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UN POYO ROJO

February 28 to March 5

AC Arts Theatre

This Argentinian pair parody male dance itself, while demonstrating excellence in the very form they are sending up, as part of Adelaide Festival.



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Dancers wrestle with comedy

PATRICK McDONALD

AN Argentinian duo who literally wrestle with their emotions on stage have brought an unexpected element to the Adelaide Festival dance program – in the form of comedy.

“When you say ‘physical theatre’, you think about a concept that’s more serious, but we really needed to break down that idea,” *Un Poyo Rojo* co-creator Luciano Russo said.

The show, which politely translates as “A Red Rooster”,

is at AC Arts until Tuesday but has sold out in advance.

“It’s a love story ... it can be between a cat and a dog,” co-star Alfonso Baron said.

“Or a dog and a tree,” Russo said with a laugh.

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TAG TEAM: Argentinian artists Alfonso Baron, top, and Luciano Rosso practise at Adelaide Championship Wrestling in Prospect for their show *Un Poyo Rojo*. Picture: MATT LOXTON



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UN POYO ROJO

Dance
Argentina
AC Arts, Main Theatre
Until March 5

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and Nicolás Poggi - Barón joined the cast in 2011 - *Un Poyo Rojo* (A Red Cock) is a full-on and often wildly funny exploration of masculinity, whether tame or toxic, flirtatious or furious, complementary or competitive. And to be sure, the two of them spend a lot of time strutting. The performance is simply astonishing.

For a solid hour, they demonstrate physical prowess that

few can even dream about, while living out fantasies at the same time. They dance, they jump, they flip, they twirl. They preen, they parade, they mime, they mimic, they duke it out and they even steal a kiss. If there's a downside to it, it's that you're often laughing so hard

that you might miss yet another astounding feat.

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radio, tuned and retuned to whatever happens to be broadcast, prompting improvisations from the performers. So we had Dr Karl about bladder capacity, Radio Italia, and even a spot of Kylie. Go to every performance, just to see what happens.

- Peter Burdon

Un Poyo Rojo

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They are already well into their warm-up as we enter the theatre – for reasons that soon become clear.

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