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Welcome to Northrop! I am so pleased that you are joining me for a very special time filled with dance, community, and fellowship. As we come together in anticipation of the extraordinary experience we are about to share, I encourage you to look around and connect with someone you have not yet met. You can be sure that you have at least one commonality! This Winter Dance Series brings together the old, the new, and the timeless—and is sure to delight, inspire, and move us. Let us share more than space and, instead, be open to exchanging thoughts, ideas, and perspectives. In doing so, I hope that we each come away with a deeper understanding of ourselves and those around us.

The Winter Dance Series begins with Mark Morris’ *Pepperland*, set to a score of innovative arrangements of the iconic songs from the Beatles’ *Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band* album, performed by a live jazz ensemble. Originally commissioned by the city of Liverpool to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the groundbreaking album, this delightful, vividly colorful hour-long work demonstrates why this dancemaker is noted as “the most successful and influential choreographer alive, and indisputably the most musical” (*New York Times*).

In February, Ballet West performs George Balanchine’s *Jewels*, accompanied by a live orchestra. Originally created for New York City Ballet, this three-act, full-length abstract ballet was the first of its kind and shows the breadth and diversity of Balanchine’s creative inspirations. Ballet West expertly navigates the transitions from the French romanticism of *Emeralds* to the American athleticism of *Rubies* to the elegant Russian pageantry of *Diamonds*.

Finally, Kyle Abraham’s company, A.I.M, makes its Northrop debut with an evening of mixed repertory that brings us work from Andrea Miller and Trisha Brown alongside pieces from Abraham himself, including his first major solo piece in nearly a decade. With A.I.M, Abraham has assembled a company of dancers from various disciplines and backgrounds and together they are taking the contemporary dance world by storm. During its residency at Northrop, the company will also perform for over 4,000 K-12 students during two school matinees and teach master classes in the Minneapolis public schools as part of the Cultural Experiences Program.

There are many more events happening at Northrop this winter including a lecture by Robin DiAngelo as part of the Power and Privilege series, three more Spotlight Series 2019-20 lectures that address environmental justice through the perspectives of philanthropy, policy, and higher education, and the continuation of the Northrop Film Series that is curated to complement the Dance Series events. I hope you will take a moment to check out the full list of upcoming events at northrop.umn.edu.

Thank you again for joining us for our Winter Dance Series. And a special thanks to our subscribers and donors. Through your attendance and support you ensure that Northrop can continue bringing world-class artists and performances to the Twin Cities. Enjoy the performance!

Gratefully,

Kari Schloner
Director of Northrop
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Mark Morris Dance Group in Pepperland. Photo © Gareth Jones.
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MICA BERNAS  KARLIE BUDGE  BRANDON COURNAY  DOMINGO ESTRADA, JR.
LESLEY GARRISON  LAUREN GRANT  HAARMANN  DEEPA LIEGEL*
AARON LOUX  LAUREL LYNCH  MATTHEW McLAUGHLIN*  DALLAS McMURRAY
MINGA PRATHER*  BRANDON RANDOLPH  NICOLE SABELLA  CHRISTINA SAHAIDA
BILLY SMITH  NOAH VINSON  JAMMIE WALKER*  MALIK Q. WILLIAMS*

*apprentice

MMDG MUSIC ENSEMBLE
CLINTON CURTIS  COLIN FOWLER  JACOB GARCHIK  ETHAN IVERSON
SAM NEWSOME  ROB SCHWIMMER  VINNIE SPERRAZZA

Artistic Director
MARK MORRIS

Executive Director
NANCY UMANOFF

The performance runs approximately 1 hour without an intermission.

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**PEPPERLAND**

**Music:** Original songs by The Beatles, arr. by Ethan Iverson*
Original compositions by Ethan Iverson†

**Choreography:** Mark Morris
**Set Design:** Johan Henckens
**Costume Design:** Elizabeth Kurtzman
**Lighting Design:** Nick Kolin
**Assistant to Mark Morris:** Aaron Loux

Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band*
Magna Carta†
With a Little Help from My Friends*
Adagio†
When I’m Sixty-Four*
Allegro†
Within You Without You*
Scherzo†
Wilbur Scoville†
Penny Lane*
A Day in the Life*

Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band*

Clinton Curtis, vocals; Sam Newsome, *soprano saxophone*; Jacob Garchik, *trombone*; Rob Schwimmer, *theremin*; Ethan Iverson, *piano*; Colin Fowler, *keyboard*; Vinnie Sperrazza, *percussion*

Mica Bernas, Brandon Cournay, Domingo Estrada, Jr., Lesley Garrison, Lauren Grant, Sarah Haarmann, Aaron Loux, Laurel Lynch, Dallas McMurray, Brandon Randolph, Nicole Sabella, Christina Sahaida, Billy Smith, Noah Vinson, Jammie Walker

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ABOUT THE COMPANY

Formed in 1980, Mark Morris’ internationally-renowned **MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP** (MMDG) has received “highest praise for their technical aplomb, their musicality, and their sheer human authenticity” (Bloomberg News). Live music and community engagement are vital components of the Dance Group. It has toured with its own musicians, the MMDG Music Ensemble, since 1996, and regularly collaborates with orchestras and opera companies around the world. MMDG’s film and television projects include *Dido and Aeneas*, *The Hard Nut*, *Falling Down Stairs*, the U.K.’s *South Bank Show*, and *Live from Lincoln Center*. In 2015, Morris’ signature work *L’Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato* premiered on PBS’ *Great Performances*. The Mark Morris Dance Center was opened in 2001 to provide a home for the Dance Group, subsidized rental space for local artists, programs for local children and seniors, and dance classes for students of all ages and abilities.

The **MMDG MUSIC ENSEMBLE**, formed in 1996, is integral to the Dance Group. “With the dancers come the musicians…and what a difference it makes” (Classical Voice of North Carolina). The Ensemble’s repertory ranges from 17th and 18th century works by John Wilson and Henry Purcell to more recent scores by Ethan Iverson, Lou Harrison, and Henry Cowell. The musicians also participate in the Dance Group’s educational and community programming at home and on tour. The Music Ensemble is led by Colin Fowler, who began to collaborate with MMDG in 2005 during the creation of *Mozart Dances*.
THE PROGRAM

NOTES ON THE SCORE BY ETHAN IVERSON
IT WAS FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band. The original album ended with an unprecedented effect, a very long chord. Fifty years later, perhaps a similar chord is a good place to begin…

Magna Carta. A formal invocation of personalities from the LP cover.

With A Little Help From My Friends. When Ringo sang it, he was on top of the world. Our version is more vulnerable.

Adagio. In the age of Tinder, a Lonely Heart advertisement might seem hopelessly quaint. But everyone has always needed to find a match.

When I’m Sixty-Four. In between 6 and 4 is 5. All three (counts to the bar) are heard beneath the music-hall scuffle.

Allegro. A single offhand line of trombone from Sgt. Pepper germinates into a full-fledged sonata form.

Within You Without You. George Harrison’s sincere study of Indian music aligns easily with another Harrison interested in bringing the East to the West: the great composer Lou Harrison, one of Mark Morris’s most significant collaborators. The hippie-era sentiment of the lyric remains startlingly fresh and relevant today.

Scherzo. Glenn Gould said he preferred Petula Clark to the Beatles. Apparently Gould, Clark, and a chord progression from Sgt. Pepper all seem to have inspired this mod number.

Wilbur Scoville. The first thing we hear on the LP is a guitar blues lick, here transformed into a real blues for the horns to blow on. Wilbur Scoville invented the scale to measure heat in hot sauce: The original Sergeant Pepper?

Cadenza. After seeing Bach’s Brandenburg 2 on the telly, Paul McCartney came into the studio and told George Martin to add piccolo trumpet to “Penny Lane.” Indeed, detailed references to European classical music are one reason so many Beatles songs still stump the average cover band.

Penny Lane. Not on Sgt. Pepper, but nonetheless originally planned to be, and of course especially relevant to the city of Liverpool.

A Day In The Life. Theremin nocturne, vocal descant, apotheosis.

Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band. Another unprecedented effect on the original LP was a reprise of the first theme, which is part of why it is called the first “concept album.” Our later vantage point enables us to project into the next decade, the 70s, and conjure a disco ball. Thank you, Beatles! Thank you, Sgt. Pepper!
INVESTING IN DANCE: THE SUPPORT THAT MAKES PEPPERLAND POSSIBLE
BY RYAN WENZEL

It takes a long time to bring a work like Mark Morris’ Pepperland to the stage. The steps are many: composing and arranging the music, choreographing the movement, rehearsing the dancers and musicians, designing the decor, lighting, and sound. Seldom mentioned is the funding required to set it all in motion.

Dance companies often rely on support from foundations and individual donors to fund new works, and only after the premiere convince presenters to schedule performances. Mark Morris Dance Group, however, has developed a model that is unusual in the dance world, whereby multiple arts institutions join together to commission a piece—often years before it will reach their stages.

This approach began with Mozart Dances (2006), a three-way commission, and grew over time with Romeo and Juliet (2008), Acis and Galatea (2014), and Layla and Majnun (2016). It reaches unprecedented scale with Pepperland, which received advance funding from no fewer than seventeen institutions. They span the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom; are based in towns, cities, and on university campuses; and include both non-profit and for-profit entities.

“The support provided by these institutions sustains us, and shows their unique understanding of the hidden costs involved with creating dance works of this size,” says Nancy Umanoff, executive director of Mark Morris Dance Group.

