

## Knowing Nijinsky

Using the turbulent life of Russian ballet dancer Vaslav Nijinsky, choreographer Majdi Bou-Matar makes a stop in Montreal with the Canadian premiere of his quintet *Nijinsky*, through a window. Matar, who immigrated to Canada from Lebanon last year takes some of Nijinsky's personal experiences – explorations of his identity and mental illness – and weaves them into a theatre-dance piece at Tangente (840 Cherrier), running Nov. 6 at 8:30 p.m. and Nov. 7 at 4 p.m., \$12.



EXPLORING ILLNESS:  
Nijinsky dancers

The work is part of the Festival du Monde Arabe de Montréal, which celebrates Arabic culture through music, literature, cinema and dance. Also, look out for choreographers Motaz Kabani and Imed Jemaa who are part of the fest, which continues into next week. Visit [www.festivalarabe.com](http://www.festivalarabe.com) for more info. » **Marites Carino**