venue:** Festival Theatre

**Duration:** 40 minutes, no interval

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Never before seen in Australia, *Café Müller* is one of the most iconic works of Pina Bausch's extraordinary repertoire and one of the most influential dance pieces of the 20th century.

In this autobiographical work, a sleepwalking woman staggers, arms outstretched, through a dark, cramped restaurant. Amid the plaintive swell of Henry Purcell's greatest arias, a cast of devastated characters plays out a litany of tender cruelties as they lift, drop, and chase each other in a feedback loop of perpetual disappointment.

Combining the brilliance of the legendary German choreographer with the beauty of Purcell's arias, the masterpiece has its Australian premiere.

*"The way it gets to the core of love and loss – I just don't know a single film that has been able to come remotely close to that. It shows me more about men and women than the whole history of cinema."* - Wim Wenders

## CREDITS

### ***Café Müller (1978)***

**With (alternately):** Dean Biosca, Naomi Brito, Emily Castelli, Maria Giovanna Delle Donne, Taylor Drury, Simon Le Borgne\*, Réginald Lefebvre, Alexander López Guerra, Blanca Nogueroles Ramírez, Michael Strecker, Christopher Tandy

**Choreography and direction:** Pina Bausch

**Set design and costumes:** Rolf Borzik

**Collaboration:** Marion Cito, Hans Pop

**Music:** Henry Purcell

**Rehearsal Direction:** Barbara Kaufmann

*Café Müller* premiered in Opera House Wuppertal on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1978 with: Malou Airaud, Pina Bausch, Rolf Borzik, Dominique Mercy, Jan Minařík, Meryl Tankard

## **Tanztheater Wuppertal Pina Bausch**

Boris Charmatz – Artistic Director

Dr. Daniel Siekhaus – Managing Director

Robert Sturm – Artistic Management Director

**Terrain** Hélène Joly – Deputy Director

### **Touring Team**

**Technical Director:** Jörg Ramershoven

**Stage Manager:** Andreas Deutz

**Lighting Technician:** Robin Diehl

**Sound:** Karsten Fischer

**Head Stage Technician:** Gökhan Mihci

**Wardrobe:** Katherina Fröhlich\*, Renatus Matuschowitz\*

**Physiotherapist:** Bernd-Uwe Marszan

**Training:** Min Li

**Planning and Tour Management:** Leonie Werner

**Direction of Productions Terrain:** Lucas Chardon\*

\*guest