This funding model serves the commissioning partners well, too, and is based largely on Morris’s importance and the trust they have in his work. “Like all arts organizations, we need to be careful about how we marshal our resources. But the excellence that Mark represents is at the heart of what we do, so we support it wholeheartedly,” says Matías Tarnopolsky, former executive and artistic director of Cal Performances at the University of California, Berkeley, which has worked with Morris and his dancers for three decades.

Mike Ross, director of the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, echoes Tarnopolsky and adds that the Dance Group’s offstage outreach has also been crucial in furthering their close-knit relationship. “In addition to annual performances, they have brought workshops and other activities to our campus, and to the local population at large,” says Ross. “Because they have become part of our community, it is easy for us to support them and their work on this level.”

A separate community—one with a reputation for supporting superior new work—has coalesced around the commissioning organizations themselves, enticing others to join. Pepperland marks the Banff Centre’s first commission of a Morris work, yet there are no plans for the piece to be performed on its stages in Alberta, Canada; it will instead, by arrangement with the Banff Centre, play at the Sony Centre in Toronto, more than 2,000 miles away.
“We wanted to support Mark and his company, of course, but also for audiences to know that we support work of this caliber alongside other great organizations,” says Janice Price, the Banff Centre’s president. “It is incredibly rewarding to be seen as part of the ecosystem that makes this happen.”

And if history is any indication, that ecosystem will only continue to strengthen and grow.

—Ryan Wenzel is a New York-based writer and editor.
ARTISTIC LEADERSHIP

Mark Morris (Artistic Director/Choreographer) has been hailed as “the most successful and influential choreographer alive, and indisputably the most musical” (New York Times). In addition to creating over 150 works for the Mark Morris Dance Group, he conducts orchestras, directs opera, and choreographs for ballet companies worldwide. Morris’ work is acclaimed for its ingenuity, musicality, wit, and humanity. Named a Fellow of the MacArthur Foundation in 1991, he has received eleven honorary doctorates to date, and a multitude of awards, including the Samuel H. Scripps/American Dance Festival Award for Lifetime Achievement, the Leonard Bernstein Lifetime Achievement Award for the Elevation of Music in Society, the Benjamin Franklin Laureate Prize for Creativity, the Cal Performances Award of Distinction in the Performing Arts, the Orchestra of St. Luke’s Gift of Music Award, and the 2016 Doris Duke Artist Award. In 2015, Morris was inducted into the National Museum of Dance in Saratoga Springs, New York. Morris’ memoir, Out Loud, co-written with Wesley Stace, was published by Penguin Press in October 2019.

Ethan Iverson (composer, arranger, piano) was a founding member of The Bad Plus, a game-changing collective with Reid Anderson and David King. The New York Times called TBP “…Better than anyone at melding the sensibilities of post-60’s jazz and indie rock.” During his 17-year tenure, TBP performed in venues as diverse as the Village Vanguard, Carnegie Hall, and Bonnaroo; collaborated with Joshua Redman, Bill Frisell, and the Mark Morris Dance Group; and created a faithful arrangement of Stravinsky’s The Rite of Spring and a radical reinvention of Ornette Coleman’s Science Fiction. Iverson also has been in the critically-acclaimed Billy Hart Quartet for well over a decade and occasionally performs with an elder statesman like Albert “Tootie” Heath or Ron Carter. In 2017 Iverson co-curated a major centennial celebration of Thelonious Monk at Duke University, and in 2018 premiered an original piano concerto with the American Composers Orchestra and released a duo album with Mark Turner on ECM.

Colin Fowler (Music Director/Keyboard) began his musical training at the age of five and went on to study at Interlochen Arts Academy. He attended The Juilliard School, receiving his B.M. in 2003 and his M.M. in 2005. Fowler is a Broadway veteran and has performed with numerous world-renowned musicians and ensembles, including Deborah Voigt and the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Hailed by the New York Times as “invaluable” and “central to Morris’ music,” he first collaborated with MMDG in 2005 and was appointed Music Director in 2013.
THE PERFORMERS

**Mica Bernas**, originally from Manila, Philippines, received her training at the Cultural Center of the Philippines Dance School. She later joined Ballet Philippines as a member of the corps de ballet, performing as a soloist from 2001-2006. Since moving to New York in 2006, Bernas has worked with Marta Renzi Dance, Armitage Gone Dance, Gallim Dance, Barkin/Selissen Project, and Carolyn Dorfman Dance (2007-2013). She was a guest artist with the Limón Dance Company, performing at the 2013 Bienal Internacional de Danza de Cali in Bogotá, Colombia; Lincoln Center’s David H. Koch Theater; and at The Joyce Theater for the company’s 70th anniversary in 2015. Bernas also teaches at the Limón Institute and has been on the faculty for BIMA at Brandeis University since 2011. She joined MMDG as a company member in 2017.

**Karlie Budge** grew up in Knoxville, TN, training and performing with the Tennessee Children’s Dance Ensemble. She attended Case Western Reserve University on a full scholarship from the department of dance, graduating magna cum laude with a B.A. in dance and a B.S. in statistics in 2016. Budge has performed with Graham 2, Merce Cunningham Trust, and in her own solo and duet choreography. Budge joined MMDG as an apprentice in September 2018 and became a company member in November 2019.

**Brandon Cournay** is originally from Walled Lake, MI, and received his B.F.A. from The Juilliard School. As a freelance artist, he has performed with the Radio City Christmas Spectacular, the Mark Morris Dance Group, Morphoses, The Metropolitan Opera, New York Theatre Ballet, The Chase Brock Experience, Schoen Movement Company, Dance Heginbotham, and KEIGWIN + COMPANY. TV/film/industrial credits include PBS’ *Great Performances, Musical Chairs* (HBO), Puma, *Sesame Street*, and Target. As an educator and répétiteur, he has worked with The Pennsylvania Ballet, Whim W’Him, The Juilliard School/Nord Anglia Education, and universities nationwide. Offstage, he has worked with companies in multiple capacities from artistic direction to administrative management. For many years, he was the Rehearsal Director and Associate Artistic Director of KEIGWIN + COMPANY. In addition, he has assisted numerous choreographers on creative projects in theatre, film, and dance. He joined MMDG as a company member in 2018.
THE PERFORMERS

Domingo Estrada, Jr., a native of Victoria, TX, studied martial arts and earned his black belt in 1994. He danced ballet folklorico through his church for 11 years. Estrada earned his B.F.A. in ballet and modern dance from Texas Christian University and had the honor of working with the late Fernando Bujones. During his undergraduate studies, he attended the American Dance Festival where he had the privilege of performing Skylight, a classic work by choreographer Laura Dean. He debuted with MMDG in 2007 and became a company member in 2009. Estrada would like to thank God, his family, and all who support his passion.

Lesley Garrison grew up in Swansea, IL, and received her early dance training at the Center of Creative Arts in St. Louis, MO, and Interlochen Arts Academy in Interlochen, MI. She studied at the Rotterdamse Dansacademie in The Netherlands and holds a B.F.A. from Purchase College. She first performed with MMDG in 2007 and became a company member in 2011. Garrison teaches at The School at the Mark Morris Dance Center and for MMDG’s Dance for PD® program.

Lauren Grant, honored with a New York Dance and Performance Bessie award for her career with the Mark Morris Dance Group, has danced with MMDG since 1996, appearing in nearly 70 of Morris’ works. Grant stages Morris’ repertory and teaches ballet and modern technique across the globe. As a faculty member at Montclair State University and Marymount Manhattan College, she teaches technique and general education courses, choreographs, serves on M.F.A. thesis committees, and acts as Dance Appreciation course coordinator. Her writing has been published in Dance Education in Practice, Ballet Review, Dance Enthusiast, Dance Magazine, and InfiniteBody. Since 2017, she has served on panels for the New York State Council on the Arts. Grant earned her M.F.A. in Dance from Montclair State University (where she was a member of the Alpha Epsilon Lambda Honor Society) and her B.F.A. in Dance from New York University’s Tisch School of the Arts. She is a recipient of the prestigious American Association of University Women Career Development Grant, the Sono Osato Scholarship for Graduate Studies, and the Caroline Newhouse Grant—all in support of her scholarly pursuits. Originally from Highland Park, IL, she lives in Brooklyn, NY with her husband David Leventhal (former MMDG dancer and current Dance for PD® Program Director) and their son, born in 2012.
Sarah Haarmann grew up in Macungie, PA, and received training at the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts under the direction of Kimberly Maniscalco. She graduated magna cum laude with a B.F.A. in dance from Marymount Manhattan College in 2012. Haarmann has had the pleasure of performing with Pam Tanowitz Dance, Jessica Lang Dance, Dylan Crossman Dans(ce), Pat Catterson, Denisa Musilova, and Bill Young. She joined MMDG as a company member in 2017.

Deepa Liegel grew up dancing with Cornish Preparatory Dance, Leela Kathak Dance, and Seattle Theater Group in Seattle, WA. She received her B.F.A. in dance performance with honors and a minor in arts management from Southern Methodist University in 2017. Since moving to New York, she has performed with Barkha Dance Company, Broadway Bares, and Monica Kapoor, and apprenticed with the Limón Dance Company. She joined MMDG as an apprentice in September 2018.

Aaron Loux grew up in Seattle, WA, and began dancing at the Creative Dance Center as a member of Kaleidoscope, a youth modern dance company. He began his classical training at the Cornish College Preparatory Dance Program and received his B.F.A. from The Juilliard School in 2009. He danced at The Metropolitan Opera and with Arc Dance Company before joining MMDG in 2010.

