



Biographical Notes

CORPUS was co-founded in 1997 by dancer/choreographer Sylvie Bouchard and actor/director David Danzon. CORPUS creations include *Escadron volant*, performed last year in Toronto for the Milk International Children Festival, in Ottawa for the Franco-Ontarian Festival as well as for Canada Day festivities, and in Moncton for the Summit of La Francophonie in September 1999. The production *Carousel* was also featured in several festivals throughout 1997 and 1998, and in Toronto on Canada Day in 1999. *Rendez-vous* was performed in Toronto at the du Maurier Theatre in April 1999 and earned two nominations that same year for the Dora Mavor Moore Awards, in the Best Choreography and Best Ensemble categories.

Artistic Approach

CORPUS presents itself as a world of colourful characters, expressing themselves poetically through the innocence of the clown and the grace of dance; it is a world of the absurd, contagious in its madness. The artistic experiences of the company's co-founders allow them to develop a style which marries comedy, abstraction of movement and storyline in their choreography.



Escadron volant

Work Created for the Games

Escadron volant comprises a group of aspiring pilots who wear World War One helmets. The group uses street corners, parks and other public spaces as practice strips. Led by their merciless sergeant, the pilots start an absurd military routine that rejoices dance fans and army insiders, and makes the most diverse audiences laugh.

What the Canadian Jury Said

"With their seemingly spontaneous, nearly improvised images, CORPUS offers a very well-choreographed presentation, drawing on the vocabulary of daily life to create an original and amusing vision. Featuring clownishness and absurd commentary à la Monty Python, this company is able to adapt to all kinds of environments, with an approach suited to the venue. The jury was impressed from the outset: there were bursts of laughter; humour was evidently part and parcel of their presentation."

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