

**MEM DANCE THEATRE PRESENTS :
SHARING THE ARTS TOGETHER**



**STRATOS G. DUKAKIS PERFORMING
ARTS CENTER, FITCHBURG MA**

MARCH 15TH @7PM & 16TH @2PM

FROM THE OWNERS

Welcome to the second annual presentation of our Sharing the Arts Together! We have been so excited to increase our commitment to community outreach and making dance and the theatre arts more visible and inclusive!

This weekend our annual performances of Sharing the Arts Together mark an important step forward in the artistic direction of our mission statement. We hope that our audiences will enjoy our presentations from both a student body perspective and a professional perspective!

In Act I we have curated a careful selection of works to be performed by many of our students including the MEM Dance Company; in concert with professional dancers and companies from the communities we serve. These additional works show the versatility, joy, and breadth of different styles and techniques of dance; each telling an individual story on its own. In Act II we showcase the final act of the historic and beloved ballet "Sleeping Beauty". We present the grand finale, where the story portrays a lavish wedding celebration. The act begins with the entrance of various fairytale characters and guests to the palace, including Puss-in-Boots and the White Cat, Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf, and the Blue Bird with Princess Florine. The highlight of this act is the grand pas de deux between Princess Aurora and Prince Desire. This scene showcases their love and joy as they unite in marriage and find true love with blessings from Aurora's father, the king. The act concludes in a joyous and triumphant finale.

Thank you to our amazing faculty and staff who are truly the best of the best in sharing the beauty and strength of the arts. A huge thank you to our families who continue to support us in every way throughout this journey.

Enjoy our celebration of Sharing the Arts Together and congratulations to all our performers. You are fantastic!

Love,
Mary Elizabeth & Matthew



ACT I

SELECTIVE WORKS

100 YEARS OF GERSHWIN -- Matthew Kooyomjian

MEM Dance Company

Zinayah Burney, Adeline Carlson, Rachel Ching, Mae Darrow, Sarah DeLuco, Alexandra Duplessis, Shealynn Ekelund, Maria Fiandaca, Timmy Fink, Kira Fuertes, Carney Giansanti, Kate Grutchfield, Fiona Hutchinson, Kylie Johnson, Lily Kifer, Mia Lellios, Anna Logiodice, Charlotte Long, Gabriella MacLeod, Kasey Manz, Charlotte Martin, Phoebe Martin, Adrianna Mihalek, Lyla Nartowitz, Bianca Parsons, Lillian Principe, Ariana Rafferty, Amelia Roth, Cecelia Rowan, Lea Shanley, Maribelle Tata, Kylie Trainque, Livia Trinque, Charlotte Vaillancourt, Ellie Walker

A CONVERSATION FOR TWO -- Kaylee Mahan & Tess Saiorse Liddy

Collective Moments Dance Company

Collective Moments Dance Company has been created to share Kaylee's passion for choreography, improvisation, and movement while also expressing the importance of honoring dancers as individual people. Collective Moments uses our platform to speak on the importance of mental health: by having conversations, advocating for it, and by making it an integral part of our work. Our works are structured on our interpretations of being human beings in today's world, both individually, and collectively. We achieve this through live performance, digital work, and film.

HUNGER OF THE PINES -- Sarah DeLuco

MEM Dance Company

Sarah is a senior dancer with MEM Dance Company. As a part of our student's journey we cultivate students interest in all aspects of the dance and theatre arts. This is Sarah's choreographic debut! This piece delves into the intricacies of human relationships, focusing on themes of loneliness and the profound emotional distress it can engender. The narrative explores the complexities of reaching out to others, only to experience the inevitable loss of that connection.

STARS -- Rae-Ann Thomas

MEM Dance Company

Sarah DeLuco, Maria Fiandaca, Mia Lellios, Gabriella MacLeod, Charlotte Martin, Phoebe Martin, Bianca Parsons, Amelia Roth

GROOVE IS IN THE HEART -- Ian Berg, Jackson Clayton, and Samantha Emmond

Subject:Matter

Subject:Matter is a tap dance company based in Boston, MA. Since its founding in 2015 the company has created and performed almost 20 different pieces in over 50 different venues across the East Coast, Midwest and Canada. The company has been featured at the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston, The Inside/Out Stage at Jacob's Pillow, Joe's Pub in New York City with Dance Now, House of Blues Boston, Musikfest in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, The Montreal Fringe Festival, Stage 773 in Chicago, Illinois and with a residency at MASS MoCA. Subject:Matter is a staple of Boston's tap dance community, holding jams and community events for all ages.

