



UMS TO OFFER FREE LIVESTREAM OF IGOR AND MORENO'S *IDIOT-SYNCRASYS*

ANN ARBOR, MI (January 4, 2017) — The **University Musical Society** (UMS) will offer a free online livestream of **Igor and Moreno's** performance of *Idiot-Syncrasy* on Saturday, January 14. The performance will be streamed live from the University of Michigan's Arthur Miller Theatre at approximately 8 pm EST at ums.org/igor and via Facebook Live at facebook.com/UMSNews. Viewers may register in advance at ums.org/igor in order to receive an automatic notification when the livestream begins. An archived version of the livestream will be made available for viewing at a later date.

Direct from the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Igor Urzelai and Moreno Solinas's *Idiot-Syncrasy* is intended to create a sense of empowerment and reclaim dance as an agent for change. Throughout the entirety of the piece the two men continuously bounce, jump, and sing, demonstrating an immense amount of athleticism and agility while emphasizing the joy that endurance, perseverance, and commitment can bring.

Urzelai and Solinas began creating stage works collaboratively in 2007, co-founding BLOOM! dance collective in 2009 and Igor and Moreno in 2012. The London-based dancers create work about people and what makes them such special animals, characterized by an interest in the moving body and the immediacy of action as a vehicle for meaning, ideas, and desires.

This livestream is funded in part by the Building Audiences for Sustainability initiative of **The Wallace Foundation**, which aims to develop practical insights into how arts organizations can attract new audiences while retaining current ones.

ABOUT UMS

A recipient of the 2014 National Medal of Arts, UMS (also known as the University Musical Society) contributes to a vibrant cultural community by connecting audiences with performing artists from around the world in uncommon and engaging experiences. One of the oldest performing arts presenters in the country, UMS is an independent non-profit organization affiliated with the University of Michigan,

presenting over 70 music, theater, and dance performances by professional touring artists each season, along with over 100 free educational activities. UMS is part of the University of Michigan's "Victors for Michigan" campaign, reinforcing its commitment to bold artistic leadership, engaged learning through the arts, and access and inclusiveness.

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