

Rex Levitates Dance Company

Touring Ireland with

I CAN'T MAKE IT ALONE

January - February 2008

**Tralee, Roscommon, Longford, Limerick, Bray &
Thurles**

Rex Levitates will present their new work "*I Can't Make It Alone*" by artistic director and award-winning choreographer Liz Roche in venues across Ireland during January and February 2008. The tour will include performances in Tralee, Roscommon, Longford, Limerick, Bray and Thurles.

Liz began work on this piece during her residence at the Centre Culturel Irlandais earlier this year. She has been familiar with the song "*I can't make it alone*" for a long period, and discovered the 1969 Dusty Springfield version.

The work draws both on the song's existence as a multiply-covered song, looking at ideas of reinvention as opposed to originality, and on the lyrics' concept of vulnerability within love. The singer's earlier focus on individuality is giving way to a realization of her involvement in the various skeins of community, and a relief and pleasure in being part of the shared experiences of society.

Appropriately enough, given this theme, this work is very much a collaborative effort. The piece features a cast of seven stunning foreign and homegrown contemporary dancers, and Liz has collaborated with renowned opera and theatre designer Joe Vanek, international lighting designer/filmmaker Morleigh Steinberg and the up and coming composer David Turpin.

In a world of clutter and complication, the performers struggle to find stable ground in an intensely changeable and evolving framework, propelled forward by a series of cover versions of "*I Can't Make It Alone*". Moments of respite are immediately overlapped with exciting duets and trios, which propel the work forward, keeping a level of tension just under the surface at all times.

Liz says of the work, "We're trying to move away from the temptation to tie up all loose ends, and to reflect that life is a mess - a great mess, but a mess!"

The piece has been developed with the support of Le Centre National De La Danse, Paris, Culture Ireland, The Arts Council, Atelier de Paris and Dublin City Council.

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Liz Roche is a Dublin based choreographer who has been working freelance since 1996. She is the recipient of the Peter Darrell Prize and The Bonnie Bird Award. She has choreographed contemporary works for The National Ballet of China, Scottish Dance Theatre, Cois Ceim, Maiden Voyage, Dance Theatre of Ireland and her own company Rex Levitates which she co-founded in 1999, touring to France, China and Cyprus. She has also choreographed for The National Opera of Korea, Rossini Festival Pesaro, Liceu Barcelona, Opernhaus Zurich, The Abbey, The Gate, Landmark Productions and The Ark Children's Theatre.

'Roche weaves these concepts into her work with a seductiveness and guile that leaves you saying: Hang on. Do that again... Impressively articulate dance'

The Irish Times

PRODUCTION CREDITS

Choreographer LIZ ROCHE Lighting MORLEIGH STEINBERG Costume JEAN CONNOLLY & LIZ ROCHE Composer DAVID TURPIN Set JOE VANEK
Cast JAZMIN CHIODI, PHILIP CONNAUGHTON, JUSTINE DOSWELL, STÉPHANE HISLER, ROBERT JACKSON, GRANT MCLAY & RIONACH NÍ NÉILL

PERFORMANCE DATES, TICKETS AND INFORMATION

The piece is one hour long without intermission.

26 January Siamsa Tire, The National Folk Theatre Of Ireland, Town Park, Tralee, Co. Kerry

Starting Time: 8pm

Ticket Price: €15 & €13. Group Student Rate €5

Tel: 066 7123055 Email: siamsamarketing@eircom.net

5 February Roscommon Arts Centre, Circular Road, Roscommon

Starting Time: 8pm

Ticket Prices: €10 & €8 concession

Tel: 090 662 5824 E-mail: dflaherty@roscommoncoco.ie

7 February Backstage Theatre, Farneyhoogan, Longford

Starting Time: 8.30pm

Ticket Prices: €16 & €14

Tel: 043 47888 E-mail: boxoffice@backstage.ie

9 February Belltable, 69 O'Connell Street, Limerick

Starting Time: 8pm

Ticket prices: €18 with a €16 concession. Group rates available.

Tel: 061 319 866 Email: info@belltable.ie

12 February Mermaid Arts Centre, County Wicklow Arts Centre, Main Street, Bray, Co Wicklow

Starting Time: 8pm

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Ticket Prices: €16 & €14 concession
Tel: 01 272 4030 E-mail: info@mermaidartscentre.ie

**16 February The Source Arts Centre, Cathedral Street, Thurles County
Tipperary**

Starting Time: 8pm
Ticket Prices: €16
Tel: 0504 90204 E-mail: boxoffice@sourcearts.ie

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