ACT I

SELECTIVE WORKS

LIVING IN NYC -- Kelly Cannone

MEM Dance Company

Alexandra Duplessis, Timmy Fink, Kylie Johnson, Lea Shanley, Maribelle Tata

SEGA -- Andy Pellick

MEM Dance Company

Rachel Ching, Sarah DeLuco, Shealynn Ekelund, Kira Fuertes, Carney Giansanti, Kate Grutchfield, Lily Kifer, Mia Lellios, Charlotte Long, Gabriella MacLeod, Bianca Parsons, Lillian Principe, Cecelia Rowan

MAKING IT THROUGH -- Mary Grace McNally

MGM + Artists

Mary Grace's choreographic credits include two evening-length shows, Not For Picking and When It Falls, which premiered in New York City and Los Angeles respectively. Mary Grace is the founder and creative director of MG + Artists, a project-based dance collective. Her work has been presented at The Joyce Theater, The Dance Gallery Festival, Dixon Place, Young Choreographer's Festival, Centre National de la Danse in France, and deSingel in Belgium. In 2018, Mary Grace was honored to be the winner of the Capezio A.C.E. Award.

INFINITE -- Matthew Kooyomjian

MEM Dance Company

Zinayah Burney, Mae Darrow, Fiona Hutchinson, Adrianna Mihalek, Maribelle Tata, Kylie Trainque, Charlotte Vaillancourt

MAN I FEEL LIKE A WOMAN -- Billy Griffin

MEM Dance Company

Rachel Ching, Sarah DeLuco, Shealynn Ekelund, Maria Fiandaca, Kira Fuertes, Carney Giansanti, Kate Grutchfield, Lily Kifer, Mia Lellios, Charlotte Long, Gabriella MacLeod, Charlotte Martin, Phoebe Martin, Bianca Parsons, Lillian Principe, Amelia Roth, Cecelia Rowan

ACT II

SLEEPING BEAUTY

THE INTRODUCTION OF PRINCESS AURORA

Princess Aurora - Maria Fiandaca

Prince Desiré - Mamuka Kikalishvili

THE GARLAND DANCE

Lead Garlands - Madison Sette, Lea Shanley

Garlands - Adeleine Carlson, Daisy Fowler, Lucia Fowler, Clara Hutchinson, Elizabeth Iannucci, Gianna Innamorati, Anna Logiodice, Isabella McKenna

THE BLUE BIRD & PRINCESS FLORINE

Princess Florine - Phoebe Martin

The Blue Bird - Andrew McKenzie

THE DANCE OF THE FAIRIES

Gold Fairy - Kira Fuertes

Silver Fairy - Charlotte Martin

Sapphire Fairy - Sarah DeLuco

Canary Fairy - Bianca Parsons

Diamond Fairy - Mia Lellios

Lilacs - Lilianna Bilotta, Kate Grutchfield, Charlotte Long

Lilac Fairy Attendants - Mae Darrow, Bella DeConinck, Shealynn Ekelund, Leona Murphy, Kylie Trainque, Charlotte Vaillancourt

Lilac Fairy - Lillian Principe

Fairy Attendants - Zinayah Burney, Anna Duffy, Alexandra Duplessis, Kylie Johnson, Ashley Mungovan, Maribelle Tata

ACT II

SLEEPING BEAUTY

THE WHITE CAT & PUSS-IN-BOOTS

The White Cat - Gabriella MacLeod

Puss-In-Boots - Andrew McKenzie

MOTHER GOOSE

Mother Goose - Cecelia Rowan

Little Bo Peep - Hannah Balducci

Goslings - Alvena Butler, Lillian Donahue, Lilah Duffy, Ayla Feller, Amber Heinrich, Massey Peters, Skylar Richard, Ava Rodriguez, Harper Scalise, Elliette Scesny, Laila Spear, Sabrina Stacey

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD & THE BIG BAD WOLF

Red Riding Hood - Lily Kifer

The Big Bad Wolf - Lillian Principe

PRINCE DESIRE & PRINCESS AURORA

Prince Desire - Mamuka Kikalishvili

Princes Aurora - Maria Finadaca

FINALE!

Ensemble

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