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### *The Cuckoo's Nest*

Although not a narrative of the film "One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest", the characterisation and content of the film plays a large part in the performance of the piece.

The dancers in abstracted motifs of movement overlay familiar scenes from the film like circle time and repetitive patterns of behaviour.

The cuckoo, a cunning trickster, lays her eggs in other birds' nests for them to hatch. Once out of the egg, the cuckoo fledgling dominates the other chicks, often killing them in order to survive. Always the odd one out, the cuckoo tricks the host mother, into believing him to be part of the clutch.

Stunning classical music, composed by new composers from The Hoxton13, forms an intricate web around the movement, allowing the movement and the music to sit side by side as entities.

Relationships are forged between the most unlikely people with a constant struggle for domination.

#### **Dancers:**

Yvette Halfhide, Lisa Hood, Adam Murphy, Catrin Lewis, Lucy Kemp and Jon Matthews

*Duetti*

Accompanied by the haunting songs of Björk, Duetti is as the name implies, a series of duets. Sometimes working with the songs and other times existing as 2 separate elements, the dancers execute lyrical duets.

The organic nature of the songs from Medúlla refer to the purest essence of something and explore the ritual power of the voice in a way that's primal and elaborate. Several of the songs are sung in Icelandic, which work particularly well with movement. The rolling r's, guttural stops and elongated vowels reflect the alternately chopped and soaring arrangements behind them.

Unfettered sensuality winds through the songs, with Björk's voice being miked very closely giving the sense of listening to her from inside her larynx.

Choreographer, Sue Lewis inspired by the landscape of Northern Tuscany, has created the duets. Often jagged but occasionally silky and always stunning, the duets unfold in a seamless and intricate order, each one developing from its predecessor.

&quot;DV8 meets Matz Ek&quot;

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