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## Hubbard Street + The Second City add eleventh performance of *The Art of Falling*

Add-on events include gala dinner and four pre-show talks

## Encore engagement runs June 9-19 at the Harris Theater

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CHICAGO – Due to extraordinary demand, <u>Hubbard Street</u> Artistic Director Glenn Edgerton and <u>Second City Theatricals</u> President Erica Daniels are delighted to announce the addition of an eleventh performance of Hubbard Street + The Second City's acclaimed collaboration, *The Art of Falling*. Single tickets for all shows, including this just-added performance on **Wednesday, June 15 at 7:30pm**, are now on sale. <u>The two-week encore engagement of *The Art of Falling* runs June 9–19, at the <u>Harris Theater for Music and Dance in Millennium Park</u> (205 East Randolph Street).</u>

Helmed by Jeff Award – winning director Billy Bungeroth (*The Second City Guide to the Opera*), the largest creative team in Hubbard Street's 38-year history, including more than 30 performers, was assembled to devise *The Art of Falling*, written by Tim Mason with Carisa Barreca, T. J. Jagodowski, Kate James, Chris Redd and the casts of <u>The Second City</u>; and choreographed by Alejandro Cerrudo, Lucas Crandall, Jonathan Fredrickson, Terence Marling and Robyn Mineko Williams. Musical direction, original composition and sound design for *The Art of Falling* is by Julie B. Nichols, with additional instrumentation by John W. Lauler, and Hubbard Street Dancer David Schultz. The show's improvised scenes are coached and created by T.J. Jagodowski and Hubbard Street 2 Director Terence Marling, with set designs by Martin Andrew, lighting by Michael Korsch, costumes by Branimira Ivanova, properties design by Tierra G. Novy and video design and production by HMS Media. <u>Click here</u> for performer casting and other production details previously announced.

As part of Hubbard Street's expanded programming for audience engagement, **four special pre-performance events** will be offered during the Season 38 Summer Series.

On **Friday, June 10** and **Friday, June 17** at **7pm**, in the Harris Theater balcony, ticket-holders are welcome to attend casual conversations with members of the creative team from Hubbard Street + The Second City's *The Art of Falling*. The <u>Friday, June 10</u> Balcony Talk will be hosted by *The Art of Falling* Director **Billy Bungeroth** and Second City Theatricals President **Erica Daniels**. The <u>Friday, June 17</u> Balcony Talk will be hosted by Hubbard Street Associate Director of Marketing and Communication **Zachary Whittenburg** and *The Art of Falling* choreographer **Robyn Mineko Williams**. Admission is **free** and no advance reservations are required.

In addition, on **Sunday, June 12** and **Sunday, June 19** at **2pm** in the Harris Theater's Level 2 Donor Room, ticket-holders are welcome to attend **"The First Dance"** cocktail receptions with light refreshments, hosted by members of the creative team from Hubbard Street + The Second City's *The Art of Falling*. The <u>Sunday, June 12</u> reception will be hosted by Hubbard Street Artistic Associate and Manager of Pre-Professional Programs **Meredith Dincolo** and Hubbard Street Resident Choreographer **Alejandro Cerrudo**. The <u>Sunday, June 19</u> reception will be hosted by Hubbard Street 2 Director **Terence Marling** and Hubbard Street Rehearsal Director **Lucas Crandall**. Admission to "The First Dance" is **\$10 per person** and space is limited; call 312-850-9744 for reservations.

## Season 38 Spotlight Ball + Champagne Reception

All ticket-holders for the June 9 performance are welcome to enjoy a Champagne reception at the Harris Theater beginning at 5pm. Following the opening-night performance at 6pm, Hubbard Street will hold its Season 38 Spotlight Ball at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel, located at 221 North Columbus Drive in Chicago, with Honorary Chair Andrew Alexander, CEO/Executive Producer of The Second City. Click here for additional information regarding Hubbard Street's Season 38 Spotlight Ball.

Single tickets for the Season 38 Summer Series start at \$30 and are available now, online at <a href="https://hubbardstreetdance.com/summer">hubbardstreetdance.com/summer</a> or by phone at 312-850-9744. Discounted rates and add-on experiences are available for groups of 10 or more patrons; visit <a href="https://hubbardstreetdance.com/groups">hubbardstreetdance.com/groups</a> or call 312-850-9744 ext. 164 for more information. The complete performance schedule is as follows:

<ul> <li>Thursday</li> </ul>	June 9, 2016	at 6pm	followed by the Season 38 Spotlight Ball
<ul> <li>Friday</li> </ul>	June 10, 2016	at 8pm	
<ul> <li>Saturday</li> </ul>	June 11, 2016	at 3pm	SHOW ADDED DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND
<ul> <li>Saturday</li> </ul>	June 11, 2016	at 8pm	
<ul> <li>Sunday</li> </ul>	June 12, 2016	at 3pm	ASL-interpreted performance
<ul> <li>Wednesday</li> </ul>	June 15, 2016	at 7:30pm	SHOW ADDED DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND
<ul> <li>Thursday</li> </ul>	June 16, 2016	at 7:30pm	
<ul> <li>Friday</li> </ul>	June 17, 2016	at 8pm	
<ul> <li>Saturday</li> </ul>	June 18, 2016	at 3pm	SHOW ADDED DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND
<ul> <li>Saturday</li> </ul>	June 18, 2016	at 8pm	
<ul> <li>Sunday</li> </ul>	June 19, 2016	at 3pm	

Named to *Chicago Tribune*, *Chicago Sun-Times* and *Newcity* "best of 2014" lists, and lauded by dance and theater critics throughout Chicago, *The Art of Falling* was declared "hugely entertaining and strikingly emotional," and "not-to-be-missed" by *Chicago Tribune* chief theater critic Chris Jones. The production "has real legs," wrote theater and dance critic Hedy Weiss for the *Chicago Sun-Times*, "a buoyant spirit counterbalanced by a genuine sense of gravity." Kris Vire, associate editor and chief theater critic at *Time Out Chicago*, said, "it's hard to imagine a more seamless marriage" than Hubbard Street and The Second City's collaboration. " $\star$   $\star$   $\star$   $\star$   $\star$  ."

The world premiere, five-performance engagement of Hubbard Street + The Second City's *The Art of Falling* was commissioned by the Harris Theater for Music and Dance, with support from Sandra and Jack Guthman through the *Imagine* campaign. Hubbard Street Dance Chicago extends special thanks to its Season 38 Sponsors Athletico, Official Provider of Physical Therapy; Chicago Athletic Clubs, Official Health Club; *Crain's Chicago Business*, Season 38 Media Sponsor; and 98.7 WFMT, Season 38 Radio Sponsor. Season 38 Summer Series Sponsors are Allstate, Community Engagement Partner; Wessex 504 Corporation; and Baker & McKenzie, Diversity Partner.

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