

Italian Dance Company's homage to Fellini

UNFORGETTABLE scenes from the films of **Federico Fellini**, master of Italian cinema, will come to life on-stage in *I Bislacchi Omaggio a Fellini, Eccentrics, Homage to Fellini*, a production of the Italian dance company Compagnia Artemis Danza, on Oct. 27, 8 p.m. at the CCP Main Theater. The show is a presentation of the Embassy of the Republic of Italy and the Cultural Center of the Philippines in cooperation with Rustan's, Philippine Italian Association and The Peninsula Manila.

La Dolce Vita's famous *Flying Christ* and *Trevi Fountain* scenes, **La Strada's** motley collection of circus characters, 8 ½'s rambling dreams and fantasies are some of the inspirations behind this artistic production conceived and choreographed by **Monica Casadei**, artistic director of Compagnia Artemis Danza. Accompanied by the famous melodies of Italian composer **Nino Rota**, dancers of Compagnia Artemis Danza will re-evoke and reinvent images, scenes and characters from six popular Fellini films, namely *La Strada, Amarconi, La Dolce Vita, Intervista, Casanova*, and *8 ½*. The performance is characterized by an atmosphere full of poetry and emotion, energy and vigor, in which dance and theater mingle to recreate the spectacular world of Fellini.

Monica Casadei is the artistic and principal choreographer of Compagnia Artemis Danza. In 1994 in France, she began her adventure in choreography tied to the birth of Artemis Danza. In 1997 she moved to Italy and has since produced 25 creative

endeavours, which have been presented in principal Italian theatres and festivals and in many prestigious international Festivals in France, Belgium, Switzerland, Albania, Colombia, Vietnam and Korea.

The Manila engagement of Compagnia Artemis Danza is part of company's Artemis Meets Other Cultures project. This project of cultural discovery led the Company to visit countries such as Brazil, Cuba, Mexico, Turkey, India, Japan, Vietnam and Korea. This year, the company will visit Indonesia, Singapore, and Malaysia.

In Manila, the Compagnia Artemis Danza, in addition to its performance at the CCP, will hold a workshop on Oct. 24 at the CCP Rehearsal Hall, and on Oct. 25 at the Lyceum of the Philippines University in Intramuros.

Compagnia Artemis Danza Company is supported by the Italian Ministry for Cultural Heritage and Cultural Activities, the Emilia-Romagna Region, the Parma Province and the Municipality of Parma. From 1998 to 2007, it was resident at the Teatro Stabile of Parma and Reggio Emilia. In 2007, it was member of WDA-World Dance Alliance Europe under the auspices of IDC-ITI/UNESCO.

Tickets to *I Bislacchi Omaggio a Fellini* are priced at P1,000 for Orchestra Center, P700 for Orchestra Side, P500 for Balcony 1 and P300 for Balcony 2. Discounts are available for students at 50 percent and for senior citizens at 20 percent. For more information, call the CCP Box Office at 832-1125 local 3704 and 832-1125 local 1409.