

SCATTERED

A METEOR SHOWER OF UNLIKELY MOMENTS

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Scattered into Autumn 2011

After a highly successful and critically acclaimed 2009 tour, including a standing ovation from a sold-out QEH on London's South Bank and a premiere performance in Romania **Motionhouse** return with the next leg of *Scattered*.

The close of the 2009/10 tour saw the production appear at 31 mid-scale venues, including opening the Sibiu's International Theatre Festival in Romania and being seen by over 12,000 people.

Scattered is directed by the visionary **Kevin Finnan** and sees the company on sensational form. Moving away from the extreme sets of metal scaffolding of previous productions *Volatile* and *Perfect*, *Scattered* sets the bar even higher for thrilling performance and staging. Seven dancers perform on an infinity stage where movement and film integrate in a completely new and frankly breathtaking way.

Using projection created by award-winning Spanish filmmakers, **Logela Multimedia**, **Finnan** has created a world of water in a truly inspiring show where athletic movement blends sensationally with Logela's projections. The performers are at one moment on the stage then suddenly sprinting up the upstage curved wall (think half pipe snowboard or skate ramp), immersing themselves in sensational images of cascading waterfalls, rainstorms and swimming pools. They hang, suspended over a frozen landscape of arctic beauty at the very top of the curve before diving onto the stage through the ice floes and frozen waters; they hurl themselves into tidal waves, they stride up projected escalators, they fling themselves onto projected deckchairs and they catch, throw and hold each other in impossible embraces.

Scattered will be performed on and within an extraordinary set designed by long term collaborator Simon Dormon, with an original music score by Sophy Smith and lighting design by Natasha Chivers.

Scattered is performed by **Claire Benson, Giorgio de Carolis, Junior Cunningham, Laura Peña Nuñez, Olivia Quayle, Alasdair Stewart** and **Philipp Stummer**.

For more information and a complete tour schedule log on to www.motionhouse.co.uk

Scattered is commissioned by Warwick Arts Centre and created with support from Playbox Theatre, Warwick.

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Production Imagery is attached of **Scattered**. Please credit imagery © Chris Nash, and where possible dancers. For dancer's names please contact Motionhouse's Marketing Manager.

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Reviews and Quotes

"A jaw-dropping, eye-popping work of creation that with movement, sound and sheer theatrical spectacle comes close to a hallucinogenic experience..."

Kevin Finnan... has created a mesmerising combination of physical dance and film that thrills the senses and tricks the eye."

Bournemouth Daily Echo | April 2010

"No one in the audience could tear their eyes away"

Hertfordshire Life | March 2010

"The choreography is lean, incisive... the work speeds past in a continuous stream of events, highly physical, often near-dangerous. It is fascinating to watch"

Oxford Times | March 2010

"Shock and awe: eliciting gasps as the dancers bodysurf across the face of the wave or launch themselves from its vertiginous peak"

The Observer | December 2009

"Super athletic dancers, as dexterous in the air and with ropes as they are on the floor, this is a company that has long cornered the high impact end of the market"

The Guardian | December 2009

"The 70 minutes simply flew past, and I could have sat through it again immediately. With Scattered, Finnan and his talented dancers have taken the company to a new level."

Dancing Times | October 2009

"The performance is practically jet-propelled... the quicksilver cast almost never stops moving."

"The most successful aspect of *Scattered* is its integration of film and movement."

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"*Scattered* is a rapid current of associations ranging from environmental issues to more sensual, somatic concerns. The effect is propulsively kinetic and visual."

"Immersive soundtrack helps to keep things on the boil with an unrelenting mix of Middle Eastern, Latin and rock-influenced flavours."

"The set functions as an object the dancers can creep on to, slide down or hurl themselves against, as well as a projection screen for a stream of digital images, from Arctic landscapes and cracked mud to murky oceans and suburban swimming pools."

"Dazzling"

The Times* | October 2009 **

"Moments when live movements synchronise with on-screen imagery - a dancer kicks the back wall, water droplets spray up - are a cunning delight, as is the sound score that shifts musical textures and tempi in keeping with climate changes that take water from frozen floes to steamy heat."

***The Herald* | Scotland, March 2010**

"A fascinating experience... an assault on the senses, amazing."

***Manchester Evening News* | February 2010**

"The dancing evolves subtly which sums up this brilliant production... *Scattered* demonstrates the ways in which widely different techniques can be combined to give a terrific evening at the theatre."

***What's On Stage* | February 2010**

"In general, I seek entertainment among arts which have words – books, plays, films, music with lyrics – but this offering, from contemporary dance company Motionhouse, tempted because it promised 'a unique interaction between film and live performance'. In fact, the show, which lasted not much longer than one hour, delivered far more."

***The Argus* | February 2010**

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