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CONTEMPORARY B-GIRLS UNITE!

In conjunction with the Toronto International Fringe Festival, Andrea Spaziani presents **THE DOMINO EFFECT** at **The Tarragon Theatre Mainspace** from July 1-11, 2010.

Featuring a mixed program of contemporary and urban dance, artists from **Alias Dance Project**, Montreal's **Solid State Breakdance**, and Dora Award Nominee **Valerie Calam** come together to start a chain reaction of smooth moves and calculated timing. For the first time on the same bill, they will present high-energy, stylized dances that combine the artists' expertise in contemporary, hip-hop, breakdance, popping and house dance techniques. The July 1st and July 3rd performances will also feature promising young artists of **Turning Pointe Academy**, highlighting the domino effect between the artists involved and the next generation of aspiring dancers.

Alias Dance Project's production *How to Make a Mix Tape* was **NOW Magazine's critic's pick** for the 2009 Toronto Fringe. This year, they will present works by collective members **Andrea Spaziani, Geordan Coupland, Meghan Cafferky, Lauren Cook** and **Gita Harris**. *"The quality was unanticipated. The company demonstrated a technical sophistication often lacking in developing contemporary dancers..." (Katherine Greenway, Montreal Gazette)*

Valerie Calam has had an extensive career as a contemporary dance artist, working with many independent choreographers and as a company member of Toronto Dance Theatre from 1999-2008. Her piece "Parliament" was nominated for a **Dora Mavor Moore Award for outstanding new choreography in 2007**. *"Valerie Calam is an original...she is turning out to be a marvelous dancesmith."* (*The Globe and Mail*)

Solid State Breakdance's **JoDee Allen** and **Helen Simard** are known for mixing B-girling with contemporary dance to give rise to a new style best described as **Urban Dance Theatre**. They're Fringe veterans, and since 2000 they've created five shows and performed over 300 times. *"With their joyous, funny, physically outstanding and very sexy production, any Montrealer would be proud to have Solid State be ambassadors for our city's cultural community."* *Indyish.com*

Let the Domino Effect knock you down too!

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SHOW TIMES (all shows are 60 minutes)

Thursday, July 1, 6:30

Saturday, July 3, Noon

Monday, July 5, 4:30pm

Wednesday, July 7, 9:15pm

Thursday, July 8, 4:00pm

Friday, July 9, 7:00pm

Sunday July 11, 1:45pm

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