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BACKBONE

★★★★★ "Magnetic world premiere: a perfect combination of fluidity, mettle and danger ... The sheer strength of body and character needed to round out this frenzied performance demonstrates a discipline and camaraderie, rarely seen on stage. Simply a joy to watch." *Limelight Magazine*

Australia's hottest acrobatic ensemble **Gravity And Other Myths** will make jaws drop and eyes pop when they bring their gravity defying stunts and thrill seeking exploits to Melbourne with **Backbone**.

In less than a decade Adelaide's multi-award winning acrobatic sensations **Gravity and Other Myths** have rocketed to stellar acclaim with a series of disarmingly accomplished ensemble works. The Company's last show *A Simple Space* took the world by storm. Now **Backbone**, which had its world premiere at Adelaide Festival this year, (literally) tosses around the perception of what strength is, where it comes from and how it is measured.

Audiences will get the unique chance to be truly up close and personal with the 10 world-class acrobats as they show off their amazing strength and agility, under the direction of **Darcy Grant**. An original score composed and performed by **Elliot Zoerner** and **Shenton Gregory**, and the utterly remarkable lighting design, by Helpmann Award-winner **Geoff Cobham**, enhance the physical narrative.

From kaleidoscopic mid-air configurations and human skipping ropes to a simple game of elastics elevated to a brand new level, acrobats somersault, cartwheel, flip and free fall at terrifying heights without so much as a harness to portray a sense of ease and simplicity along an astonishing level of energy and stamina.

Backbone is overwhelmingly a celebration of strength, playfulness and friendship. A family-friendly show that is both genre-defying and thought provoking, this production is a fantastic chance to experience the exhilarating ability of world-class acrobats and the human body first hand.

Gravity and Other Myths is a well-established and talented Australian acrobatic troupe known for their engagingly fresh and innovative performance works. Formed in 2009 in Adelaide, the troupe intimately collaborates on every creative piece from inception to production, revealing awe inspiring physical experiments to their audiences.

Arts Centre Melbourne Playhouse

Wed 4 – Sun 8 Oct

Wed – Sat 7.30pm

Sun 2pm *Preview

1 hr 15 mins, no interval

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