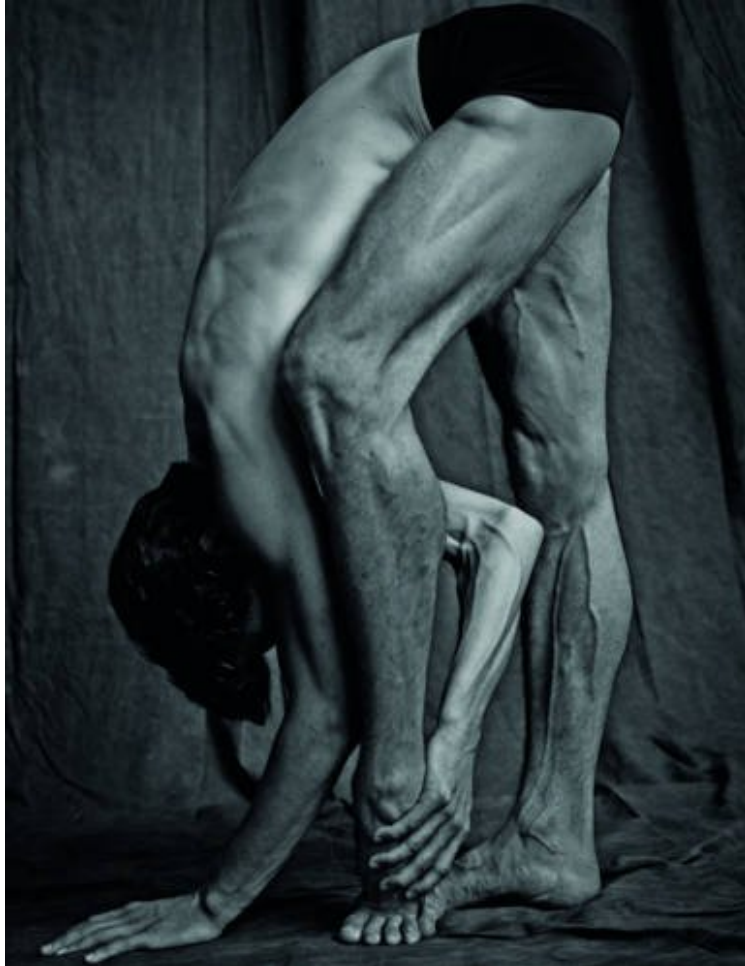


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Shooting in black and white, Brookes captures creativity in its most raw and intimate form. (Benazir Wehelie CNN Photos) Les Danseurs Is a Book of Beautiful Ballet Man Candy (Margaret Fuhrer Dance Spirit Magazine) British photographer Matthew Brookes - whose powerful study of male dancers, *Les Danseurs*, is published in the autumn - brought these men and their different characters to life in his images. (Suzy Menkes vogue.co.uk) Toes point toward the heavens in one image, torso crumples over a bent knee in another, the dancers are pictured with a plain canvas backdrop wearing black tights or shorts leaving nothing to distract from their feats. (Miles Socha WWD) Yet Brookes...is inspired by how these unassuming young men summon wonder and awe as they twist and leap into all manner of improvised shapes and contortions, most of them deliberately unclassical. (Miles Socha WWD)