Laurel Lynch began her dance training at Petaluma School of Ballet in California. She moved to New York to attend The Juilliard School where she performed works by Robert Battle, Margie Gillis, José Limón, and Ohad Naharin. After graduation Lynch danced for Dušan Týnek Dance Theatre, Sue Bernhard Danceworks, and Pat Catterson. Lynch joined MMDG as an apprentice in 2006 and became a company member in 2007. Many thanks to Gene and Becky.
THE PERFORMERS

Matthew McLaughlin discovered movement at age one and danced hula in Hawaii until age four. As a child with parents in the military, he moved and traveled frequently and explored many different sports and art forms. He graduated from SUNY Purchase with a B.F.A. in dance. During this time, he performed works by Aszure Barton, Kevin Wynn, Kyle Abraham, George Balanchine, and Doug Varone. In 2018, he had the opportunity to perform in the Lar Lubovitch Dance Company’s 50th anniversary celebration. McLaughlin would like to thank his family for their love and inspiration. He joined MMDG as an apprentice in September 2019.

Dallas McMurray, from El Cerrito, CA, began dancing at age four, studying jazz, tap, and acrobatics with Katie Maltsberger and ballet with Yukiko Sakakura. He received a B.F.A. in dance from the California Institute of the Arts. McMurray performed with the Limón Dance Company in addition to works by Jíří Kylián, Alonzo King, Robert Moses, and Colin Connor. McMurray performed with MMDG as an apprentice in 2006 and became a company member in 2007.

Mingga Prather, a Dallas, TX native, received her training from Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, and later graduated with honors in dance from the Ailey/Fordham B.F.A. program. Prather has had the pleasure of performing with Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, and Nimbus Dance Works performing works by Alvin Ailey, Alejandro Cerrudo, William Forsythe, Ohad Naharin, Crystal Pite, and Twyla Tharp. She received an award from the National Young Arts Foundation for Modern Dance in 2014. Prather joined MMDG as an apprentice September 2018.

Brandon Randolph began his training with the School of Carolina Ballet Theater in Greenville, SC, under the direction of Hernan Justo. At age 14, he was accepted into the South Carolina Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities, where he studied with Stanislav Issaev and Bobby Barnett. Randolph received his B.F.A. in dance from Purchase College in 2012. There he had the opportunity to perform with Dance Heginbotham as well as repertory by Stephen Petronio, Lar Lubovitch, Paul Taylor, and George Balanchine. Randolph began working with MMDG in 2013 and became a company member in 2014.
Nicole Sabella is originally from Clearwater, FL, where she studied at the Academy of Ballet Arts and the Pinellas County Center for the Arts at Gibbs High School under Suzanne B. Pomeranzeff. In 2009, she graduated from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, PA, earning her B.F.A. in modern dance performance and the “Outstanding Performance in Modern Dance” Award. She was a performer with Zane Booker’s Smoke, Lilies, and Jade Arts Initiative. Sabella first performed with MMDG in 2013 and became a company member in 2015.

Christina Sahaida grew up in Pittsburgh, PA, and began her early dance training at the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre School. In 2012, she graduated with honors from Butler University, receiving a B.F.A. in dance performance. She has worked with Ballet Quad Cities, Texture Contemporary Ballet, and most recently the Big Muddy Dance Company in St. Louis, MO. Sahaida joined the Mark Morris Dance Group as an apprentice in July 2017 and became a company member in February 2019.

Billy Smith grew up in Fredericksburg, VA, and attended George Mason University under a full academic and dance talent scholarship. He graduated magna cum laude in 2007 and received achievement awards in performance, choreography, and academic endeavors. While at George Mason he performed the works of Mark Morris, Paul Taylor, Lar Lubovitch, Doug Varone, Daniel Ezralow, Larry Keigwin, Susan Marshall, and Susan Shields. Smith’s own piece, 3-Way Stop, was selected to open the 2006 American College Dance Festival Gala at Ohio State University and his original choreography for a production of Bye Bye Birdie garnered much critical praise. An actor as well, Smith’s regional theater credits include Tulsa in Gypsy, Mistoffelees in CATS, and Dream Curly in Oklahoma!. Smith danced with Parsons Dance from 2007-2010. He joined MMDG as a company member in 2010.
THE PERFORMERS

**Noah Vinson** is originally from Springfield, IL and received his B.A. in dance from Columbia College Chicago. He was named a *Dance Magazine* “Dancer on the Rise” in 2009 and assisted Mark Morris in the creation of *The Letter V* for Houston Ballet. He began dancing with MMDG in 2002 and became a company member in 2004.

**Jammie Walker** began his dance training at Western Arkansas Ballet under the direction of Melissa Schoenfeld. He earned his B.F.A. from the University of Oklahoma School of Dance under the direction of Mary Margaret Holt. He performed with the Dayton Ballet for three seasons and toured throughout the United States and internationally with Jessica Lang Dance for four seasons. He has appeared as a guest artist with Dance Grand Moultrie and Clawson Dances. He joined MMDG as an apprentice in September 2019.

**Malik Q. Williams** is a native of Pittsburgh, PA, and was awarded the Lynn Swann Scholarship to attend the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre during the 2006-2007 season. He graduated from the Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts in West Palm Beach, FL, as a dance major in 2013, where he worked with Troy Powell, Christopher L. Huggins, Billy Bell, and Margo Sappington. He then went on to The Juilliard School, where he graduated with a B.F.A. in 2017 under the direction of Lawrence Rhodes. At Juilliard, he worked with the choreographers Takehiro Ueyama, Loni Landon, Zvi Gotheiner, Matthew Neenan, and Gentian Doda. He has performed works by Martha Graham, Paul Taylor, and Nacho Duato. Since graduating, Williams has danced with the Limón Dance Company, National Dance Company of Wales, and Lydia Johnson Dance. During this time, he has performed works by José Limón, Caroline Finn, Yin Yue, Caitlin Javech, and Lydia Johnson, among many others. He joined MMDG as an apprentice in January 2020.
MUSICIANS

Clinton Curtis (Vocals) is a multi-genre singer, musician, and songwriter originally from Key West, FL. As a choral singer he has worked with many of the world’s luminary conductors and orchestras, most recently including engagements with the New York Philharmonic, Berlin Philharmonic, and San Francisco Symphony. March 2016 marked his operatic debut in Curlew River for the Mark Morris Dance Group. As a popular songwriter and frontman for The Clinton Curtis Band he has toured internationally as a cultural ambassador with the U.S. Department of State. He has released five original studio albums available at music.clintoncurtis.com.

Jacob Garchik (Trombone) is a multi-instrumentalist and composer. Since moving to New York in 1994, he has been a vital part of the Downtown and Brooklyn scene, playing trombone with the Lee Konitz Nonet, Ohad Talmor/Steve Swallow Sextet, Mary Halvorson Octet, and the John Hollenbeck Large Ensemble. He has released four albums as a leader, including The Heavens: The Atheist Gospel Trombone Album. He co-leads Brooklyn’s premiere Mexican brass band, Banda de los Muertos. Since 2006 Garchik has contributed dozens of arrangements and transcriptions for Kronos Quartet of music from all over the world. His arrangements were featured on Floodplain, Rainbow, and A Thousand Thoughts. He composed the score for Kronos for the documentaries The Campaign and Green Fog directed by Guy Maddin. He has created arrangements for vocalists Anne Sofie von Otter, Angelique Kidjo, Laurie Anderson, Rhiannon Giddens, kd lang, Natalie Merchant, Tanya Tagaq, and Alim Qasimov. As a trombonist Garchik has worked with many luminaries of the avant-garde, including Henry Threadgill, Laurie Anderson, Anthony Braxton, Anthony Coleman, Joe Maneri, Frank London, James Tenney, Terry Reilly, and George Lewis. He has also played in ensembles led by emerging artists Mary Halvorson, Darcy James Argue, Dan Weiss, Miguel Zenon, and Steve Lehman, and has been named a “Rising Star” in the Downbeat Jazz Critics Poll.

Sam Newsome (Soprano Saxophone) works primarily in the medium of solo saxophone, an approach through which he gained world-wide critical acclaim with the release of his 2009 recording Blue Soliloquy: Solo Works for Soprano Saxophone, which received a five-star review in Downbeat magazine. Newsome sees himself more along the lines of a visual artist who paints with notes and sounds rather than shapes and colors. “My music,” says Newsome, “is a type of improvisatory art music in which jazz functions more as a resource than a musical genre to be interpreted with stylistic specificity.” Even though Newsome’s approach is unorthodox, it has proven to be very fruitful—musically and critically. Newsome’s creative efforts have earned him such recognition as receiving the 2016 NYFA Artist’s Fellowship for the Music/Sound category; being selected as a nominee for Soprano Saxophonist of the Year by the 2016 Jazz Journalist Association (JJA); and placing fourth in the Soprano Saxophone category in the 64th Annual Downbeat Jazz Critics Poll.
**MUSICIANS**

**Vinnie Sperrazza** *(Percussion)* is an active member of the Brooklyn jazz and creative music community. He leads several bands (including Apocryphal, Haunted, and Pilot House Overhead), writes music, and is a featured collaborator in a number of bands (including Landline, Hearing Things, and many others). In 2017, he released two widely-praised albums of his original compositions: *Juxtaposition* (Posi-Tone Records) and *Hide Ye Idols* (Loyal Label). In 2018, he toured the United States as a member of the MMDG Music Ensemble and did a brief tour of Spain with PLAY, featuring Jacob Sacks and bassist Masa Kamaguchi. In 2020, Sperrazza will tour extensively with *Pepperland* and release three collaborative albums with The Choir Invisible (with Charlotte Greve and Chris Tordini), Trio Trio (featuring Dave Scott and Rich Perry), and Caleb Curtis/Noah Garabedian/Vinnie Sperrazza.

