

March, 2-3, 2018

Inspiration

Company: Peggy Spina Tap Company
 Venue: Spina Loft
 Location: New York, NY

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Please join the Peggy Spina Tap Company and the Joel Forrester Quartet as they present their latest fancy footwork - with debut piece *Inspiration* - with jazz music in four performances that underscore their musical partnership of 38 years. The Spina Loft, in the heart of New York's historic SoHo, is warm and intimate, and this group of talented dancers and musicians provides an evening of rhythmic entertainment not to be missed.

The program also includes audience favorites and newer pieces, such as last year's debut, *Reflections*, set to Forrester's *Dark Blues*, a trio-ful charm that punctuates every note with bluesy banter, and *Pulse* from 2015 set to Forrester's *Brooklyn in the Fifties*, a jazzy fast-paced feast of urban fun. The traditional program finale, *Laura*, choreographed by Buster Brown, is annually performed as a loving devotion to the friendship and endearing legacy of one of tap's legends.

As founder and director, Ms. Spina has created over 100 dances for her company, making her one of the most prolific tap choreographers on the east coast. Her work has been honored, including a Flo-Bert Award in 2008 from the New York City Committee to Celebrate National Tap Dance Day for her lifelong achievements as a master tap dancer, choreographer, and producer. Ms. Spina "is a true tap artist, a living heir to such teachers of hers as Honi Coles, Chuck Green, and Buster Brown" (Brian Siebert, New York Times).

Mr. Forrester has been a world-renowned, and traveled, jazz musician and composer for over 40 years, and is still playing and composing in and around New York and internationally. Forrester and his ensembles - *The Joel Forrester Quartet*, *The Microscopic Septet* - are "wildly idiosyncratic, devastatingly accomplished" and have "built a small, devoted following and a big catalogue of brilliant original compositions." (Larry Blumenfeld, Wall Street Journal)

Dancers: Sarah Buscaino, Laura Coleman, Amber Indyk, Emily Sindoni, Peggy Spina, Hannah Steininger, Mary Kate Walsh
 Musicians: The Joel Forrester Quartet - Dave Hofstra (bass), Vito Dieterle (sax), Matt Garrity (drums), Joel Forrester (piano)

Choreography by Peggy Spina and Buster Brown

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Schedule
 March 2, 2018: 6:00pm, 8:30pm
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