

# Magnetic Fields

**A striking  
sextet**

**Stage  
Work**

**World Premiere  
Danse Danse  
Montréal  
2025**

**SYLVAIN ÉMARD** **DANSE**





A sextet launches a dance in which each gesture resonates in the space, influencing the group. Movements respond to each other, fluidly or in total rupture. They are both source and continuation. Chaos is as natural as order. Both result from the spontaneous organization of life in this small community, these Magnetic Fields. This microcosm strikes a chord, vibrating from stage to audience, revealing that everything in this world is interconnected, that our slightest actions have an impact.

With this work, Sylvain Émard was inspired by the theory of implicate order elaborated by the physicist and philosopher David Bohm. According to his observations, even distant particles can interact with each other at speeds exceeding the speed of light. Waves and energy fields, even distant ones, can be interpenetrating. The scientist goes so far as to suggest that all existing forms, whether living or inert, are necessarily linked. This brings us closer to the concept of the butterfly effect.

How do the impacts and repercussions of interpenetrating bodies play out in a circumscribed space in relation to what exists beyond that space? How is the history of the world inevitably inscribed in bodies? *Magnetic Fields* is based on a desire to touch that dynamic of interpenetration and interdependence, so as to create a work where movement is both the source and its continuity.

“A superb performance”

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# Magnetic Fields

# Choreographer's intent

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It was through reading that I first encountered the observations of David Bohm. For him, the universe, though indivisible, unfolds across multiple levels of reality. Energy fields may resonate with one another, acting as forces to which the cosmos must continually adapt. The world emerges as an infinite fabric of waves in which everything is connected—living beings as well as matter. This vision became the starting point for the creation of Magnetic Fields.

The resonance between these scientific theories and our human behaviors provided fertile ground for exploration, inspiring a movement vocabulary in perpetual transformation. Whether we acknowledge it or not, we are all traversed by these waves, which are, in part, what unite us. Small or large, each gesture and each movement reverberates through both near and distant environments. This capacity for interconnectedness, for the interpenetration of entities, is a fascinating subject of investigation, for it induces a modulation of forces that sets movement into motion.

Sylvain Émard

# Calendar

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|      |           |                                                                              |
|------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2026 | FEV 17    | Grand Théâtre de Québec, presented by RIDEAU, Canada                         |
| 2025 | NOV       | Théâtre Alphonse-Desjardins, presented by Parcours Danse, Repentigny, Canada |
|      | JAN – FEV | WORLD PREMIERE : Place des Arts, presented by Danse Danse, Montréal, Canada  |



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# Creative team

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- CHOREOGRAPHER Sylvain Émard
- DANCERS Sophie Breton, Charles Cardin-Bourbeau, Marie-Michelle Darveau, Mathieu Hérard, Christopher LaPlante, Erin O’Loughlin
- REHEARSAL COACH Lucie Vigneault
- ORIGINAL SCORE Poirier
- LIGHTING André Rioux
- COSTUMES AND SET DESIGNER Marilène Bastien
- PRODUCTION MANAGER Andrée-Anne Garneau
- TECHNICAL DIRECTOR François Marceau

*Magnetic Fields* benefited from an artistic residency at La petite Place des Arts, in Saint-Mathieu-du-Parc, as part of the CONTACTS project.

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# On tour

| LENGTH                | DANCERS<br>ON STAGE | TEAM ON<br>TOUR | STAGE<br>DIMENSIONS                   | SET UP                                            |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| SIXTY (60)<br>MINUTES | SIX (6)             | NINE (9)        | 32 FT. x 26 FT. 3 IN.<br>9.75 M x 8 M | EIGHT (8) HOURS<br>+ PRE-HANG THE<br>PREVIOUS DAY |

# Sylvain Émard Danse

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A major figure in Québec contemporary dance, Sylvain Émard founded his company, Sylvain Émard Danse, in 1990. From small forms to monumental pieces, from immersive installations to films, he explores the territory of human nature through the power of the body, creating some thirty works, presented on four continents.

A sensitive, rigorous, and inventive creator, he navigates with ease between different artistic spheres, as seen notably in his collaboration with Robert Lepage. Recipient of several prestigious distinctions, including the Jean A. Chalmers Award (1996) for his body of work and the Governor General's Performing Arts Award (2026), Sylvain Émard is also a co-founder of Circuit-Est centre chorégraphique.



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body does  
not lie,  
and truth  
is too  
rare to  
be ignored.**

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