

U.S. PREMIERE CHOREOGRAPHER MEG STUART RETURNS WITH POTENT DUET

"They slip away from each other's wavering embraces...they chase shadows: their own and the other's...the awareness of the finite grows."—De Standaard (Brussels), on MAYBE FOREVER

Internationally acclaimed choreographer Meg Stuart returns January 24–26 with Austrian dancer/choreographer Philipp Gehmacher for the U.S. premiere of MAYBE FOREVER, a duet that was co-commissioned by the Wexner Center. In this show, the duo subverts expectations with a dance that embraces disconnection and a sense of separation, conjuring potent images of a relationship on the verge. The duet—set to a series of pensive



Stuart and Gehmacher in **MAYBE FOREVER**Photo by Christ Van der Burght

ballads sung live by Niko Hafkenscheid, a rising

talent from Brussels—has been called "a parable on desire, loss and melancholy, with two ex-lovers telling their story in a succession of dance duets and solos, soliloquies and songs" (*Etcetera*).

Meg Stuart and her Brussels-based company <u>Damaged Goods</u> first appeared at the Wexner Center in 1995 with her breakthrough work *No Longer Readymade*. She returned in 1998 in collaboration with visual artist (and OSU art faculty member) Ann Hamilton for the performance piece *appetite*, also co-commissioned by the Wexner Center. Gehmacher, based in Vienna, has performed his work at theaters and festivals around Europe.

CALENDAR INFORMATION: *MAYBE FOREVER*, a duet with live music performed by choreographers/dancers Meg Stuart and Philipp Gehmacher, will be performed **January 24–26** at 8 pm in the Wexner Center's intimate **Black Box on Mershon Stage**, 1871 N. High St. Tickets are \$18 for the general public, \$15 for members, and \$10 for students. Call 614 292-3535 or visit ticketmaster.com. Parking available at the Ohio Union Garage just south of the Wexner Center. More information: wexarts.org.

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