**Rob Schwimmer** *(Theremin)* is a composer-pianist/keyboardist, thereminist, and Haken Continuumist. He has worked with Simon & Garfunkel, Wayne Shorter, Antônio Carlos Jobim, Bobby McFerrin, Willie Nelson, Paul Simon, Gotye, The Boston Pops, Chaka Khan, Laurie Anderson, Arif Mardin, Stevie Wonder, Adam Guettel, Paul Bley, T-Bone Walker, Sam Rivers, Christian Marclay, Matthew Barney, Ang Lee, Maria Schneider, The Klezmatics, Bernie Worrell, Annette Peacock, Gwyneth Paltrow, Mabou Mines, Geoffrey Holder, John Cale, Steve Buscemi, Iva Bittova, Theo Bleckmann, John Stubblefield, The Roches, Jack Quartet, Teo Macero, Hal Willner, Vernon Reid, The Everly Brothers, Kurt Vonnegut, Odetta, Joseph Jarman, Alwin Nikolai/Murray Louis Dance Company, Marc Ribot, Frank London and Sammy Davis Jr. As a world class thereminist, Schwimmer has been featured on CBS Sunday Morning, the *New York Times*, and the *Wall Street Journal*. A founding member and former co-director of the NY Theremin Society, his credits as theremin soloist include The Boston Pops, The Orchestra of St. Luke’s (which included his theremin arrangement of Bernard Herrmann’s “Scene d’Amour” from *Vertigo*), Bobby McFerrin at Carnegie Hall, Gotye’s Ondioline Orchestra, and Simon & Garfunkel’s world tours. In addition to his CD *Theremin Noir* (with Uri Caine and Mark Feldman), Rob played on Trey Anastasio’s CD *Traveler*, Matthew Barney’s epic movie *Cremaster 3*, and A&E’s *Breakfast with the Arts*. 
Johan Henckens (Set Design) became the Director of Technical Production of the Mark Morris Dance Group in 1989, during the company’s three-year residency at the Koninklijke Muntschouwburg in Brussels, Belgium.

Elizabeth Kurtzman (Costume Design) began her career in the fashion industry after attending the Parsons School of Design. She has designed textiles and accessories for numerous New York design houses. She has added costume design and book illustration to her list of vocations, designing numerous pieces for the Mark Morris Dance Group including Dancing Honeymoon, Sang-Froid, The Argument, Greek to Me, Four Saints in Three Acts, Empire Garden, Visitation, The Muir, Crosswalk, Petrichor, Pure Dance Items, and Sport. She also designed L’Isola Disabitata for the Gotham Opera Company, under Mark Morris’ direction. Kurtzman is currently active in providing art and music programs for children with autism in New York City, where she lives and works.

Nick Kolin (Lighting Design) has designed Whelm, Words, A Forest, Numerator, Pure Dance Items, Little Britten, The Trout, and Sport for the Mark Morris Dance Group and tours with the Dance Group as lighting supervisor. Recent dance projects include new works for Philadanco!, Art of Fugue with Syren Modern Dance, many collaborations with the Joffrey Ballet School, and lighting supervisor for Daniil Simkin’s Intensio, Wendy Whelan’s Restless Creature, the Apollo Theatre’s Get on the Good Foot, Dance Heginbotham, Lincoln Center Festival, and New York City Center’s Fall for Dance Festival. Other projects include productions with the Cincinnati Ballet, Gotham Chamber Opera, Asolo Repertory Theater, Castillo Theater, and Signature Theatre. Kolin is an adjunct faculty member at Hunter College, where he is the resident lighting designer for the M.F.A. playwriting program. He holds an M.F.A. from New York University’s Tisch School of the Arts.
**Mark Morris Credits**

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**Staff**

Artistic Director Mark Morris  
Executive Director Nancy Umanoff

**Production**

Director of Technical Production Johan Henckens  
Lighting Supervisor Nick Kolin  
Audio Supervisor Rory Murphy  
Costume Coordinator Stephanie Sleeper  
Wardrobe Supervisor Amy Page

**Company**

Company Manager Jen Rossi  
Assistant Company Manager Julia Weber  
Music Director Colin Fowler  
Rehearsal Director Sam Black

Thanks to Maxine Morris.

Sincerest thanks to all the dancers for their dedication, commitment, and incalculable contribution to the work.
MARK MORRIS CREDITS


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The Mark Morris Dance Group is a member of Dance/USA and the Downtown Brooklyn Arts Alliance.

Costumes built by Eric Winterling, Inc.

*A Day in the Life, Penny Lane, Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band, When I’m Sixty-Four, With a Little Help from My Friends* by John Lennon and Paul McCartney

*Within You Without You* by George Harrison

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BALLET WEST

Sat, Feb 22, 7:30 pm &
Sun, Feb 23, 2:00 pm

Jewels with live orchestra
Northrop Presents

BALLET WEST

Jewels with live orchestra

Choreographer: George Balanchine © The George Balanchine Trust
Costume Design: After Karinska
Lighting: Jim French
Chandelier Creation: Michael Andrew Currey
Music Director: Jared Oaks

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Sets and Costumes Courtesy of Cincinnati Ballet
Victoria Morgan, Artistic Director

Costumes Courtesy of Pacific Northwest Ballet
Peter Boal, Artistic Director

World Premiere: April 13, 1967, New York City Ballet, New York State Theatre
Ballet West Premiere: April 5, 2013, Capitol Theatre, Salt Lake City, UT

Program and artists subject to change.

The performance runs approximately 120 minutes with two intermissions.

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ABOUT THE COMPANY

From Balanchine to Bournonville, and Petipa to Tharp, Ballet West boasts a rich and varied repertoire, elegant and versatile artists, and an American style and legacy that is as dynamic, expansive, and unexpected as the Rocky Mountain region it represents. Ballet West has toured the world several times over, presenting the very best in American classical ballet.

Ballet West was established in Salt Lake City in 1963. William F. Christensen was the company’s first artistic director, co-founding the company together with Utah’s “First Lady of the Arts,” Glenn Walker Wallace. In 1951, Christensen had established the first ballet department in an American university at The University of Utah, and with the tireless assistance of Enid Cosgriff, this program grew into the Utah Civic Ballet, Ballet West’s first incarnation. But this was not the first ballet company Willam Christensen founded. Along with his brothers, Lew and Harold, Christensen made history by establishing the oldest ballet company in the western United States, the San Francisco Ballet. There, he went on to create the first full-length American productions of *Coppélia*, *Swan Lake*, and his evergreen production of *The Nutcracker*, which remains in Ballet West’s repertoire to this day.

With 38 company members, 16 second company members, and a thriving academy that trains dancers of all ages, many of whom have gone on to professional careers with Ballet West and companies around the world, Ballet West ranks among the top professional ballet companies in America. Since its inception, the Company has had five artistic directors—its founder Willam Christensen, Bruce Marks, John Hart, Jonas Kage, and currently Adam Sklute, each of whom has helped to build Ballet West’s unique and expansive profile.

For more than 50 years, Willam Christensen and Ballet West have developed and influenced innumerable great artists in the ballet world. Some notable figures include Bart Cook, Finis Jhung, Jay Jolley, Victoria Morgan, Tomm Ruud, Michael Smuin, Richard Tanner, and Kent Stowell.

With an eclectic and ever-expanding outlook, Ballet West is truly an American pioneer in the world of dance.
EMERALDS
Emeralds is the most quiet and subtle work of the Jewels trilogy. Balanchine considered it “an evocation of France – the France of elegance, comfort, dress, and perfume.” The ballet recalls the 18th century French courts – their romances, nuanced glances, and private intrigues. Gabriel Fauré’s music score is intricate and complex. The dancing nonetheless is fiendishly difficult. – Adam Sklute

Music: Gabriel Fauré, Pelleas et Mélisande, op. 80 and Shylock, op. 57
Staging: Sandra Jennings
Coaching: Mimi Paul

CAST (Feb 22, 7:30 PM):
Allison DeBona, Dominic Ballard
Emily Neale, Adrian Fry
Alexander MacFarlan, Chelsea Keefer, Katie Critchlow
Jazz Khai Bynum, Lillian Casscells, Brigitte Edwards, Nicole Fannéy, Olivia Gusti, Amber Miller, Kazlyn Nielsen, Grace Anne Pierce, Jordan Richardson, Victoria Vassos

CAST (Feb 23, 2:00 PM):
Allison DeBona, Dominic Ballard
Emily Neale, Adrian Fry
Jordan Veit, Lindsay Bond, Kazlyn Nielsen
Jazz Khai Bynum, Lillian Casscells, Jordan DePina, Brigitte Edwards, Nicole Fannéy, Olivia Gusti, Amber Miller, Grace Anne Pierce, Jordan Richardson, Victoria Vassos

Ballet West Premiere: April 13, 2012, Capitol Theatre, Salt Lake City, UT

–INTERMISSION–
20 minutes

RUBIES
Rubies attacks the senses and gets the blood pounding. With its daring and almost reckless sense of abandon, it brings us into a wild 1920’s-era America. Igor Stravinsky composed his three-movement Capriccio for Piano and Orchestra in 1928-29. The Capriccio is, in effect, his second piano concerto and it is filled with the jazz sounds of the time. Rubies is a breathless and exciting race to the finish line for the pianist, the orchestra, and the dancers. – Adam Sklute

