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BOYZ BREATHE MEANING INTO LIFE

~ Provocative All-Male Ballet Leaps Headfirst into the Big Stuff ~

LONG BEACH, CA – On January 28, 2017, London’s all-male contemporary ballet troupe BalletBoyz is bringing two artistically daring pieces to the Carpenter Center, on the campus of Cal-State Long Beach, in a performance entitled *Life*. The virility of youth and our fragile mortality are explored in an evening of fresh perspective and extraordinary dance.

The two pieces commissioned for *Life* are works by Pontus Lidberg and Javier De Frutos respectively, and performed in tandem, give the audience a multifaceted look (both sobering and wry) at love, death, what happens after death, and other human musings. *Life* is a surreal celebration as much as a series of open-ended questions about what it means to be human. The musical accompaniment is raw and dissonant; the costuming revelatory; the ballet profound.

BalletBoyz never fails to bring audiences to their feet. *Life* is no exception. This show will hit you where you live.

BalletBoyz

Carpenter Performing Arts Center * 6200 E Atherton Street, Long Beach, CA 90815
Saturday, January 28 @ 8 p.m.

Single tickets start at \$50, and tickets for subscribers start at \$40. For tickets or more information, visit CarpenterArts.org or call the Carpenter Center Ticket Office at (562) 985-7000. Our season is made possible, in part, by Season Media Partner KPCC 89.3-FM.

ABOUT THE CARPENTER CENTER Founded in 1994, the Carpenter Performing Arts Center located on the CSULB campus gracefully accommodates large and small productions, seating 1,062 patrons. The Center is named after pop music duo Richard and Karen Carpenter, who both attended California State University, Long Beach. Their music still epitomizes the best of our culture; modern and traditional, wholesome and sage. The Carpenter Center continues to honor that elegant legacy each season by showcasing emerging and established musicians, dancers, actors, comedians and visual artists as well as other culturally relevant presentations.

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