



Friday, July 20, 2018

ERYC TAYLOR DANCE RETURNS TO "DANCERS FOR GOOD"

Company: ERYC TAYLOR DANCE

Venue: Guild Hall

Location: East Hampton, NY

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East Hampton, NY - Performances on Friday, July 20 - Proceeds To Benefit The Many Services of The Actors Fund

Eryc Taylor Dance (ETD) will join Paul Taylor Dance and five other dance companies at "Dancers For Good" benefit evening at Guild Hall, 158 Main Street in East Hampton, New York on Friday, July 20 at 7:00pm. It is the second consecutive year Eryc Taylor Dance will participate this fundraising event.

A seven-minute excerpt of the company's 2017 work, "Cycles" (world premiere at José Peón Contreras in Mérida, Mexico, commissioned by Douglas Sills of The Sills Foundation) will be presented on invitation from Michael Apuzzo, co-founder of the Dancers for Good Foundation and current Paul Taylor Dance Company member. The evening will also include performances by Amy Marshall Dance Company, Carolyn Dorfman Dance, Martha Graham Dance Company, Pam Tanowitz Dance and Rock the Ballet.

The "Dancers For Good" benefit evening will honor Broadway great Chita Rivera with Lifetime Achievement in Dance, and actress, singer and dancer Bebe Neuwirth with a Dance Humanitarian Award.

Proceeds will benefit The Actors Fund and its vast array of services, including the Dancers' Resource/Career Transition for Dancers, a program of The Actors Fund, in addition to The Dancers' Resource Friedman Health Center for the Performing Arts, HIV/AIDS Initiative, Women's Health Initiative, Senior Services/The Actors Fund Home, Disaster Resources, Addiction and Recovery Services, and other vital programs.

This special event will also include a BROADWAY tribute performance to Chita Rivera and Bebe Neuwirth by Stephanie Pope (Chicago The Musical, Fosse, Pippin, Kiss of the Spider Woman, Sweet Charity).

TICKETS: \$150-\$500 http://dancersforgood.org/

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ABOUT ERYC TAYLOR DANCE:

Eryc Taylor Dance was established in NYC in 2006 with a mission to advance the appreciation of movement through creating and presenting original performances, conducting master classes and curating movement-based community outreach workshops. Eryc Taylor Dance has been home to over twenty New York City dancers since its founding. Each year ETD awards three New Choreographer Grants in the amount of \$1000 to emerging New York City-based choreographers for each to fund the creation of a new work. The ETD "New Choreographer 2018 Works in Progress" showcase will take place this year on Saturday, October 13 at The Martha Graham Studio Theater, 55 Bethune St in NYC.

The Eryc Taylor Dance "Community and International Outreach" program specifically uses dance as a tool to inspire, heal and build communities for populations who might not otherwise have access to movement programs. The ETD "mobile" program currently conducts twenty weekly workshops for the following organizations: PCMH, ACMH, Good Shepherd, Felix Organization, Fountain House, and Acacia Network. VIDEO. Read DANCE MAGAZINE May, 2017 profile Eryc Taylor Outreach Program: This Outreach Program Proves That Dance Is a Powerful Healing Tool

The Marta Heflin Foundation has awarded funds to Eryc Taylor Dance and ETD Outreach for the third consecutive year. The awarded funds have directly increased the reach and impact of each of ETD programs, from weekly movement workshops across NYC to original, self-produced works shown internationally.

Eryc Taylor Dance celebrated their 11th NYC season in October 2017 at Martha Graham Studio Theater.

ERYC TAYLOR DANCE ONLINE MEDIA KIT: http://etd.nyc/s/2018-ETD-EPK-1-bds5.pdf

Coming up:

October 13, 2018 – Eryc Taylor Dance emerging choreographer Works in Progress New Choreographer Grant program will present their yearly showcase performance on Saturday, October 13 at The Martha Graham Studio Theater, 55 Bethune St in NYC. Stay tuned!

Just completed:

June 22, 2018 - Eryc Taylor Dance kicked off the *Bryant Park Contemporary Dance* series with three popular repertory works. Outdoor dance performances are presented at Bryant Park on five back-to-back summer Fridays.

May 14, 2018 - Children from Mott Haven Academy Charter School (Bronx, NY) and Camp Felix presented dance choreographed by Eryc Taylor Dance Outreach at the <u>Dance This Way</u> fundraiser for children in foster care, via ETD's special collaboration with <u>The Felix Organization</u>.

"In the achingly beautiful movements of the dancers you'll feel weightless and powerless one moment and invincible and super-heroic the next... I felt like I was punched in the gut." - Chuck Gomez, Emmy Award winner for news and winner of the Edward R. Murrow Award for Excellence in Journalism

"Skill, sweat, and sex appeal make this a must-see" - Scott Stiffler, Chelsea Now

"Experimenting with and finding the right music for choreography has always been a major part of what Taylor calls his 'avant-garde style."—Dance Teacher Magazine

ETD Artistic Director Eryc Taylor holds a BFA in Dance from the University of the Arts, Philadelphia, Pa, and an MFA in Dance from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. Eryc Taylor has studied abroad at both the London Contemporary School of Dance and the Centre de Danse du Marais in Paris. Taylor has been awarded several major scholarships, including residency at Jacob's Pillow, and spent two years with Merce Cunningham's Junior Ensemble (RUG). He is currently on the University of the Arts Alumni Council. Read more...

ABOUT DANCERS FOR GOOD:

During the summer of 2015 dancer Michael Apuzzo of Paul Taylor Dance Company, and event planner/former Broadway performer Eric Gunhus came up with the idea to bring a new and fresh event to East Hampton: a dance festival of some the most prestigious dance companies and prominent dancers in the world, sharing their gifts to raise funds in support of the arts and the local community.

Michael & Eric decided to combine their efforts and the collaboration brought Dancers For Good to life with their acclaimed event in summer of 2016. Dancers For Good incorporated as their own 501(c)(3) non-profit in 2018.

The name Dancers For Good is two-fold in meaning: Dance is a discipline that stays with the dancer for life...for good. Additionally, this event brings together incredible dancers eager to give their time, talents and energy for charitable philanthropy...to do good. This celebration allows all of us an opportunity to experience Dancers For Good.

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