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Winner of the Rio Tinto Alcan Award: Dance 2009!

The Cultch & Rio Tinto Alcan present

COCK-PIT

By Wen Wei Dance; A co-production with l'Agora de la Danse & the National Arts Centre

WHERE: The Scotiabank Dance Centre, 677 Davie Street

WHEN: FEBRUARY 24 - 28, 2009 AT 8 PM

FEB 26: PWYC + Post-Show Artist Talkback

“Enough can't be said about the full-out, intelligently shaped performances of Wang and all of his dancers” - Vancouver Sun

Vancouver — The Cultch and Rio Tinto Alcan are thrilled to present the winner of the Rio Tinto Alcan Award: Dance 2009. *Cock-Pit*, choreographed by Wen Wei Wang for four men and one woman, incorporates autobiographical elements, with a subtle delving into the nuances of nascent sexuality.

Cock-Pit is reflective of Artistic Director Wen Wei Wang's experiences as a young dance student in China, where he shared a room with four other boys for over five years. Subconscious memories contribute to a scenario where proximity, masculine insecurities and male bonding promote violence and love in equal measure. Within this simple narrative structure is a complexity of physical movement and emotional relationships.

Cock-Pit features choreography by Wen Wei Wang and is performed by Scott Augustine, Alison Denham, Edmond Kilpatrick, Josh Martin, and David Raymond.

The score was composed by Giorgio Magnanensi marking the fifth collaboration between the choreographer, composer and lighting designer James Proudfoot, as they continue to nurture their complementary aesthetics in their respective art forms.

ABOUT THE RIO TINTO ALCAN AWARD

Cock-Pit is the winner of the Rio Tinto Alcan Performing Arts Award: Dance 2009. Next year's winner, in the discipline of theatre, will be announced at opening night on February 24, 2009, following the performance. This \$60,000 production fund is open to performing arts companies resident in British Columbia, rotating annually between Dance, Theatre, and Opera/Music.

Rio Tinto Alcan

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