New Slate Online



December 10-12, 2020

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Lisa Naugle, Artistic Director

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University of California, Irvine

Dr. Stephen Barker, Dean | Claire Trevor School of the Arts

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

In March, when the UCI Dance Department first learned that schools in California would likely be shut down for the remainder of the year due to COVID-19, we got moving quickly, again! Dance has always been open to using the choreographic process to deepen understanding about the world we live in, problem-solving and experimentation. So we moved the graduate student dance concert, New Slate, to the online format, issued an invitation (rather than a call for audition) to all graduate students and gathered a production team of staff and faculty. As Artistic Director, I thought it important to highlight our graduate students as a community based on a desire to participate in a different creative-process model, one that acknowledges most choreographers have never created for an online and distant audience, yet one that recognizes their commitment to creativity and exciting new potential.

Twelve choreographers volunteered for New Slate Online. They held dancer auditions on Zoom, approximately 77 dancers attended, and 44 were ultimately selected. Choreographers and dancers are located across the country as well as internationally. Each work is site-specific and globally accessible. Our experimentation with new technology, driven by Dance and Drama faculty in collaboration with CTSA staff, allows for new compositions pre-recorded on Zoom and simultaneous livestreaming from various locations. Such innovations are leading the performing arts out of shut-down isolation into new and more expansive realms of shared creativity, collaboration and opportunity.

Some of the themes the choreographers have been focusing upon include personal confinement, imaginary worlds, human relationship with nature, and spirituality. In many ways their choreography, delivered through the unique frame of Zoom from their varied locations, is just the exciting beginning of voicing expression during this unprecedented time. It is my hope the range of works that the choreographers present in online concert will give you a glimpse into how they are meeting such a profound challenge while turning it into a masterful opportunity.

Thank you for joining us and enjoy the show!

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presents

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ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
Lisa Naugle

CHOREOGRAPHERS

Tamer Abdo

Beverly Bautista

Ashley Jones

Brandye Lee

Kelly McGill

Anna Medina

Stella Ng

Carl Sanders

Whitney Schmanski

Kent Shinomae

Marc Spaulding

Brittany Woo

STAGE MANAGER

Heather Bennett

PROGRAM

Dreamscape

Choreographers: Tamer Abdo and Dancers

Dancers: Audrey Burton, Isabela DePalatis, Zachary Medina,

Lulu Price, Dillon Zamora

Elev8

Choreographer: Beverly Jane Bautista

Dancers: Jacqueline Campos, Lindsey Chao, Kelby Fisher, Savannah Graves, Emily James, Jessica Ruth, Marco Vega,

Michaela Wong

Music: "I Know You Too Well" (Karma Kid 12" Remix) by

Reuben James

Joy is the simplest form of gratitude and we have the choice to access

that at any moment.

Amico di Penna

Choreographer: Ashley L. Jones

Dancers: Ashley Jones, Katie Waldvogel

Music: Untitled Original Compositions by Eric Ruskin

Overturned

Choreographer: Kelly McGill

Dancers: Summer Cantrell, Lauren Gold, Kirra Healey, Zachary Medina, Nathania Schwob, Katie Waldvogel

Music: Untitled Original Composition by Simon Greenburg

This piece was created with creative collaboration and videography

by the dancers.

Fresh On Me

Choreographer: Brandye Lee

Dancer: Malia Dizon

Music: "Amazing Grace" by Frederic Yonnet

Special thanks to Terry Butler, Julie Keen-Leavenworth, Aliya Kerim

and Carla Sims.

Refined Repetition

Choreographer: Anna Medina

Dancers: Kelby Fisher, Natalie Gomes, Isabel Harding, Brooke Jenkins, Allie Kalbhen, Mia Marino, Naomi Sagen,

Serena Torres, Janelah Villanueva

Music: "Goldberg Variations BWV: Variation 3 a 1 Clav. Canone

all'Unisono" by Johann Sebastian Bach **Music Performer:** Kimiko Ishizaka **Audio Editor:** Saulo Cisneros **Video Editor:** Angel Soberanes

Butterfly Hug

Choreographer: Stella Sing Yiun Ng

Dancer: Milena Raeber

Music: "Merry-Go-Round of Life" by Jinseino Meriigoorando and

"Always with Me" by Hisaishi Jou

"We are all music box dancers, all alone in our room.

We sit on out shelves where objects reside, and don't allow the music to get right inside."