Music: Igor Stravinsky, Capriccio for Piano and Orchestra*
Staging: Sandra Jennings
Solo Pianist: Vera Oussetskaia Watanabe

CAST (Feb 22, 7:30 PM):
Jenna Rae Herrera, Hadriel Diniz
Guest Principal Artist: Marge Hendrick appears courtesy of Scottish Ballet
Kyle Davis, David Haffmire, Joshua Shutkind, Joshua Whitehead
Lindsay Bond, Savannah Lyle, Kazlyn Nielsen, Grace Anne Pierce, Gabrielle Salvatto, Kristina Weimer, Claire Wilson, Severina Wong

CAST (Feb 23, 2:00 PM):
Jenna Rae Herrera, Hadriel Diniz
Katlyn Addison
Kyle Davis, David Huffmire, Joshua Shutkind, Joshua Whitehead
Jordan DePina, Chelsea Keefer, Savannah Lyle, Grace Anne Pierce,
Gabrielle Salvatto, Kristina Weimer, Claire Wilson, Severina Wong

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Ballet West Premiere: April 4, 2013, Capitol Theatre, Salt Lake City, UT

--INTERMISSION--
15 minutes

DIAMONDS
Balanchine choreographed Diamonds, the third section of his three-part masterpiece Jewels, to
Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky’s Symphony No. 3 in D major. Tchaikovsky composed this work in 1875,
just before starting to write Swan Lake. It is the only one of his six symphonies in a major key,
and its magnitude and scope exemplify the grandeur and soul of imperial Russia. From intimacy
to a stage so full it dazzles us and leaves us breathless, Diamonds is the perfect close to this
masterful evening of Jewels. – Adam Sklute

Music: Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, Symphony No. 3 in D major, Movements II-V
Staging: Sandra Jennings
Coaching: Mimi Paul

CAST (Feb 22, 7:30 PM):
Beckanne Sisk, Chase O’Connell
Gabrielle Salvatto, Trevor Naumann
Katie Critchlow, Alexander MacFarlan
Chelsea Keefer, Jordan Veit
Amber Miller, Lucas Horns
Lindsay Bond, Lillian Casscells, Nicole Fannéy, Olivia Gusti, Savannah Lyle,
Kazlyn Nielsen, Grace Anne Pierce, Jordan Richardson, Victoria Vassos,
Kristina Weimer, Claire Wilson, Severina Wong
Alladson Barreto, Beau Chesivoir, Kyle Davis, Robert Fowler, Connor Hammond,
David Huffmire, Noel Jensen, Vinicius Lima, Joseph Lynch, Jake Preece, Joshua Shutkind,
Joshua Whitehead

CAST (Feb 23, 2:00 PM):
Beckanne Sisk, Chase O’Connell
Gabrielle Salvatto, Dominic Ballard
Katie Critchlow, Alexander MacFarlan
Chelsea Keefer, Jordan Veit
Amber Miller, Lucas Horns
Lillian Casscells, Jordan DePina, Brigitte Edwards, Nicole Fannéy,
Olivia Gusti, Savannah Lyle, Grace Anne Pierce, Jordan Richardson,
Victoria Vassos, Kristina Weimer, Claire Wilson, Severina Wong
Alladson Barreto, Beau Chesivoir, Kyle Davis, Robert Fowler, Connor Hammond,
David Huffmire, Noel Jensen, Vinicius Lima, Joseph Lynch, Jake Preece, Joshua Shutkind,
Joshua Whitehead
Ballet West Premiere: April 4, 2013, Capitol Theatre, Salt Lake City, UT

Adam Sklute
Artistic Director
The Willam Christensen Artistic Director Chair
Sponsored by Peggy Bergmann

Michael Scolamiero
Executive Director
The Elizabeth Solomon Executive Director Chair

PRINCIPAL ARTISTS
Emily Adams – Adrian Fry – Katherine Lawrence – Chase O’Connell
Beckanne Sisk – Rex Tilton – Arolyn Williams

FIRST SOLOISTS
Katlyn Addison – Allison DeBona – Tyler Gum – Alexander MacFarlan
Sayaka Ohtaki – Beau Pearson – Christopher Sellars

SOLOISTS
Katie Critchlow – Hadriel Diniz – Jenna Rae Herrera
Chelsea Keefer – Jordan Veit

DEMI-SOLOISTS
Lindsay Bond – Trevor Naumann – Emily Neale
Gabrielle Salvatto – Joshua Whitehead

ARTISTS
Dominic Ballard – Lillian Casscells – Kyle Davis – Jordan DePina*
Olivia Gusti – Lucas Horns – David Huffmire – Joseph Lynch – Amber Miller
Kazlyn Nielsen – Grace Anne Pierce – Jake Preece – Jordan Richardson
Joshua Shutkind – Kristina Weimer

*Supplemental Dancer

BALLET WEST II
Alladson Barreto – Jazz Khai Bynum – Beau Chesivoir – Isabella Corridon – Brigitte Edwards
Nicole Fannéy – Robert Fowler – Connor Hammond – Noel Jensen – Ryan Lenkey
Vinicius Lima – Savannah Lyle – Ginabel Peterson – Victoria Vassos – Claire Wilson – Severina Wong

ARTISTIC STAFF
Jared Oaks
Music Director
Sponsored by the Barbara Barrington Jones Family Foundation
and Kathie and Charles Horman

Pamela Robinson Harris
Adam Sklute (Artistic Director) has expanded Ballet West’s outlook, repertoire, and visibility since 2007 with exciting company and world premieres, increased touring, heightened public exposure, and greater focus on the Ballet West Academy. He began his career with The Joffrey Ballet, rising through the ranks from dancer to Associate Director. His stewardship of Ballet West has been marked by both financial growth and elevated artistry, and was the subject of The CW Network’s docu-drama, Breaking Pointe, which aired for two seasons. From September 2016 to October 2017, Sklute took on the dual position of CEO and Artistic Director overseeing both administrative and artistic operations of Ballet West. An internationally sought after teacher and adjudicator, Sklute has received numerous awards, including Utah’s Enlightened 50 (2014), The Bronze Minuteman Award for Outstanding Service to Utah and The Nation (2015), and most recently Utah Diversity Connection’s Business Award for outstanding commitment to diversity initiatives.
Michael Scolamiero (Executive Director) joined Ballet West in 2017 after an extensive international search led by Michael Kaiser, President Emeritus of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Scolamiero previously served as Executive Director of Miami City Ballet for three years, during which time the organization achieved a significant reduction in debt, as well as robust growth in ticket revenue, contributions, and touring income. Prior to Miami City Ballet, Scolamiero was Pennsylvania Ballet’s Executive Director for 17 years, the longest tenure in the Company’s history and among the longest of any leader of a major ballet company. During his tenure, Scolamiero led the organization’s first capital campaign that raised $11.9 million (against a $10 million goal) to build an endowment and fund repertoire expansion. At Ballet West, Scolamiero is set to implement a newly completed strategic plan and excited to guide a growing and robust Company.

George Balanchine (Choreographer) is regarded as one of the foremost contemporary choreographers in the world of ballet. He came to America in 1933 and established the School of American Ballet in 1934. In 1948, Balanchine established the New York City Ballet and presented its first program, which consisted of *Concerto Barocco, Orpheus, and Symphony in C*. Balanchine served as ballet master for the New York City Ballet from 1948 until his death in 1983, choreographing the majority of the productions the company has introduced since its inception. An authoritative catalogue lists 425 works created by Balanchine in his lifetime. Balanchine’s style has been described as neoclassical. A gifted musician himself, his response to Romantic Classicism was to deemphasize the plot in his ballets, preferring to let “dance and music be the star of the show.” Nevertheless, tantalizing hints of a story color his ballets such as *Apollo, Harlequinade, Liebeslieder Walzer*, and *La Sonnambula*. The New York City Ballet and School of American Ballet remain dedicated to the preservation of Balanchine’s ideals.

Dr. Vera Oussetskaia-Watanabe (Pianist) is the co-founder and chair of the piano department at the Gifted Music School in Salt Lake City. Currently serving over 500 students with 50 faculty members, the Gifted Music School is a leading pre-college music program in the country. A graduate of the Ural Mussorgsky Conservatory in Russia, her performance career has taken her through Russia and the United States. Dr. Watanabe’s students have received important awards at national competitions and been accepted to top conservatories and colleges in the United States including Juilliard, New England, Peabody, Cleveland, Stanford, and Rice.
THE PERFORMERS

Adrian Fry
Omaha, NE
Artist 2010, Soloist 2012, First Soloist 2014, Principal Artist 2017

Chase O’Connell
Fredericksburg, VA

Beckanne Sisk
Longview, TX
Ballet West II 2010, Artist 2011, Demi Soloist 2012, Soloist 2013, Principal Artist 2015

Katlyn Addison
Ontario, Canada
Artist 2011, Demi Soloist 2014, Soloist 2016, First Soloist 2018

Allison DeBona
Pittsburgh, PA

Alexander MacFarlan
Nashville, TN

Katie Critchlow
Cardiff, CA
Artist 2006, Demi Soloist 2012, Soloist 2016

Hadriel Diniz
Minas Gerais, Brazil
Artist 2015, Demi Soloist 2018, Soloist 2019
Jenna Rae Herrera  
Ontario, CA  

Chelsea Keefer  
Huntsville, UT  
Ballet West Academy/University of Utah Trainee 2010, Artist 2014, Demi Soloist 2017, Soloist 2018

