

Bespoke 2026: A Creative Collision of Australia's Brightest Artistic Voices

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Bespoke Jette Parker Young Artists Queensland Ballet. Photo David Kelly

Brisbane, 16th October, 2025: Queensland Ballet's *Bespoke* returns in 2026. A daring showcase of new works from Australia's emerging and most exciting choreographers, composers, designers, and interdisciplinary artists, for two weeks in the Talbot Theatre, 2 – 17 October, 2026.

Now in its **eighth year**, *Bespoke* has become Queensland Ballet's incubator for innovation, giving emerging and established creatives the platform to experiment, collaborate, and redefine contemporary dance – creating new works on the Company's ensemble.

Under the expanded vision of **Artistic Director, Ivan Gil-Ortega**, *Bespoke 2026* invited artists nationwide to submit original concepts that push the boundaries of movement, music, and design.

From more than **60 submissions**, three standout works will be selected to premiere at the **Thomas Dixon Centre**, Queensland Ballet's home of creativity and performance.

Having forged strong working relationships with many of the world's leading choreographers including **Christian Spuck, Leo Mujic, Goyo Montero, Edward Clug, and Annabelle Lopez Ochoa**, Gil-Ortega brings an international perspective to nurturing new Australian voices.

"*Bespoke* remains one of the most relevant and impactful initiatives of Queensland Ballet. it is a source of pride that we are providing a vital platform for developing the next generation of not just dance makers, but creatives across wider artistic genres," Gil-Ortega said.

"By giving artists the space and support to bring their visions to life, we're helping shape the future of the artform," Gil-Ortega added.

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Bespoke 2026 will be a thrilling fusion of movement, music, and visual design, bold new works that challenge conventions and celebrate collaboration at its most dynamic.

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Dates; 2 – 17 October, 2026

Venue: Talbot Theatre, Thomas Dixon Centre

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