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Jeux is made by three choreographical studies. A first study has been premiered at **Philharmonie de Paris**, october 2016, with Orchestra Les Siècles directed by François-Xavier Roth.

Complete creation with the three 3 études studies :

12,13&14. 04. 2017 | MC2 : Grenoble

15&16. 06. 2017 | Théâtre des Bergeries, Noisy-le-Sec

30. 09. 2017 | Biennale Charleroi Danses (BE)

13&14. 12. 2017 | Les 2 Scènes, Scène Nationale Besançon

18&19. 01. 2017 | Théâtre de Beauvais

CHOREOGRAPHY **Dominique Brun** ASSISTED BY **Sophie Jacotot**

MUSIC

Claude Debussy and David Christoffel

WITH

Sophie Gérard
Johann Nöhles
Sylvain Prunenec
Enora Rivière
Julie Salgues
Vincent Weber
and David Christoffel (narrator)

TECHNICAL MANAGER ChristophePoux LIGHTING Sylvie Garot SOUND Eric Aureau COSTUMES Sylvie Skinazi et La Bourette

RUNNING TIME: 65 minutes

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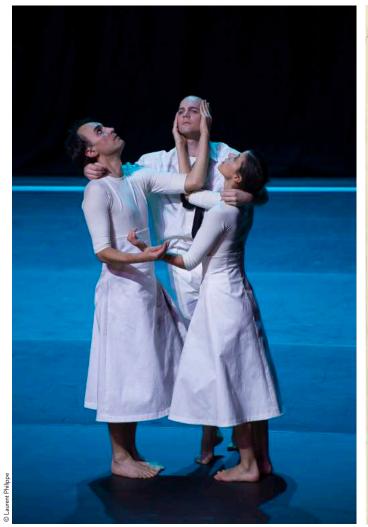
Nijinski's second choreography was created on May 15th, 1913 by the Ballet Russes at the Théâtre des Champs-Elysées in Paris. It represented the first of Debussy's pieces written for the ballet, as requested by Diaghilev – Afternoon of a Faun builds upon his musical work prior to 1894, titled Prelude to an Afternoon of a Faun. While simultaneously composing the choreography to The Rite of Spring, Nijinski was preparing Jeux, a difficult work according to critical review that combined "modern" movements (inspired by tennis and golf) with classical dance (girls dancing in pointe shoes, but with parallel feet). The ballet was cooly received by the public and critics. Only Debussy's music survives to present time; the dance, for its part, disappeared.

For Dominique Brun, this piece represents a choreographic creation that takes inspiration from seven pastel drawings by Valentine Gross- Hugo, themselves like suspended moments of a dance engulfed by time. The immobility of the drawings leads the choreographer to consider them as blind landscapes a wall with no exterior opening: the attitudes of the body can be seen, but not Nijinksi's movement. This creation thus proposes imitation, a copy of Nijinski's Faun dance which is the only testament of his writing today. Nijinski's gesture is pushed to the extreme towards a writing that resumes the manner until becoming - almost - mannerist. Each dancer is invited to examine the details of attitudes that can be seen in the drawings of Jeux. These include the curve of the wrist, the inclinations of the hands and the head, the orientations of the chest, the support of the legs, the half-pointe. To these attitudes, which are like ornaments, can be added the structural work on walking and immobility. Finally, a long immobility occurs at the moment of their choosing. The choreographic montage brings together the di erent individual partitions in order to bring forth, through the composition, a sort of plainchant of immobility. Time appears indivisible, bodies progressively stunned by the drawings.





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Dominique Brun danced in the 1980s with Jean Gaudin, Daniel Larrieu, José Caseneuve, Michèle Ettori, and more recently with Virginie Mirbeau and today with Sylvain Prunenec. With the ensemble La Salamandre, she authored from 1981-1988 ten pieces, including Waka Jawaka which took third place at the International Competition of Bagnolet. She was also an assistant and choreography advisor to director Klaus Michaël Gruber for Rossini's La Cenerentola (1985). Following training at the Conservatoire national supérieur de musique et de danse in Paris, Brun became a dance recorder in the Laban system. She co-founded the Quatuor Albrecht Knust (1994- 2003), an ensemble with whom she worked on the recreation of dances from the historical repertoire, based on scores established in Labanotation (Doris Humphrey, Kurt Jooss, Steve Paxton, Yvonne Rainer and Vaslav Nijinski).

Brun then became engaged in personal research situated at the nexus of her interest in the history of dance and contemporary choreographic creation, creating Siléo (2004) from a text by Wajdi Mouawad and dances from the interwar period. She co-authored with François Chaignaud and Natalia Tancer a solo interpreted by François Chaignaud that took first prize at the competition "Jeunes Talents" organised by the ADAMI. She conceived and executed The Faun - A Film or the Making of the Archive (2007). This pedagogical DVD contains two filmed versions of Afternoon of a Faun as well as

interviews and texts illuminating in a multidisciplinary manner the work. Brun co-authored with Virginie Mirbeau the solo Medea Stimmen for the Météores festival in Le Havre. She recreated for the 62nd Avignon festival Afternoon of a Faun in the show Faun(s) by Olivier Dubois. She also created with Latifa Laâbissi a slow version of Witch Dance by Mary Wigman (2009).

Brun reconstituted for the film Coco Chanel & Igor Stravinsky by Jan Kounen (2010) dance extracts of Nijinsky's *The Rite of Spring* (1913) from the period's archives, and choreographed successively the creation *Sacre # 197* (2012) then the historical reconstitution *Sacre # 2* (2014) through which she brought together a diptych of 30 contemporary dancers. The creation of *Jeux*, scheduled for October 2016 at Paris Philarmonie, will conclude the series of creations consecrated to Vaslav Nijinski's oeuvre.

Brun finds passion in teaching contemporary dance and regularly takes part in advanced dance trainings such as "Exerce" (CCN of Montpellier) or "Essai" (CNDC of Angers) at the Université Paris VIII, the Fondation Royaumont, and the Ecole d'Art of Cergy Pontoise. She also passes down Afternoon of a Faun and The Rite of Spring to young high school dancers for the Baccalauréat's dance elective.







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