Jordan Veit  
Seattle, WA  
Ballet West II 2012, Artist 2013, Demi Soloist 2016, Soloist 2018

Lindsay Bond  
Modesto, CA  

Trevor Naumann  
New York City, NY  

Emily Neale  
Acton, MA  
Ballet West Academy Trainee 2015, Ballet West II 2016, Artist 2016, Demi Soloist 2018

Gabrielle Salvatto  
Bronx, NY  
Artist 2014, Demi Soloist 2017

Joshua Whitehead  
Chesapeake, VA  
THE PERFORMERS

Dominic Ballard
Albury, NSW, Australia
Artist 2017

Lillian Casscells
Washington, D.C.
Artist 2017

Kyle Davis
Chicago, IL
Ballet West II 2015, Artist 2017

Jordan DePina
Seal Beach, CA
Ballet West Academy Trainee 2016, Ballet West II 2017, Supplemental Artist 2019

Olivia Gusti
Tampa, FL
Ballet West Academy Trainee 2014, Ballet West II 2015, Artist 2016

Lucas Horns
Salt Lake City, UT
Ballet West Academy Trainee 2012, Ballet West II 2013, Artist 2015

David Huffmire
Reno, NV
Ballet West Academy Trainee 2014, Ballet West II 2016, Artist 2018

Joseph Lynch
Cumberland, RI
Ballet West II 2017, Artist 2019
Amber Miller
Prosper, TX
Artist 2016

Kazlyn Nielsen
Spanish Fork, UT
Ballet West II 2012, Artist 2014

Grace Anne Pierce
New York City, NY
Artist 2019

Jake Preece
Vancouver, Canada
Ballet West II 2016, Artist 2019

Jordan Richardson
Boulder, CO
Artist 2011

Joshua Shutkind
New York City, NY
Ballet West II 2015, Artist 2016

Victoria Vassos
Arbedo, Switzerland
Ballet West Academy
Trainee 2016, Ballet West II 2017

Kristina Weimer
Princeton, NJ
Ballet West II 2015, Artist 2017
THE PERFORMERS

Alladson Barreto  
Natal, Brazil  
Ballet West II 2019

Jazz Khai Bynum  
Germantown, MD  
Ballet West  
Academy Trainee  
2018, Ballet  
West II 2019

Beau Chesivoir  
Washington, D.C.  
Ballet West II 2018

Brigitte Edwards  
San Diego, CA  
Ballet West  
Academy Trainee  
2016, Ballet  
West II 2018

Nicole Fannéy  
Cary, NC  
Ballet West  
Academy Trainee  
2016, Ballet  
West II 2018

Robert Fowler  
Kennewick, WA  
Ballet West II 2018

Connor Hammond  
Coos Bay, OR  
Ballet West II 2019

Noel Jensen  
Carlsbad, CA  
Ballet West  
Academy Trainee  
2016, Ballet West II 2017
Vinicius Lima
Vitoria, Brazil
Ballet West Academy
Trainee 2016, Ballet West II 2018

Savannah Lyle
Payson, UT
Ballet West Academy
Trainee 2016, Ballet West II 2018

Claire Wilson
Longview, TX
Ballet West Academy
Trainee 2017, Ballet West II 2019

Severina Wong
West Hills, CA
Ballet West II 2018

Marge Hendrick
Guest Principal Artist
Appears courtesy of Scottish Ballet
BALLET WEST ORCHESTRA PERSONNEL

Orchestra Prepared by Rebecca Arons/RDA Productions, LLC

FIRST VIOLIN
Stephanie Arado, concertmaster
Allison Ostrander
Julia Persitz
Natalia Moiseeva
Jill Olson Moser
Colin McGuire
Louisa Woodfill-Harris

SECOND VIOLIN
Laurie Petruconis, principal
Maisie Block
Heidi Amundson
Rebecca Greenstreet
Renata Steve
Ian Snyder

VIOLA
Alastair Brown, principal
Thomas Bandar
Jenny Nilsson
Laurel Browne
Justin Knoepfel

FLUTE
Barbara Leibundguth
Catherine Ramirez

FLUTE/PICCOLO
Susie Kuniyoshi

OBOE
Jeffrey Marshak
Christine Kim

ENGLISH HORN
Sarah Carmack

CLARINET
Karrin Meffert-Nelson
Jennifer Gerth

CLARINET/BASS CLARINET
Paul Schimming

BASSOON
Norbert Nielubowski
Matthew Bertrand

HORN
Michael Alexander
Charles Hodgson
Caroline Lemen
Patrick Pridemore

TRUMPET
Jonathan Brandt
Christopher Volpe

TROMBONE
Phillip Ostrander
Carson King-Fournier

BASS TROMBONE
John Tranter

TUBA
Paul Budde

TIMPANI/PERCUSSION
Kory Andry
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**A.I.M**

BY KYLE ABRAHAM

**Sat, Feb 29, 7:30 pm**

*state* by Andrea Miller

**INDY**

*Solo Olos* by Trisha Brown

*Meditation: A Silent Prayer*

*Drive*
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Artistic Director: Kyle Abraham
Executive Director: Sydnie Liggett
General Manager: Hillary Kooistra
Production Manager and Lighting Supervisor: Dan Stearns
Rehearsal Director: Matthew Baker
Finance Manager: Lucy Mallett
Operations Associate: Rebecca Gual
Marketing and Education Associate: Catherine Kirk

Board of Directors: Stephen Simcock (chair), Kyle Abraham (Artistic Director, ex-officio), Cheryl Bergenfeld, Chris Calkins, Adrienne Edwards, Glenn Ligon, Bebe Neuwirth, Carrie Schneider, Eric Shiner, Gilda Squire, Julia Strickland

*Princess Grace Award Recipient

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ABOUT THE COMPANY

The mission of A.I.M, under the artistic direction of Kyle Abraham, is to create an evocative interdisciplinary body of work. Born into hip-hop culture in the late 1970s and grounded in Abraham’s artistic upbringing in classical cello, piano, and the visual arts, the goal of the movement is to delve into identity in relation to a personal history. The work entwines a sensual and provocative vocabulary with a strong emphasis on sound, human behavior and all things visual in an effort to create an avenue for personal investigation and exposing that on stage. A.I.M is a representation of dancers from various disciplines and diverse personal backgrounds. Combined together, these individualities create movement that is manipulated and molded into something fresh and unique.

For more information, to get involved, or purchase your A.I.M merchandise, please visit abrahaminmotion.org. Follow A.I.M on Instagram @abraham.in.motion.
THE PROGRAM

state (2018)
Choreography: Andrea Miller in collaboration with the dancers of A.I.M
Music Composition: Reggie Wilkins
Lighting Design: Nicole Pearce
Costume Design: Jose Solis
Rehearsal Directors: Tamisha Guy & Allysen Hooks
Dancers: Keerati Jinakunwiphat, Catherine Ellis Kirk, Marcella Lewis

—PAUSE—

INDY (2018)
Choreography and Performance: Kyle Abraham
Music Composition: Jerome Begin
Lighting Design: Nicole Pearce
Scenic Design: Abigail DeVille
Costume Design: Karen Young
Choreographic Advisor: Margie Gills
Dramaturge: Charlotte Brathwaite
Assistant to the Choreographer: Matthew Baker

INDY was created with commissioning funds and a residency provided by The Joyce Theater Foundation with major support from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Additional funding for the creation of INDY provided by Steven and Michele Pesner.

—INTERMISSION—
20 minutes

SOLO OLOS (1976)
Choreography and Visual Design: Trisha Brown
Restaging of Solo Olos: Cecily Campbell and Stuart Shugg
Costumes: Joy Havens and Amy Page
Dancers: Keerati Jinakunwiphat, Claude “CJ” Johnson, Javon Jones, Catherine Ellis Kirk, Marcella Lewis

—PAUSE—

MEDITATION: A SILENT PRAYER (2018)
Choreography: Kyle Abraham in collaboration with A.I.M
Music: Craig Harris
Text and Voice Over: Carrie Mae Weems
Visual Art: Titus Kaphar
Lighting Design: Dan Scully
Costume Design: Karen Young
THE PROGRAM

Dancers: Tamisha Guy, Keerati Jinakunwiphat, Catherine Ellis Kirk, Marcella Lewis, Jae Neal, Jada Jenai Williams

*Meditation: A Silent Prayer* was developed, in part, through a residency at White Oak Conservation, made possible by the Howard Gilman Foundation. Generous funds for *Meditation: A Silent Prayer* provided by Rick Beyer and Rob Krulak.

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**DRIVE (2017)**

Choreography: Kyle Abraham in collaboration with A.I.M

Music: Theo Parrish and Mobb Deep, with additional sound editing by Sam Crawford

Lighting Design: Dan Scully

Costume Design: Karen Young

Dancers: Tamisha Guy, Keerati Jinakunwiphat, Claude “CJ” Johnson, Javon Jones, Catherine Ellis Kirk, Marcella Lewis, Jae Neal, Jada Jenai Williams

*Drive* was commissioned by New York City Center for the 2017 Fall for Dance Festival with generous support from the Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation. Special funding for *Drive* provided by Jay Franke and David Herro, and by Rick Beyer. *Drive* was developed, in part, through a residency at White Oak Conservation, made possible by the Howard Gilman Foundation.
Kyle Abraham was labeled “best and brightest creative talent to emerge in New York City in the age of Obama” in 2011 by OUT Magazine. Abraham is the proud recipient of a 2017-18 Joyce Creative Residency, 2016 Doris Duke Award, 2012 United States Fellowship, and several coveted Princess Grace awards including the 2018 Statue Award. In 2013 he was named MacArthur Fellow. Over the past several years, Abraham has created works for Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, Wendy Whelan’s Restless Creature and in addition to creating several works for Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, he premiered the Bessie-nominated The Runaway for New York City Ballet’s 2018 Fall Fashion Gala. In Fall 2019, he choreographed Ash, a solo work for American Ballet Theatre Principal Dancer Misty Copeland; Only The Lonely, a newly commissioned work for Paul Taylor American Modern Dance, and The Bystander, a new commission for Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, to rave reviews. Abraham is a visiting professor in residence at UCLA.

