

**DENMARK / DANCE  
AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE**



## 7 PLEASURES

**“A joyous yet, at times, disturbing journey in exploration of the notions of nudity, body politics and sexual practice.”** Blouinartinfo.com

Danish choreographer and dancer **Mette Ingvarsten**’s **7 Pleasures** has its Australian premiere at Melbourne Festival, a work that investigates the seven roles of pleasure and explores how perceptions of nudity and sexuality have changed over time.

As 12 dancers – wearing nothing but what nature gave them – join to form a single organism of ecstatic flesh, the distinction between bodies loses its certainty, and a journey in search of a pleasure beyond one’s own skin begins.

**7 Pleasures** questions how the body enjoys pleasure and enjoyment outside the life of everyday life: can we escape the standards that our society enforces and to what extent is our physical pleasure free from social pressure?

In a long, sensual movement, bodies touch one another, lose their boundaries, vibrate and form unexpected constellations with their environment. Little by little, an experience that awakens pleasure in all its glory becomes visible.

Upending clichés of nudity, **7 Pleasures** obliterates taboos in its uncompromising quest to reveal the sexuality inherent in all of nature. Astonishing physical technique and choreographic skill combine with a fierce spirit of inquiry, revealing how the barriers between us are as thin as skin.

**7 Pleasures** gives Melbourne audiences a chance to see an explosive work of tactile chaos and revolutionary joy, confirming Ingvarsten’s position at the vanguard of contemporary dance.

**Mette Ingvarsten** has produced several works that trace the societal and aesthetic value of nakedness. In 2014, she created a new cycle of work entitled *The Red Pieces*. *69 Positions* opened this series and questioned the borders between private and public space, by literally placing the naked body in the middle of the theatre audience. **7 Pleasures** is the second installment of this cycle.

**Arts Centre Melbourne, Playhouse**

**Wed 18 – Sun 22 Oct**

**Wed – Sat 7.30pm**

**Sun 5pm**

**1 hr 40 mins, no interval**

**A Reserve \$69 / \$59**

**B Reserve \$59 / \$49**

**Under 30s \$30**

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