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**Dance Consortium presents a Sadler's Wells Production**

**Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui**

## **mjlonga - UK Tour 2017**

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**Media release:** Monday 7 November 2016 – Dance Consortium, a group of 17 large-scale theatres located across the UK, announces **mjlonga** UK Tour 2017. By celebrated contemporary dancer and choreographer Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui, **mjlonga**, a Sadler's Wells production, is a seductive and fascinating exploration of tango for the 21st century.

The UK tour opens at The Lowry, Salford Quays on 16 May 2017 and heads to Brighton, London, Birmingham, Southampton, Saffron Walden, Nottingham and Edinburgh, concluding at Theatre Royal, Newcastle on 17 June.

Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui is a Sadler's Wells Associate Artist. Internationally renowned for his ground-breaking and critically revered productions with artists including Akram Khan and Maria Pagès, and for his award winning works such as *Sutra* and *Babel*, he has created more than 20 productions and is widely acknowledged as one of Europe's most exciting choreographers.

Deeply rooted in Argentinean culture, tango has fascinated and captivated the world with its sexuality, power and beauty. Inspired by the late night tango scene in intimate bars across Buenos Aires, Cherkaoui draws on traditional tango influences and adds a contemporary twist in **mjlonga**. Created in 2013 for a cast of 17 performers - ten Argentinean tango dancers, two contemporary dancers and five musicians - Cherkaoui explores the social and choreographic vocabulary of Argentinian tango and brings his own unique choreographic style to **mjlonga**.

**mjlonga** features music from Argentinean composer Fernando Marzan. He continues the legacy of the Marzan family as a line of extremely reputable and well-known musicians in Buenos Aires and some of his many recordings include the soundtracks of *Evita*, starring Madonna, and *The Impostors*, starring Oliver Platt and Stanley Tucci. For **mjlonga**, Cherkaoui reunites with long term collaborator, additional composer Szymon Brzóska. Video and set design by Eugenio Szwarcer, costumes by renowned fashion designer Tim Van Steenberg, lighting by Adam Carrée and sound by Gaston Briski.

Tango superstar Nélide Rodríguez de Aure is artistic consultant for the production. An accomplished tango teacher, some of Nélide's most well-known students include stars of stage and screen Rita Moreno, Sharon Stone, Ivan Vasiliev, Anthony Quinn and Robert Duvall.

**mjlonga** was originally co-produced with Théâtre Vidy-Lausanne; Migros Culture Percentage Dance Festival Steps; Théâtre du Jorat, Mézières; deSingel, Antwerp; Les Théâtres de la Ville de Luxembourg; Les Nuits de Fourvière, Lyon; Movimentos Festwochen der Autostadt in Wolfsburg; Festspielhaus St Pölten; Fondazione Musica per Roma; and Eastman.

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#milonga2017 [www.milongatour.co.uk](http://www.milongatour.co.uk)

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**Dance Consortium presents a Sadler's Wells production - mjlonga - UK Tour 2017 dates & venues**

Tue 16 & Wed 17 May at 7.30pm

The Lowry, **SALFORD QUAYS**

Tickets: 0843 208 6000 [www.thelowry.com](http://www.thelowry.com)

Fri 19 May at 5pm (no interval) and 8.30pm (with interval)

Brighton Dome, **BRIGHTON** as part of Brighton Festival 2017

Tickets: 01273 709709 [www.brightondome.org](http://www.brightondome.org)

Mon 22 – Wed 24 May at 7.30pm (**please note, national press night is 22 May 2017**)

Sadler's Wells, **LONDON**

Tickets: 020 7863 8000 [www.sadlerswells.com](http://www.sadlerswells.com)

Fri 26 & Sat 27 May at 7.30pm

Birmingham Hippodrome, **BIRMINGHAM**

Tickets: 0844 338 5000 [www.birminghamhippodrome.com](http://www.birminghamhippodrome.com)

Tue 30 & Wed 31 May at 7.30pm

Mayflower Theatre, **SOUTHAMPTON**

Tickets: 02380 711811 [www.mayflower.org.uk](http://www.mayflower.org.uk)

Fri 2 & Sat 3 June 2017 at 7.30pm

Saffron Hall, **SAFFRON WALDEN**

Tickets: 0845 548 7650 [www.saffronhall.com](http://www.saffronhall.com)

Fri 9 & Sat 10 June at 7.30pm

Royal Concert Hall, **NOTTINGHAM**

Tickets: 0115 989 5555 [www.trch.co.uk](http://www.trch.co.uk)

Tue 13 & Wed 14 June at 7.30pm

Festival Theatre, **EDINBURGH**

Tickets: 0131 529 6000 [www.edtheatres.com](http://www.edtheatres.com)

Fri 16 & Sat 17 June at 7.30pm

Theatre Royal, **NEWCASTLE**

Tickets: 08448 112121 [www.theatreroyal.co.uk](http://www.theatreroyal.co.uk)

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