GUEST CHOREOGRAPHERS

Trisha Brown (Choreographer, Solo Olos) was born and raised in Aberdeen, WA, graduated from Mills College in Oakland, CA, and studied with Anna Halprin before moving to New York City in 1961. Brown, along with like-minded artists, pushed the limits of choreography and changed modern dance forever. In 1970, Brown formed her company and explored the terrain of her adoptive SoHo. She engaged collaborators who are themselves leaders in music, theater, and the visual arts, including visual artists Robert Rauschenberg, Donald Judd, and Elizabeth Murray, and musicians Laurie Anderson, John Cage, and Alvin Curran, to name a few. With these partners, Brown has created an exceptionally varied body of over 100 dance works. Brown is also an accomplished visual artist; her drawings have been seen in exhibitions, galleries and museums throughout the world, she is represented by Sikkema Jenkins & Co. in NYC. Brown is the first woman choreographer to receive the coveted MacArthur Foundation Fellowship “Genius Award.” She has been awarded many other honors including five fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, the NY Bessie Lifetime Achievement Award, the Dorothy and Lillian Gish Prize, and the Dance/USA Honors Award. She has been named a Veuve Clicquot Grande Dame, Commandeur dans l’Ordre des Arts et Lettres by the government of France.

Andrea Miller (Choreographer, State) is artistic director and choreographer of Brooklyn-based company GALLIM, and has established herself as a perpetually groundbreaking artist who brings unbridled empathy, intimacy, and sensitivity to her work. A sought-after creator and collaborator in dance, film, theater, tech, and fashion, Miller was named 2017–18 Artist in Residence at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, becoming the first choreographer to hold that distinction. Miller’s opening work created for the Met’s Temple of Dendur, Stone Skipping, was named Best Choreography by Wendy Perron/Dance Magazine. Miller’s final work for the museum opened at The Met Breuer in May 2018. Miller’s highly acclaimed works with GALLIM have been performed worldwide at venues including The Joyce Theater, Lincoln Center, BAM, Jacob’s Pillow, The Kennedy Center, Grec Festival de Barcelona, Theatre National de Chaillot, The Grand Theatre de la Ville de Luxembourg, Theaterhaus Stuttgart, Canal Madrid, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Commissions include Pennsylvania Ballet, Grace Farms, Bern Ballet, NDT2, Nord Nederlands Dans, Atlanta Ballet, Peak Performances, Lincoln Center, and...
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The Kimmel Center. Collaborations in fashion include Hermès, Lacoste, Calvin Klein, VOGUE, Lane Crawford, and Kswiss, Zach Gold. Miller’s recent film credit, The Death and Life of John F. Donovan, directed by Xavier Dolan, was released in 2018. Additional awards and honors include Guggenheim Fellow, Sadler’s Wells Jerwood Fellowships, Princess Grace Foundation Fellowship in Choreography, Special Projects Awards and Works in Progress Award, New York City Center Choreography Fellowship, Joyce Theater Artist in Residence, and more. Miller’s educational programming is run from GALLIM’s Brooklyn home studio and has been brought to Universities and educational centers across the U.S., recently at Harvard, Juilliard, Barnard, NYU, Marymount, Wesleyan, and UCSB, among others.

CREATIVE TEAM

Jerome Begin (Composer, INDY) Called a “fabulous composer-pianist” and an “unimpeachable” choice of collaborator by the New York Times, Begin’s works have been performed throughout the United States, Europe and Asia, including a nationally televised performance of his score for Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company for President Obama at the 2010 Kennedy Center Honors. Other dance commissions include works for Hubbard Street Dance, Chicago; The Juilliard School; Brian Brooks Moving Company; Keigwin + Company; Gallim Dance; Sean Curran Company; Sacramento Ballet; Richmond Ballet; Alabama Ballet; and many others. His music was featured in the PBS American Masters on Bill T. Jones’ work. Recent projects include Kwaidan, a large-scale multimedia opera installation based on traditional Japanese ghost stories; NEVEREND, an evening length dance work for JinJu Song-Begin/Da-On Dance; the score for documentary “Flex is Kings;” and recording an album with Chris Lancaster in their synth/cello duo band, Tranimal. Current projects include new works for Brian Brooks Moving Company and Loni Landon Dance Projects. Begin currently serves on the faculty of The Juilliard School.

Cecily Campbell (Restaging, Solo Olos) has been dancing with the Trisha Brown Dance Company since 2012 and with Shen Wei Dance Arts previously. She has known Kyle Abraham since their school days together at NYU and is thrilled to be a part of this collaboration between A.I.M and TBDC.

Abigail DeVille (Scenic Design, INDY) received her M.F.A. from Yale University 2011 and her B.F.A. from the Fashion Institute of Technology in 2007. DeVille has exhibited a constellation of site-specific installations in the United States and Europe. Recent exhibitions include Lift Every Voice & Sing, ICA Miami (2017); No Space Hidden (Shelter), ICA LA, Los Angeles, CA (2017); Magnetic Fields: Expanding American Abstraction, 1960s to Today, Kemper Museum, Kansas City, MO (2017); Harlem: Found Ways, Cooper Gallery at Hutchins Center, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (2017); Urban Planning: Contemporary Art and the City 1967-2017, Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis, MO (2017); LANDMARK, Socrates Sculpture Park, Queens, NY (2016); Only When Its Dark Enough Can You See The Stars, The Contemporary, Baltimore, MD (2016); Revolution in the Making, Hauser Wirth, Los Angeles, CA (2016); When You Cut Into the Present the Future Leaks Out at the Old Bronx Courthouse, Bronx, NY (2015); Puddle, Pothole, Portal, Sculpture Center, Queens, NY (2014); Playing with Fire: Political Interventions, Dissident Acts, and Mischievous Actions, El Museo del Barrio, New York, NY (2014); Material Histories at the Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY (2014); DeVille has designed sets for theatrical productions at venues such as the Stratford Festival (2014), directed by Peter Sellers, Harlem Stage (2016), La MaMa (2015), JACK (2014-16), and Joe’s Pub (2014) directed by Charlotte Brathwaite. She has received honors including the 2014-15 fellowship at The Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard, 2015 Creative Capital grantee, and 2015 OBIE Award for design. DeVille is the 2017-18 Chuck Close Henry W. and Marion T Mitchell Rome Prize fellow.
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**Titus Kaphar** *(Artwork, Meditation: A Silent Prayer)* was born in 1976 in Kalamazoo, MI and received an M.F.A. from the Yale School of Art. He currently lives and works in New Haven, CT. His artworks interact with the history of art by appropriating its styles and mediums. Kaphar has been awarded multiple prizes and grants including a 2014 Gwendolyn Knight and Jacob Lawrence Fellowship, a 2015 Creative Capital grant, a 2016 Robert R. Rauschenberg Artist as Activist grant and a 2019 Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation grant. His work has been included in solo and group exhibitions at Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA, the Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY, and the Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA. His work is included in the collections of the New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, CT, the Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA, the Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY, the Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY, and the Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY. Kaphar gave a TED talk at the annual conference in Vancouver in 2017. He completed his whitewash painting, *Shifting the Gaze*, onstage. Kaphar’s ambitious installation, *The Vesper Project*, completed its years-long exhibition tour at the Abroms Engel Institute for Visual Art, Birmingham, AL in Fall/Winter 2018. Past locations include the Lois and Richard Rosenthal Center for Contemporary Arts, Cincinnati, OH, the Katzen Arts Center at American University, Washington, D.C., New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, CT, and the Lowe Art Museum, Miami, FL.

**Nicole Pearce** *(Lighting Design, state, INDY)* was previously with Kyle Abraham in *Nonsequitor Paramor* (The Juilliard School) as well as with Andrea Miller for *WHALE, Bloom,* and *Unwrap These Flowers* (Gallim, Jacoby & Pronk, and The Juilliard School). Pearce’s selected dance credits include ten works with Mark Morris (Mark Morris Dance Group, Houston Ballet, and Boston Ballet); seven works with Azzure Barton (Azzure & Artists, Netherlands Dance Theater, Hubbard Street Dance Company and Malpaso); fifteen works with Jessica Lang (American Ballet Theatre, Jessica Lang Dance, National Ballet of Japan, Joffrey Ballet and Birmingham Royal Ballet); ten works with John Heginbotham (Atlanta Ballet and Dance Heginbotham); *No Longer Silent* by Robert Battle (Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater); *Terrain* with Brian Brooks (Hubbard Street); *Face the Torrent* with Sonya Tayeh (Malpaso of Cuba); and *Episode 31* with Alexander Ekman (New Zealand Royal Ballet). Pearce’s selected New York theater credits include work with directors Edward Albee, Jade King Carroll, Amir Nizar Zuabi, and Ed Sylvanus Iskandar along with companies including The Cherry Lane, The Play Company and The Playwrights Realm. Find more at nicolepearcedesign.com.

