

# *Aaron Sean Watkin*

Aaron Sean Watkin was born in Canada and received his dance training at the National Ballet School of Canada. Watkin enjoyed a full career in dance beginning with leading classical companies including National Ballet of Canada, English National Ballet, and Dutch National Ballet. He was then invited by world renowned choreographer William Forsythe to become a Principal Dancer with Ballett Frankfurt and thereafter joined the National Dance Company of Spain under the directorship of Nacho Duato.



Watkin was Associate Artistic Director to Victor Ullate Ballet. He was a personal choreographic assistant to Mr. William Forsythe setting Forsythe's ballets on dance companies throughout the world and was a regular guest teacher to many of Europe's leading dance companies. He was Artistic Associate Director of The Loft Dance Studio in Brussels and also Artistic Associate Director of the annual Dance For Life AIDS Benefit Galas. Watkin was appointed Artistic Director of Dresden Semperoper Ballett in 2006. In 2007 he choreographed his first full-length ballet production *The Sleeping Beauty* and since then has choreographed *La Bayadère* in 2008, *Swan Lake* in 2009, and *The Nutcracker* (with Rector Jason Beechey) in 2011. He premiered his own creation of *Don Quixote* in 2016.