

November, 11-12, 2023

Lydia Johnson Dance NYC 2023 Season

Company: Lydia Johnson Dance
Venue: Graham Studio Theater
Location: New York, NY

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Lydia Johnson Dance presents its 2023 New York Season at the Graham Studio Theater (Westbeth 55 Bethune St., 11th Floor, New York, NY 10014) on Saturday, November 11 at 7pm, and Sunday, November 12 at 3pm.

Featuring a premiere for 10 dancers, including Guest Artist MaliQ Williams, a former member of the Mark Morris Dance Group, the evening also brings back 2022's *For Eli*. Commissioned by Visual Artist Laura Levy as a memorial to her son Eli, the work is set to five Chopin pieces.

"*For Eli* is shattering, and one of the finest new dances I've seen since the pandemic ended." ~Jerry Hochman, Critical Dance

The season will also include 2013's *Night of the Flying Horses*, set to Osvaldo Golijov's piece of the same name. The work for eight dancers is anchored by a central pas de deux danced this season by MaliQ Williams and LJD Principal Laura Di Orio. Largely an abstract work, *Night of the Flying Horses*, like all of Ms. Johnson's works, resonates with a deep sense of the human struggle.

"*Night of the Flying Horses* is filled with sublime imagery, moments of the dance I can still see in my mind's eye. It's a beautiful and emotional work, a dance that stays with you long after you have seen it.... Ms. Johnson reached in and pulled *Night of the Flying Horses* from her heart." ~Darrell Wood, NYC Dance Stuff

"In *Night of the Flying Horses*, Lydia Johnson has taken the complexities of an unusual score – with its elements of folk-dance, tango, dreamy adagio, angelic voices and pulsating rhythms – and transformed it into a broad canvas of movement which entices the eye just as the music ravishes the ear." ~Philip Gardner, Oberon's Grove

Lydia Johnson Dance functions as a project-to-project company garnering thoughtful acclaim for Ms. Johnson's musicality and sense of humanity:

"Johnson is adept at capturing the beauty and pathos in music – her musical choices are well-considered, and it's clear that she really 'feels' the emotion contained in the notes. She translates harmony and texture into a narrative of human intimacy and empathy." ~Marina Harss, Dance Critic and Author

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55 Bethune St.
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