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Northrop Presents Aszure Barton & Artists 2016//17 Northrop Season

The company makes their Northrop debut with a piece set to video projections and an original score.

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Minneapolis, MN (Oct 6, 2016) – Northrop at the University of Minnesota presents <u>Aszure Barton</u> <u>& Artists</u> on Sat, Nov 12 at 8:00 pm. The company led by Canadian Aszure Barton, who Mikhail Baryshnikov said is "one of the most innovative choreographers of this generation," will make its Twin Cities debut.

Northrop Presents

Aszure Barton & Artists Sat, Nov 12, 8:00 pm Carlson Family Stage

Awáa

As the founder of a company that seeks to "embrace risk and vulnerability to create work that is universal, intimate, and entertaining," it is no surprise that Aszure Barton is one of the most soughtafter choreographers today, having created works for not only the legendary Mikhail Baryshnikov, but renowned companies such as Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, American Ballet Theatre, and English National Ballet, just to name a few. Her works have toured to six continents, and this November <u>Aszure Barton & Artists</u> is making Northrop one of its stops. The show is set to not only be a beautiful dance performance, but a full-on production incorporating the humor, sensuality, athleticism, and quirkiness that have become Barton's trademarks.

The company will perform <u>Awáa</u> (meaning 'one who is a mother' in the language of Haida Gawaii), a piece complete with video projections inspired by an underwater dream, and an original score of soaring strings and soulful tribal drumming composed by Curtis Macdonald and Lev Zhurbin. The Washington Post says the piece is "an extraordinary work, full of fantasy and surprises." This mesmerizing production, so shockingly human, is grounded in familiar behaviors and interprets the ups and downs of life's creation in a hauntingly relatable way. Set under an overarching sense of beauty, the human frailty demonstrated throughout this piece will leave audiences awe-struck and wanting more.

A sneak peek video of the evening's program is available here and here.

TICKETS

Single tickets and series packages available. More information and ordering are available <u>here</u> or by calling 612-624-2345.

NEW \$30 Under 30 Tickets

Guests aged 18-30 can purchase up to two \$30 tickets to any 2016//17 Northrop Season performance 30 days prior to the show date. Each ticket comes with a drink ticket redeemable at Surdyk's Café or concessions for any beverage up to \$8 in value. Tickets can be purchased in person, by phone, or online, and can be picked up at Will Call the night of the show. Bring a guest of any age, but the person buying the tickets must be 30 or under.

Group sales: Groups of 10+ save 15 – 25% off original ticket prices. To purchase tickets as a group, email nropgrps@umn.edu or call Bridget Reddan at 612-625-1578.

Discounted Rush Tickets

\$10 for U of M Students \$20 U of M Faculty/Staff, students/educators from other schools

Rush tickets can be purchased online, over the phone, or in-person at the Northrop box offices beginning at 10:00 am the morning of the performance. Receive two discounted tickets per qualifying person with appropriate I.D. Rush tickets are based on availability.

Related Events:

Northrop Presents **Aszure Barton on Film: In Interview and Performance** Tue, Nov 1, 6:30pm <u>Best Buy Theater</u> Free and open to the public

Dig a litter deeper into the mind of Aszure Barton before seeing her work brought to life on the Carlson Family Stage. Explore her work through film and in rare interviews with Barton herself as well as her collaborators including Mikhail Baryshnikov and Jonathan Alsberry. Understand more of her creative process through her work with students at The Julliard School as well as with internationally renowned dance companies such as the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.

Northrop Presents **Aszure Barton & Artists Performance Preview** Sat, Nov 12, 6:45pm <u>Best Buy Theater</u> Free and open to the public

Gain insight into the performance at an in-depth conversation about the company and the evening's program.

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