

DANCE SERIES

September 27, 2012 12 p.m.

Road Trip

Susie Burpee and Linnea Swan, contemporary dance artists

THE PROGRAM

Road Trip (excerpt)

Created and performed by: Susie Burpee and Linnea Swan

Artistic Advisor: Marie-Josée Chartier

Music: Rachel's

Costumes: Tracey Glass

This is not your average road trip. There are no cars, no drive-thrus, and there are certainly no rest areas. This trip is a journey into the minds of two women at a crossroads. Tracing the history of their lifelong friendship – as steadfast as it is volatile – we follow these women as they struggle to come to grips with the inevitable choice we all face at some point in our lives: Will they continue down the same path, or jump off into the unknown?

The opening image suggests that something awful has just occurred, and the mounting excitement of the subtly deconstructed story amplifies that feeling. This portrayal of the complexity of human nature is recounted with complete physical commitment to the roller coaster movement of a melodramatic face-off. In a world where the questions are the answer, and the lines between fantasy and reality are blurred, these women are determined to face the truth head-on and with no regrets.

Road Trip is an enigmatic, tragicomic duet, realized through a skillful weaving of Bouffon, theatre and contemporary dance. Creator/performers Susie Burpee and Linnea Swan have danced together from their early professional training through to their performing careers, and as such, creating work together has been a natural progression in their artistic relationship. They are fearless interpreters who embody both the darkness and levity of the human spirit, and this is the hallmark of their unique performance work.

October 18 – 20, 2012 marks the world premiere of the full-evening production of *Road Trip*, presented by DanceWorks at Harbourfront's Enwave Theatre, Toronto. For tickets call 416-973-4000.

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