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## **The Fur Flies with BalletBoyz®'s Double Bill** **Royal Theatre, January 20 + 21, 2017, 7:30 pm**

VICTORIA, B.C. – BalletBoyz®, the UK's only all-male dance company, returns to Victoria's Royal Theatre by popular demand, with two new commissions on January 20 and 21, 2017. The double bill, called *Life*, premiered at Sadler's Wells in April 2016 and features new works by internationally renowned choreographers Pontus Lidberg and Javier de Frutos. *Life* is co-produced by Sadler's Wells in association with artsdepot.

BalletBoyz® is one of the most cheekily original and innovative forces in modern dance. Led by former Royal Ballet lead dancers Michael Nunn and William Trevitt, the company thrills audiences and critics the world over with its distinctive style, fusing spectacular dance both energetic and graceful, with stunning music and film. Ten young dancers, handpicked through open auditions across the country, feature in an evening of exhilarating dance, stunning music and awesome talent.

Featuring music by Henryk Górecki, Ben Fosskett and Donna Summer, the two works in *Life* take a provocative look at life and death. *Rabbit* by Pontus Lidberg is a comedic ode to childhood. Lidberg opens his narrative with a young man dancing with someone in a rabbit mask, both dressed in public schoolboy attire with long socks. More rabbits enter the stage and with them questions around acceptance, loyalty, loneliness, conformity and more.

For *Fiction*, Javier de Frutos imagines himself being fatally injured by a piece of falling scenery during the work's premiere, and commissioned the critic Ismene Brown to write his obituary. Her narrated text provides part of the work's score. The 10 dancers, grouped around a rehearsal barre, react to the literal meaning of the words with comic, confused expressions, and dance to the words' rhythms in ensembles of complex movements.

The Daily Telegraph calls *Life*: "a powerhouse double bill...So wonderfully precise, so cleverly comedic...Gives BalletBoyz the perfect environ in which to showcase their agility and athleticism."

Join us for a free, pre-show chat at 6:45 pm in the West (Blanshard Street) Lobby of The Royal prior to both performances.

**Tickets:** Single tickets are \$29-\$89. Learn about Pay Your Age (12-29 yrs.) and Night Moves (30-45 yrs.) [ticket options](#).



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