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LOS ANGELES GALLERY MAMA PRESENTS

WADING GAMES

ONE NIGHT ONLY PUNK ROCK WATER BALLET BY RENOWNED
CHOREOGRAPHER AND PERFORMANCE ARTIST

RYAN HEFFINGTON

WITH GRAMMY-NOMINATED, MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CREATIVE STUDIO
OSK

**RITZ CARLTON SOUTH BEACH
DECEMBER 4, 2014, 8-11PM
PERFORMANCE AT 9:30PM**



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Los Angeles, Calif., –Los Angeles based art gallery MAMA presents *WADING GAMES*, a punk rock water ballet by renowned choreographer, performance artist and recent VMA winner and Co-Artistic Director of the critically acclaimed *Hysterica Dance Company*, Ryan Heffington, with film projection by Grammy-nominated, multi-disciplinary

creative studio Osk. This existentialist water ballet - a true *danse macabre* that will fascinate, delight and call into question notions of mortality and survival, has been in development for ten years and will be performed for the first time, for one night only, in the pool of the Ritz Carlton South Beach on December 4, 2014.

In a recent interview with *Autre Magazine*, Heffington says, "The piece will live between a glorious ballet in terms of scale, at moments aesthetically beautiful, but sharply contrasted by a subversive narrative where the dancers will have to fight from drowning over collectively taking part in a synchronized swim routine." The music will be scored by musician **BANKS** with a song specifically remixed for the performance.

An accompanying video film projection entitled *TEOHPC (The Elements of Human Physical Communication)* by Osk in collaboration with Heffington, uses some of the most raw human emotions, such as love, joy and fear to create a visually enlightening experience. The film was edited using algorithmic software to create multiple variations of a series of arresting, visual imagery.

Heffington occupies a unique place in both the dance and the contemporary art worlds. His choreographic genius can be witnessed in Sia Furler's *Chandelier* video and Arcade Fire's *We Exist* video. This performance in Miami is especially important for Heffington as it brings to fruition a project that has been in development for the last 10 years. Speaking about this performance Heffington says, "It has spoken to me in my dreams and while awake - at this point it's a part of me and I cannot keep it a secret any longer."

WADING GAMES will be presented by newly opened Los Angeles gallery MAMA established to provide a creative platform for art through the presentation of multi-disciplinary exhibitions and installations. The performance is hosted with Art of Elysium, a charity that aims to bring art and inspiration to children and various populations in need.

Image credit: Still from *TEOHPC (The Elements of Human Physical Communication)* by Osk Studio. Courtesy of Osk Studio and MAMA Gallery.

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