Existence

Choreographer: Carl "Dougie" Sanders

Dance Sections: Digital State of Living Episodes -

"Between Messages", "Down Rabbit Holes", "Me, Myselfie and I",

"Dropped Signal"

Dancers: Savannah Graves, Morgen Keim-Lopez, Laura Price,

Nathania Schwob

Music: "Ezio's Family" and "Earth" by Jesper Kyd

London Music Works (Assassin's Creed 2 Video Game by Ubisoft)

Abstract Reality

Choreographer: Kent Shinomae

Dancers: Malia Dizon, Lauren Duran, Bridget Nagel, Jessica Ruth,

Eleanor Simmons

Music: "Deep End" by Jon Hertz and "Inertia" by Travis Lake

PROGRAM, continued

Fresh Eyes

Choreographer: Marc Spaulding

Dancers: Lauren Duran, Marika Gould, Brooke Jenkins,

Jackie Ondrusek, Naomi Sagen, Eleanor Simmons, Michaela Wong

Music: "3 166" by Michael Wall

Special thanks to Beverly Bautista, Marshall King and Carl Sanders, Jr.

One

Choreographer: Brittany N. Woo

Dancers: Hannah Albin, Huiyi Bao, Natalie Gomes, Marika Gould, Isabella Granqvist, Nancy Griswell, Claire Kucera, Ai Ling Lane, Emma

Mertens, Makena Rush

Music: "Etude" by Peter Colclasure

Imbue

Choreographer: Whitney Schmanski

Dancers: Summer Cantrell, Ariel Scott, Janelah Villanueva

Music: "Shell" by Yang Bao

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ARTISTS' BIOGRAPHIES

Tamer Abdo started his dance training in the city of Ramallah, Palestine with El-Funoun Dance Troupe. Abdo was awarded a ballet scholarship to train at The Academy of Ballet in San Francisco. He earned his A.A. in dance from Santa Monica College working under the instruction of Karen McDonalds, Seda Aybay, Mark Tomasics and Jae Lee. After graduation, he pursued his B.F.A. in Dance from the State University of New York at the Village of Brockport where he had the chance to perform during the "Fringe Festival" in Rochester with choreographer James Hansen. Today, Abdo is pursuing his M.F.A. in dance research, choreography and production at the University of California, Irvine.

Beverly Jane Bautista is a dancer, choreographer, and educator originally from Chicago. She is an alumnus of Ball State University, and her experience in the Los Angeles commercial dance industry has allowed her opportunities to work as a professional dancer in live and filmed television, commercials, and world tours with recording artists. Beverly is a BSU Young Alumni Recipient and was recently awarded the UC Irvine DTEI Remote Teaching Fellowship. She is currently a second-year graduate student and is passionate about jazz, hip hop and is eager to create a curriculum regarding commercial dance history. She is grateful for her family, cohort and UC Irvine professors!

Ashley L. Jones is a Southern California native beginning her intense training at Orange County Dance Center under the tutelage of Joffrey and Houston Ballet Principals, Terri & Anthony Sellars. There she rose to principal ballerina with Ballet Repertory Theatre dancing principal roles in "Coppelia," "Sleeping Beauty," "Paquita," and more. By age 10, Ashley was tap dancing alongside legend Al Gilbert and training with legends Linda Sohl-Ellison, Gregg Russell, and Keith Clifton. She is a current mentee of tap master and historian, Steve Zee, and is an active dancer, teacher, and choreographer of ballet, tap, jazz, contemporary, and Latin dance. Ashley holds a B.A. in Business Administration & Political Science from USC and a M.A. in Dance Education, Summa Cum Laude, from CSULB. She is a 1st year M.F.A. student at UCI.

Kelly McGill received her B.F.A. in Dance from Shenandoah Conservatory in Winchester, Virginia. Most recently, Kelly lived in the Greater Washington D.C. area, where she taught contemporary, jazz, ballet and tap dance. For three years, Kelly performed and choreographed for contemporary dance company, Motion X Dance DC. Kelly is currently furthering her education as a dancer, artist and professional at the University of California, Irvine and the Claire Trevor School of the Arts.

Brandye Lee is a cum laude alumna of Smith College (Economics & Afro-American Studies), whose passion lies in teaching ballet and Horton technique to diverse student bodies from coast to coast. Formerly appearing with Ailey II and Disney's "The Lion King," she is the former rehearsal director for Memphis' groundbreaking ballet company, Collage Dance Collective. Brandye is a Washington, D.C. native and is grateful for her family, M.F.A. cohort and professors at UC Irvine.

Anna Medina is a dance teacher and choreographer from Tijuana, Mexico currently pursuing an M.F.A. in Dance at the Claire Trevor School of the Arts. She received her B.A. in Political Science from Boston College. After graduating, she developed her career in local government as a Council Representative for the City of San Diego while teaching dance to young girls of various ages. Anna looks forward to furthering her arts education in UCI.

Stella Ng was born and raised in Malaysia, and has completed the Royal Academy of Dance (U.K.) syllabus up to Advanced II with high distinctions. She holds a B.A. in International Business and minor in Dance, and has received the Port of Long Beach scholarship from CSULB several times. Ng joined the Anaheim Ballet Company and Festival Ballet Theatre as an artist during her time in California. She was invited as a guest artist to perform with the Pacific Symphony at Segerstrom Concert Hall and Bowers Museum. As an American Ballet Theatre certified teacher, her passion is to continue educating and nurturing future dancers.

