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MEAT MARKET THU 06 - WED 12 OCTOBER (NO SHOW MONDAY)

Thu 6.30pm Fri 9.30pm Sat-Wed 6.30pm Sat & Wed also 9.30pm

1 hr, no interval \$39 / \$29 Students \$30

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TUE 11 OCT, post-show

Dance // Australia

World Premiere

THE DARK CHORUS Lucy Guerin Inc

Choreographer and Director Lucy Guerin

From the mind of one of Australia's most renowned choreographers comes a world premiere that will enfold you in the embrace of darkness. **Lucy Guerin's** commanding new work reaches back to the roots of ancient theatre to create something entirely of the now.

The Dark Chorus explores both the voice of the people and our most intimate of thoughts, conjuring a moving sculpture of bodies and of concepts made flesh. Shadow and illumination, the individual and the mob, the imaginary and the all-too-real — these opposites merge together in a maelstrom of dance with an irresistible undertow.

Choreographed in collaboration with an extraordinary cast of dancers including Benjamin Hancock, Jessie Oshodi, Lilian Steiner, Stephanie Lake and Tyrone Robinson, The Dark Chorus delves into binary elements of past and present to create an intense and beautiful new Australian work. Spectacular costumes by Benjamin Hancock and Harriet Oxley complement sound composition by Robin Fox and dramaturgy from Adena Jacobs,

Established in 2002 to create and tour new dance works, Melbourne based company Lucy Guerin Inc has been a major influence on the growing identity of Australian dance with extensive tours nationally and internationally in Europe, Asia and North America. Guerin has received numerous awards including the Sidney Myer Performing Arts Award, the New York Dance and Performance Award, several Green Room Awards, a Helpmann Award and an Australian Dance Award. The company was last seen as part of Melbourne Festival in 2012 with the world premiere of the acclaimed environmental exploration, *Weather*.

Lucy Guerin received the 2016 Australia Council Award for Dance.



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