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LEIGH WARREN & DANCERS UNVEIL NEW LINE-UP

Five fresh faces have joined the seven-strong cast of SA's **Leigh Warren & Dancers** and the new team will perform together for the first time when the company takes its award-winning dance theatre show, **Seven**, on tour next month.

"The new dancers are from a fantastic vintage, bringing vitality and a variety of talents that will surprise and add to the company's reputation for having the finest quality in our dancing line-up," says Leigh Warren – artistic director, Leigh Warren & Dancers.

Joining long-time company members, **Deon Hastie** and **Jo Roads**, are: **Lizzie Vilmanis**, **Christopher Hewitt**, **Natalie Allen**, **Lachlan Bell** and **Anthony Trojman**. While Lizzie and Christopher debuted for the company in the public performance of *Medico Manoeuvres II* at the Adelaide Fringe 2009, *Seven* will be the first outing for Natalie, Lachlan and Anthony.

Born in Tanzania, Lizzie Vilmanis grew up in Adelaide before moving to Brisbane. With an Associate Degree in Dance from the Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Lizzie joined QLD's Expressions Dance Company in 2002. For five years she toured nationally and internationally, performing major roles in works such as *The Fifth Door & Fragments of Memory*. She also featured in the film clip for Katie Noonan's single *Time to Begin*.

A graduate from the Adelaide Centre for the Arts (Dance Production), Chris Hewitt has choreographed and performed in works for the Adelaide Fringe, South Australian Living Artists Festival (SALA) and Melbourne's Four Larks Theatre Company.

Natalie and Lachlan are both recent graduates of the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts. Natalie comes to the company on a wave of recent success. Her performances in both the Australian Institute of Classical Dance's *Dance Creation 2008* and *Jardi Tanca*t by Spanish choreographer, Nacho Duato contributed to her being named 'Most Outstanding Dancer' and 'Dancer to Watch' at Dance Australia's 2008 critics' review. Lachlan performed alongside Natalie in *Jardi Tanca*t and was also part of the 2008 production of Alice Lee Holland's *Preparing To Be Beautiful* (Strut Dance Company).

Anthony Trojman graduated last year from QUT with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance. Since then he has worked with Tasdance and toured regional Victoria with the work *One for Sorrow, Two for Joy*.

Leigh Warren & Dancers take *Seven* on tour this August and September. Tour Dates are:

August 7 @ 8pm – Brenton Langbein Theatre, Barossa Arts & Convention Centre, Magnolia Rd, Tanunda, SA - **Bookings to Ph: 08 8561 4299**

August 20 - 22 @ 8pm – 'The Q', Queanbeyan Performing Arts Centre, 253 Crawford St, Queanbeyan, NSW - **Bookings to www.theq.net.au or Ph: 02 6298 0290**

August 28 & 29 @ 8pm – Parade Theatres, 215 Anzac Parade, Kensington, NSW - **Bookings to www.ticketek.com.au or 1300 795 012**

September 4 @ 8pm – Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre, Burns Way, Wagga Wagga, NSW - **Bookings to www.civictheatre.com.au or Ph: 02 6926 9688**

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