**Dan Scully** *(Lighting Design, Meditation: A Silent Prayer, Drive)* is a New York based lighting and projection designer, and has been designing for A.I.M for over ten years, including the full-length evening works *Pavement, Live!* *The Realest M.C.*, and the Bessie Award-winning *The Radio Show*. Recent work includes *Rocky* (Broadway), *Jedermann* (Salzburger Festspiele), *The Orchestra Rocks!* (Carnegie Hall), and *Another Night* (Alvin Ailey). His regional work includes Trinity Rep., GEVA, Asolo Rep., Cleveland Playhouse, Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival and Two River Theater Company, and MFA-NYU/Tisch.

**Stuart Shugg** *(Restaging, Solo Olos)* has danced for Linda Satradipradja, Russell Dumas, Jon Kinzel, Jodi Melnick, and the Trisha Brown Dance Company. Recently, he graduated as an M.F.A. in Dance Teaching Fellow from Bennington College and currently teaches dance technique at Sarah Lawrence College.
Jose Solis (Costume Designer, state) is a graduate of Parsons the New School for Design. He has created and worked for Emanuel Ungaro, Ralph Lauren, Oscar De La Renta, and Bill Blass New York. Solis also designed the costumes for GALLIM’s Blush (2009), Wonderland (2010), For Glenn Gould (2011) and Stone Skipping (2017).

Carrie Mae Weems (Text and voice over, Meditation: A Silent Prayer) has created a complex body of work through image and text, film and performance, and her many convenings with individuals across a multitude of disciplines, that centers on her overarching commitment to helping us better understand our present moment by examining our collective past. Weems has received a multitude of awards, grants, and fellowships including the MacArthur “Genius” grant; U.S. Department of State’s Medals of Art; Joseph H. Hazen Rome Prize Fellowship from the American Academy in Rome; the National Endowment of the Arts; and the Louis Comfort Tiffany Award, among many others. Major solo exhibitions of Weems’ work include Carrie Mae Weems: The Museum Series, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York (2014), and Carrie Mae Weems: Three Decades of Photography and Video, Frist Center for the Visual Arts, Nashville, and traveled to Portland Art Museum, OR; Cleveland Museum of Art, OH; Cantor Center for Visual Arts, Stanford University; Guggenheim Museum, NY, 2013-2014. She is represented in public and private collections around the world, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY; Tate Modern, London, England; the Museum of Modern Art, NY and Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles. Weems has been represented by Jack Shainman Gallery since 2008 and is currently the Artist in Residence at the Park Avenue Armory. She lives in Syracuse, NY, with her husband, Jeffrey Hoone, who is Executive Director of Light Work.

Reggie Wilkins (Composer, state) is a pianist, composer, and electronic music artist based in Pittsburgh, PA. After receiving his B.A. in Architecture from the University of Pittsburgh (2011), he decided to further explore his passion for form and space through sound. His work spans a full spectrum of genres through collaborations with various churches, productions, clubs, companies and artists. His most notable project, RIVKA, plays with texture and atmosphere in an effort to create a nostalgic environment for reflection, healing and relaxation. Follow his work at soundcloud.com/babyt33th.

Karen Young (Costume Design, INDY, Meditation: A Silent Prayer, Drive) creates costumes for dance, performance and contemporary art that have been seen in theaters and museums internationally. Recent projects include Wendy Whelan’s Restless Creature, Third Rail Projects highly acclaimed immersive show Then She Fell, and teaching at the Rhode Island School of Design. Design work for dance includes the Martha Graham Dance Company, Brian Brooks, Armitage Gone! Dance, American Ballet Theatre, Morphoses, Dusan Tynek, Pam Tanowitz, and Keigwin & Company, among many others. Design for video art includes David Michalek’s Slow Dancing, Matthew Barney’s Cremaster 5 and Cremaster 1, Toni Dove’s Lucid Possession, and Eve Sussman’s 89 Seconds at Alcazar. Find more at Karenyoungcostume.com.
THE PERFORMERS

Tamisha Guy (Dancer), a native of Trinidad and Tobago, began her formal dance training at Ballet Tech, under the direction of Eliot Feld. Later she attended Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School, and SUNY Purchase College as a double major in dance and arts management. She has completed summer programs with Complexions Contemporary Ballet and Springboard Danse Montreal, and has performed works by William Forsythe, Pam Tanowitz and Mark Morris. In 2013, Guy graduated with honors from SUNY Purchase College and joined the Martha Graham Dance Company shortly after. In 2016, Guy was selected as one of Dance Magazine’s Top 25 to Watch and she also received the 2016 Princess Grace Award. She joined A.I.M in 2014.

Keerati Jinakunwiphat (Dancer), originally from Chicago, IL, received her B.F.A. from the Conservatory of Dance at SUNY Purchase and was a recipient of the Adopt-A-Dancer Scholarship. She has additionally studied at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, San Francisco Conservatory of Dance, and Springboard Danse Montreal. She has worked with artists such as Nicole von Arx, Jasmine Ellis, Hannah Garner, Shannon Gillen, Kevin Wynn, and Doug Varone. As a freelance choreographer, she has presented her own works at the American Dance Guild Festival, Dance Gallery Festival, and Battery Dance Festival and has been commissioned to set work on the Evanston Dance Ensemble, SUNY Purchase College, and the Martha Graham School. She premiered Big Rings, an A.I.M commissioned group work, at The Joyce Theater in October 2019. She began working with A.I.M in 2016 as an associate artist and joined as a full-time member in 2018.

Javon Jones (Dancer) is a native of Detroit, MI. He is a senior at The Juilliard School. Since starting dance at the age of 12, Jones has gone on to perform works by choreographers including Crystal Pite, Alex Cerrudo, José Limón, and Paul Lightfoot. Jones has had the privilege of participating in various summer programs and professional workshops with companies including Nederlands Dans Theater, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, and Alonzo King LINES Ballet. He has been awarded by organizations such as YoungArts and the NAACP. He is the inaugural recipient of the MaxMara Young Visionary Award. He joined A.I.M in 2018.
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Claude “CJ” Johnson (Dancer) hails from Chicago IL, where he began his formal dance training at the Chicago Academy for the Arts under the direction of Randy Duncan. He continued his dance training at SUNY Purchase College, where he was awarded the Adopt-A-Dancer Scholarship. During his studies, he performed works by choreographers Johannes Weiland, Azzure Barton, Doug Varone, Kevin Wynn, Rosalind Newman, Alexandra Beller, and Stuart Loungway. He also attended summer intensives with Hubbard Street Dance Chicago; Doug Varone & Dancers; Movement Invention Project; and Springboard Dance Montreal under the direction of Alexandra Wells, where he performed work by Shannon Gillen and Elia Mrak. He joined A.I.M in 2017.

Catherine Ellis Kirk (Education & Marketing Associate, Dancer) studied dance at Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts in her hometown, Dallas, TX. In 2013, Kirk graduated with a B.F.A. from New York University and gained her yoga certification through The Perri Institute for Mind and Body. Kirk has completed programs with San Francisco Conservatory of Dance, Movement Invention Project, and Springboard Danse Montreal. She is grateful to have performed works by Fernando Melo, Ohad Naharin, Sharon Eyal, Andrea Miller, Bebe Miller, and Trisha Brown. Upon graduating, Kirk apprenticed for Sidra Bell Dance NY before collaborating and performing with Danaka Dance, UNA-Projects, Burr Johnson, Jasmine Hearn, and Helen Simoneau Danse. She is thrilled to be performing and working as the company’s Marketing and Education Associate. She joined A.I.M in 2013.

Marcella Lewis (Dancer) hails from Los Angeles, CA, where she began her dance training at the Lula Washington Dance Theatre at the age of three. She then continued her studies at the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts (LACHSA). She later received her B.F.A. from the Purchase Conservatory of Dance, where she was awarded the Adopt-A-Dancer Scholarship. While at Purchase, Lewis performed works by Doug Varone, Gregory Dolbashian, madboots, Kevin Wynn and Ori Flooman. She has completed summer programs at the San Francisco Conservatory of Dance, Hubbard Street Dance and Alonzo King LINES Ballet, where she was awarded the Homer Avila Scholarship. She is the recipient of a 2018 Princess Grace Award in Dance. She joined A.I.M in 2016.
Jae Neal (Dancer) was born and raised in Michigan and received their training from Western Michigan University. There, they performed in professional works such as Strict Love by Doug Varone, Temporal Trance by Frank Chavez and Harrison McEldowney’s Dance Sport. Since relocating to New York, Neal has had the privilege of working with SYREN Modern Dance, Christina Noel Reaves, Catapult Entertainment, Katherine Helen Fisher Dance, and Nathan Trice. They joined A.I.M in 2011.

Jada Jenai Williams (Associate Artist) was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. She is a graduate of Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School and SUNY Purchase Conservatory of Dance, with a B.F.A. in dance and minor in Arts Management. During her college career, she has had the opportunity to work with Jonathan Reidel, Kyle Abraham, Kevin Wynn, Jean Freebury’s restaging Merce Cunningham’s Change of Address, and Dylan Crossman. Williams has studied abroad in Perth, Australia at Western Australia Academy for Performing Arts, and has spent summers in Montreal attending Springboard Danse Montreal, where she worked with Jonathan Alsberry restaging work by Aszure Barton and Shamel Pitts restaging Three by Ohad Naharin. Since graduating, she has worked with Helen Simoneau and joined A.I.M in 2018.
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