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## Dynamic, Elegant Contemporary Dance to Return to Kelowna This March

**(Kelowna, B.C.)** Joshua Beamish has a gift. Originally from Kelowna, Beamish has created in collaboration with The Royal Ballet, The National Ballet of Canada, Dutch National/Het Nationale Ballet Junior Company, Cape Town Opera, Vancouver Opera, New York City Ballet Principals Wendy Whelan for Restless Creature and Ashley Bouder for The Ashley Bouder Project, and many more.

On Friday, March 13, 2020, Beamish is returning to his hometown with *Saudade* - a contemporary dance named after a Portuguese word which translates as nostalgia; longing; missing; yearning. The March show will take place at the Mary Irwin Theatre in downtown Kelowna's Rotary Centre for the Arts. *Saudade* represents Beamish's first Kelowna performance in five years.

Audiences can expect "six men, one hour, and a feeling of longing and melancholy, stunningly expressed through the collision of elegant balletic lines and dynamic, street-style energy." Tickets for the show range from \$28 - \$40 and are on sale now (they can be purchased [HERE](#)).

Karma Lacoфф Nieoczym is the Theatre Programming Coordinator for the Mary Irwin Theatre and she believes Kelowna audiences are in for a treat:

"I am excited to see Joshua return to Kelowna after my exposure to his dancing and choreography in Vancouver in 2007 as he started his career at the Dancing on the Edge Festival."

Madison Embrey from New York Rag is certainly a big fan of Beamish and *Saudade*:

"As *Saudade* came to a close and the audience roared, this quote by Maya Angelou came to mind, "At the end of the day people won't remember what you said or did, they will remember how you made them feel." Beamish's cast spoke with the most brilliant dance vocabulary but the feeling of *saudade* that swirled inside me as the men glided across the floor is what I'll never forget."

Joshua Beamish brings *Saudade* to the Rotary Centre for the Arts (421 Cawston Ave.) on Friday, March 13, 2020, at 7:30 pm. Tickets range from \$28 - \$40 and can be purchased [HERE](#).

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## About the Rotary Centre for the Arts

Located in the heart of Kelowna's Cultural District, the [Rotary Centre for the Arts](#) is a multidisciplinary visual and performing arts centre.

The RCA continually strives to improve the economic, cultural and social quality of life in the community by fostering the participation in, and appreciation of the arts.

As a world-class venue celebrating creative expression through diverse art forms and disciplines, the Rotary Centre for the Arts is a unique City of Kelowna facility in which individuals of all ages and backgrounds can come together to share in the excitement of strengthening art and culture in the Okanagan.

The Rotary Centre for the Arts respectfully acknowledges that it is located on the unceded, traditional territory of the syilx (Okanagan) people.

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Learn more about Joshua Beamish, and his organization, MOVETHECOMPANY, [HERE](#).