

5th edition: May 26 to Juin 11, 2011 in Montreal

DREAMING OF DANCING IN THE SPOTLIGHT? THEN JOIN IN THE CONTINENTAL XL!

Montreal, 18 January 2011 – To kick off its fifth edition, taking place in Montreal from May 26 to June 11, 2011, the Festival TransAmériques invites Montrealers to plunge feet first into the most festive contemporary line dancing event ever imagined, Sylvain Émard's *Continental XL*, a huge adventure featuring some 200 dancers, presented on **May 26, 27, 28 and 29 at place des Festivals** in a whole new choreography. This exceptional artistic event is the grand finale following on *Très grand continental* (120 dancers at Place Emilie-Gamelin, 2010) and *Grand continental* (65 dancers on Émery Street, 2009), shows that the ever ambitious Sylvain Émard orchestrated for the FTA, even exporting the concept to Mexico (*El Gran Continental*, March 2011).

LE CONTINENTAL XL

Sylvain Émard Danse

May 26, 27, 28 and 29 at place des Festivals

“*Très grand continental should be prescribed as an antidepressant guaranteed to boost the morale of anyone who views it or participates!*» MFBazzo, Twitter, 2010

Dance Party

Sylvain Émard presents a new, reinvented version of his *Continental*. Inspired by the electrifying success of his first two experiences at the FTA, this pillar of Quebec contemporary dance has dreamed even bigger dreams for *Le continental XL*. This time round, 200 dancers will be performing at place des Festivals in a massive wave of passion, spirit and joie de vivre, in festive to-ing and fro-ing where contemporary dance blends delightfully with line dancing to create a tsunami of good cheer.

Aged 12 to 72, the performers range from dance students to pure amateurs, but all have caught the same, highly infectious virus of visceral pleasure in line dancing, here reaching brand new heights. Guided by a handful of professional dancers and accompanied live by DJ Mini, Sylvain Émard invites festivalgoers to the most festive and invigorating show at the FTA.

Conceived by Sylvain Émard Danse / Co-produced by Festival TransAmériques /
Co-presented by Quartier des spectacles

AMATEUR DANCERS WANTED (no experience necessary)

Information and registration: 514-598-1733 / communication@sylvainemard.com

Information and recruitment sessions:

Date: Tuesday, February 22 and Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at 7 p.m.

Place: Circuit-Est centre chorégraphique

2022 Sherbrooke Street East (corner of De Lorimier), Montreal

Video excerpt of project: <http://www.vimeo.com/16181892>

For more information: <http://www.sylvainemard.com/blog/>

EN ROUTE TO THE 5th EDITION OF THE FTA – MAY 26 TO JUNE 11, 2011

To spread a little joy in the depths of winter, on Tuesday, February 1 a few of the shows being featured at the fifth edition of Festival TransAmériques will be unveiled. Complete details of the FTA program will be released on Monday, March 28, 2011.

For updates on Festival preparations, check unfolding events on **Facebook : FTA – Montréal**.

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Le très grand continental, FTA 2010
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