

## LINK DANCE CO INTERNATIONAL TOUR 2016

Dear Kevin and Friends of the Academy,

On behalf of LINK Dance Company (4<sup>th</sup> Year Honours) Students Tanya Brown, Cheyenne Davis, Antonio Rinaldi and April Vardy we would like to thank the Friends of the Academy for your generosity in contributing to our international tour.

We have all recently returned from our 6-week international tour with the company performing our season called Motion State which we first presented in May in the Geoff Gibbs Theatre. We were lucky enough to perform in France – Marseille and Montpellier. Also in Amsterdam in an open-air theatre in Vondelpark – which held approximately 500 people that night. The way the Audience responded to our performances in Europe was phenomenal. It was an amazing thing to experience as a performer.

In Montpellier, we were there as part of The Montpellier Dance Festival's side festival, called Movements Sur La Ville. We absorbed as much dance as we could by seeing 11 dance performances by famous international choreographers in only 9 days. This really inspired all of us and we learnt so much seeing these shows. Our director Michael Whaites encouraged us to learn from the professional performers and see what we could take on from them.

We also participated in dance workshops either in Amsterdam - Henry Jurriens Summer Intensive or in Vienna – ImPulsTanz International Dance Festival. Where we took part in dance classes taught by teachers from all around the world.

Your generosity helped us make it to Europe, with subsidising, flights/ accommodation / shows / workshops. Usually in LINK each year there is closer to 10 students which helps makes fundraising easier as they are able to share the efforts around more. With only the four of us we fundraised, but struggled to reach a large amount. The funding that you gave to each of us received really made a difference to our trip. We have learnt so much in this 6-week tour and gained so much knowledge, which will help us transition into the profession at the end of the year.

Once again on behalf of all of us in LINK we thank you for your generosity.

Kind Regards,

LINK DANCE COMPANY

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