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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Hamilton Leaps To Centre Stage With Support from Canada Council for the Arts and Ontario Arts Council for New Multi Media Performance**

*Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts Dance Theatre receives \$42,000 to produce collaborative, multi media performance with team of internationally renowned artists for premiere co-production with Art Gallery of Hamilton.*

*Hamilton, Ontario, Canada – Announcing a New Multimedia Performance Co-Presentation with the Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts Dance Theatre and Art Gallery of Hamilton.*

**“Displacement”** is an exciting, multimedia collaboration between three internationally acclaimed Canadian artists, choreographer/dancer Robert Glumbek, visual artist Vessna Perunovich, and composer Christos Hatzis. All immigrants themselves, they will explore the immigrant experience through contemporary dance, art and music. Seven dancers, three video projections, and suspended sculptures will transform two empty AGH exhibition spaces, inviting the audience to experience the performance in a unique, fluid setting.

**“Displacement”** production will premiere in Hamilton, Ontario this September and tour art galleries across Canada. The Art Gallery of Hamilton is participating as a co-presentation partner, providing space and infrastructure support for development of the premiere, prior to the cross Canada tour.

The **“Displacement”** story touches the centre of human vulnerability and strength, using the immigration experience as inspiration.

“The original goal was to simply create a new dance work of the highest caliber and present the performance in gallery spaces,” explains HCA Dance Theatre Artistic Director Vitek Wincza. “As I engaged with the artists we connected on a much deeper level, sharing our journey as artists and as immigrants we began to explore the choices we make as artists and how our immigrant experience has affected our work.”

Wincza has challenged each of the artists to share and develop their thoughts and ideas around displacement through emotional feelings and physical expression. As a result, each will draw from their personal experience of displacement and express the many layers of imagination through their art form. Each unit contributes to the multi media collaboration.

With births slowing, Canada is reaching a unique situation, “We’re heading towards a point where immigration will be the only source of growth in Canada,” states Laurent Martel, a Statistics Canada analyst. About 1.2 million new immigrants accounted for most of Canada’s

growth over the past five years, far outpacing the addition of 400,000 native-born citizens, for a total population of 31.6 million

*“Displacement”* runs at the Art Gallery of Hamilton on September 13, 14 and 15 with public performances at 8pm. *Tickets available at [www.artgalleryofhamilton.com](http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com), in person at the AGH, or by calling (905) 527-6610.*

Founded in 2001, HCA Dance Theatre was established to produce new dance works for local audiences. The community benefits from the aspirations of HCA Dance Theatre in its pursuit to produce high quality dance performances for new and existing audiences in the Hamilton and Niagara Region. HCA Dance Theatre believes the unique aspect of developing integrations of art disciplines and talents further encourages the process of developing new audiences and promoting dance education.

Founded in 1914, the Art Gallery of Hamilton is Ontario's third largest public art gallery and owns one of the finest collections in Canada. The Gallery has three major collecting and programming strengths as seen in its 8,500+ permanent collection: 19th-century European, Historical Canadian and Contemporary Canadian. The AGH organizes an engaging roster of programming activities for children, adults and families.

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### **BACKGROUNDER ATTACHED**

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