

October, 28-29, 2023

## SOMNOLE

Company: Boris Charmatz  
Venue: NYU Skirball  
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Dance Reflections by Van Cleef & Arpels Festival

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Dance Reflections by Van Cleef & Arpels and NYU Skirball present the North American premiere of SOMNOLE. In this rare solo performance by Boris Charmatz, the award-winning French dancer, choreographer, and Artistic Director of Tanztheater Wuppertal Pina Bausch, explores the idea of somnolence — the feeling of being on the brink of sleep.

Known for his large-scale, group performances, for this piece he distills his choreography into the minimalist form of a dance solo. In a score comprised only of whistling, melodies surface, blend, and break apart. The nature of the relationship between the sound and the movement constantly shifts from deliberate to halting, hazy to insightful. Like a body seeking sleep, Charmatz invents a form of insomniac dance where hypnotic rhythms and gestures bring the audience to the frontier between wakefulness and sleep.

French choreographer Boris Charmatz is widely celebrated for his radical approach to contemporary dance. Dancer, choreographer, and creator of experimental projects, Charmatz subjects dance to formal constraints which redraw the field of possibilities. From 2009 to 2018, he directed the Musée de la danse – Centre Chorégraphique National de Rennes et de Bretagne. In January 2019, he founded [terrain], in partnership with le phénix, scène nationale in Valenciennes, the Lille Opera and the Amiens Maison de la Culture. Boris Charmatz is also an associate artist of Charleroi Danse in Belgium. He became director of the Tanztheater Wuppertal Pina Bausch in Germany, in September 2022.

SOMNOLE is part of the [Dance Reflections by Van Cleef & Arpels Festival in New York](#)

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### TICKETS

Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased online, by visiting the box office in person, Tuesday – Saturday from 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm, or by calling 212.998.4941. NYU Skirball is located at 566 LaGuardia Place at Washington Square, New York, New York 10012. [www.nyuskirball.org](http://www.nyuskirball.org).

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October 28, 2023: 7:30pm  
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