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NEWS RELEASE

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REDCAT presents the U.S. premiere of

HIROAKI UMEDA: *HAPTIC AND HOLISTIC STRATA*

February 14–16, 2013

<http://www.redcat.org/event/hiroaki-umeda>



[Left] *Holistic Strata*, courtesy Yamaguchi Center for Arts and Media. [Right] *Haptic*, photo by Shin Yamagata.

"Dazzling... Eye-popping... A three-dimensional force emanating from the screen, part *Matrix*, part *Tron*."
—*This Week in New York*

"Like a tin man with oil flowing freely through his veins..."
—*The New York Times*

LOS ANGELES, CA—REDCAT, CalArts' downtown center for contemporary arts, presents the U.S. premiere of two companion works by celebrated Tokyo-based choreographer and video artist Hiroaki Umeda. Presented as part of The Sharon Disney Lund Dance Series and performed by Umeda, *Haptic* and *Holistic Strata* will be presented together on the same program at REDCAT (Roy and Edna Disney/CalArts Theater) Thursday, February 14 through Saturday, 16, 2013 at 8:30 pm.

Tokyo-based choreographer and video artist Hiroaki Umeda creates mesmerizing visual

environments for his visceral solo works, appearing as a fine-spun swirl of movement in a digital storm of light and sound—an elusive figure, by turns frantic and still, awash in pulsating electronic waves. In a program of acclaimed companion pieces, Haptic and Holistic Strata, Umeda's distinctive dance vocabulary draws on a range of butoh, ballet and hip-hop. He conceives his interdisciplinary events as a sensorial whole, creating the beats and sonic textures as well as the entrancing video and lighting effects. Designed to elicit primal emotion, Umeda's work is minimalist and radical, subtle and violent, abstract yet precise, and thrillingly physical.

To watch video excerpts from Umeda's works:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cMtt8Jl2ttw>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d9cjlVvBqXo>

To learn more about Hiroaki Umeda:

<http://hiroakiumedas.com/>

To visit the event webpage on REDCAT.ORG:

<http://www.redcat.org/event/hiroaki-umeda>

The performances at REDCAT are funded in part with generous support from The Japan Foundation through the Performing Arts Japan Program.

To request press accommodations, interviews, additional information, media or images, please contact Diana Wyenn at 213 237-2873 or dwyenn@calarts.edu.

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TICKETS & INFORMATION

HIROAKI UMEDA: *HAPTIC AND HOLISTIC STRATA*

Date(s)/Time(s):

Thursday, February 14 at 8:30 pm

Friday, February 15 at 8:30 pm

Saturday, February 16 at 8:30 pm

Ticketing:

\$20-25 general (\$16-20 students & members)

Seating is general admission and tickets are available for purchase in-person at REDCAT Box Office, by phone at 213-237-2800, or online at redcat.org.

REDCAT's Box Office is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from noon until 6 pm or two hours prior to curtain. Group, member, student and CalArts faculty/staff discounts available.

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ABOUT REDCAT | THE ROY AND EDNA DISNEY/CALARTS THEATER

REDCAT, CalArts' downtown center for contemporary arts, presents a dynamic and international mix of innovative visual, performing and media arts year round. Located inside the iconic Walt Disney Concert Hall complex in downtown Los Angeles, REDCAT houses a modular theater, a 3,000-square-foot gallery space and a lounge. Through performances, exhibitions, screenings, and literary events, REDCAT introduces diverse audiences, students and artists to the most influential developments in the arts from around the world, and gives artists in this region the creative support they need to achieve national and international stature. REDCAT continues the tradition of the California Institute of the Arts, its parent organization, by encouraging experimentation, discovery and lively civic discourse.

For current program and exhibition information call 213-237-2800 or visit redcat.org.

REDCAT is located in downtown Los Angeles inside the Walt Disney Concert Hall complex with a separate entrance at the corner of West 2nd and Hope Streets. REDCAT's street address is 631 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles CA 90012. Parking is available in the Walt Disney Concert Hall parking structure. \$9 event rate or \$5 for vehicles entering after 8:00 pm on weekdays.

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