ARTISTS' BIOGRAPHIES, continued

Carl Sanders is a native of Atlanta, Georgia. Carl D. Sanders, Jr. or more commonly known as Dougie is a movement designer, director, educator, practitioner and entrepreneur. He has a B.F.A. in Jazz Dance from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. Carl has choreographed hip hop world tours, music videos, and arena events for recording artists and dance teams such as Raven-Symone, Spice Girls, and the NBA Atlanta Hawks. His contemporary movement has graced concert stages worldwide, from works set on Koresh Dance Company in the U.S. to Dap Dance Company in Switzerland. He is founder and director of the UCI Tap Symphony Orchestra and CEO of Arts Tech Startup Company Stagebow, Inc. Mr. Sanders has also contributed his own philosophical insight to the field of dance with the development of his dialogue in motion study Dachiology; the exploration of rhythmic movement, communication, and empowerment. Currently he is completing his masters degree at the Claire Trevor School of the Arts at the University of California, Irvine. Carl is looking forward to continuing his pursuit of bridging the arts through entertainment, education and innovation.

Whitney Schmanski is a collaborative performer, choreographer, and a movement educator. She enjoys sharing her love of movement in theaters, classrooms, cinematic forms, and in nature. She graduated with a B.F.A. from The Juilliard School and is grateful to be pursuing her M.F.A. at UCI with the support of the Leo Freedman Foundation Fellowship. She is enthusiastic about exploring the profound connections between the mind and body, especially within the realms of science, somatics and storytelling.

Kent Shinomae is an artist, educator, and choreographer who is committed to serving people of all backgrounds through purpose-driven art, dance education, and movement exploration. Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, Kent studied dance at the Mid-Pacific Institute throughout high school and continued his path for dance at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where he received his B.F.A. in Dance Theatre. During his time in college, Kent also studied abroad at the London Contemporary Dance School. Teaching for various studios in Hawaii, his choreography has won numerous top honors at regional and national dance competitions. Kent is also an avid magician and has created dance choreography that combines magic and dance

to produce truly wondrous fusion of the two art forms. His magic and dance choreography have been featured in the Asia Pacific Dance Festival, World Dance Alliance-Americas Conference, and the Honolulu Festival, to name a few. Kent is currently in his 2nd year in the University of California, Irvine M.F.A. Dance program.

Marc Spaulding is a choreographer, educator and dancer. He earned his B.F.A. in dance at The University of the Arts. With more than 19 years of professional dance experience, Marc has had a very diverse career. A few of his noteworthy credits include: "Dreamgirls" 1st National Tour, "Equus" Broadway Revival, Philadanco (The Philadelphia Dance Company), Donald Byrd/The Group, "Dancing with the Stars," "Hairspray" (feature film), and HBO's "Euphoria." Marc is currently a 2nd year graduate student at UC Irvine.

Brittany N. Woo is a 2nd year graduate student at UC Irvine. She graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. in World Art & Cultures/ Dance from UCLA. Her choreographic work has been presented at UC Irvine's Dance Department shows, UC Irvine's Grad Slam, the American College Dance Association Baja Region's Gala showcase, and the San Pedro Festival of the Arts. She is grateful to have received the Elizabeth Koehler Scholarship and the Dean's Dissertation Fellowship at UC Irvine. She is passionate about her thesis research which investigates how ballet's gender expectations affect dancers' mindsets.

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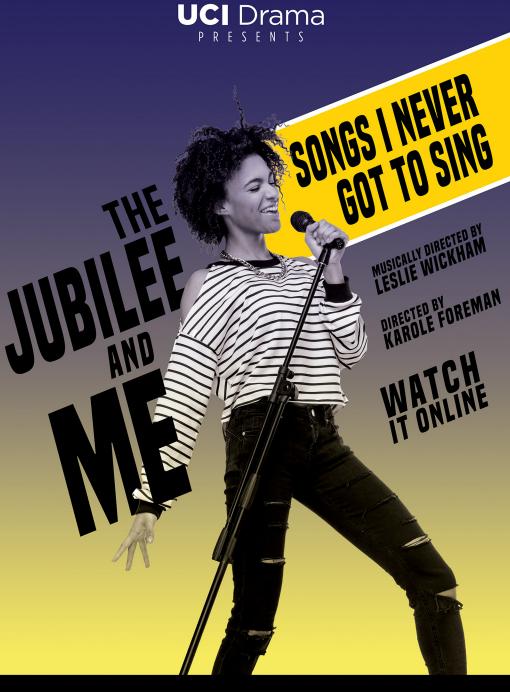
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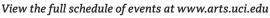
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