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DE-evolution OF MUDWOMAN

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BREKKBONE DANCECO. PROUDLY PRESENTS *DE-EVOLUTION OF MUDWOMAN* – AN EVENING OF DANCE EXILE, FASHION, AND HUMOR. MEET MUDWOMAN. SHE'S THE NEW "IT" GIRL. WATCH AS SHE DE-EVOLVES FROM A SUPERFICIAL POPTART DIVA TO THE ULTIMATE PRIMORDIAL WOMAN.

The twist is that even in her primal state she has more integrity and humanity than our current role models. Mudwoman's "becoming" is a journey filled with irony, dry wit, human folly, and gorgeous decay. Her transformation affects all who are touched by her. This new concert features work by award-winning choreographers Colleen Halloran and Atalee Judy and a duet created by former Hubbard Street Chicago dancer, Cheryl Mann. Mixing uncharacteristic humor into the company's usually serious "call-to-action" fare, the 2008 premiere of *DE-evolution of Mudwoman* features 12 barely clad dancers covered entirely in dry grey mud, a virtuosic solo performance by Mindy Meyers as Mudwoman, high octane moves with Atalee Judy's signature Bodyslam Technique, a couture fashion show by designer Branimira Ivanova, cinematic videography by Carl Wiedemann, and a new theatrical exploration for Breakbone, consisting of three "expositors" who enliven the evening with their charismatic correspondence. The traditional dance space is ruptured by three onlookers who interpret, critique, judge, translate, and witness Mudwoman's de-evolution. One question arises; As Mudwoman reveals her inner woman; will they be transformed as well?

DE-evolution of Mudwoman will run for three weeks opening on Thursday, August 21, 2008 and closes Saturday, September 6, 2008. All performances begin at **9:00pm** every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday held at The Viaduct Theatre located at 3111 N. Western Avenue in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood. Tickets are \$18.00 for general admission, \$15.00 for students/seniors and may be purchased online at www.viaducttheatre.com or by calling the box office at 773-296-6024 to purchase with a credit card over the phone. Cash and credit cards are accepted at the box office as well. Viaduct office hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 1:00pm to 8:00pm.

Special Event: MUD Benefit & Sneak Preview on Saturday August 16, 2008, 7:30-11:00pm with a short preview performance at 8:30pm. Ticket prices are \$50.00 for arts patrons and \$30.00 for artists. Please join us for our benefit event offering MUD themed libations, edibles and MUD moments with the cast. MUD Benefit and performance will be held at The Viaduct Theatre and tickets may be purchased online at www.viaducttheatre.com or call the Box Office 773-296-6024 to purchase with a credit card.

In this original new work, Breakbone restores an appreciation for the natural female form as a powerful beast. Utilizing a good dose of humor, Breakbone makes fun of themselves, and others, by mocking dance trade rules, the media's critical commentaries, and the obsession with "anything that jiggles." They explore different vocabularies of movement as language ranging from sign language translation to primal body posturing. By confronting these topics with humor and irony, Breakbone de-mystifies and de-titillates the objectification of women by inviting the audience to look, welcoming them to enjoy, and asking them to love the female form in its most beautiful, raw, and primal state. By giving permission to the audience to comfortably laugh, to cast aside proper etiquette, and to be amazed by the diverse expression of the body, Breakbone hopefully catalyzes a transformation of all who witness the performance; from *human-objectified-must-be-certain-size-bodytype-obsessed-sexual-being* to just *being*.

Why DE-evolution? De-evolution directly relates to our culture's decline, or a dumbing down of our society. Reverting to a more "human", more genuine, level seems unattainable by today's standards, especially for a woman. The female body image has been eroded by our marketing media's obsession with false, fake and fragile female sex idols. There is an overemphasis on the hyper sexualization of women to the point where it's the only standard that defines them.

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