

September, 9-10, 2022

World Premiere of VISITATION

Company: John Jasperse
Venue: NYU Skirball
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Choreographed by John Jasperse

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NYU Skirball presents John Jasperse Projects, in the world premiere of *Visitation*, a new dance that is part seance and part exorcism, on Friday, September 9 and Saturday, September 10 at 7:30 pm. Choreographed by John Jasperse, *Visitation* was created in collaboration with performers Tim Bendernagel, Cynthia Koppe, and Doug LeCours with original music by composer-collaborator Hahn Rowe and recorded music by Richard Wagner and lighting design by Stan Pressner.

Visitation loosely draws on spiritualism, mesmerism, the occult, hysteria, and the exoticization of myth. The dance vacillates between pensive, introspective sensing and lush, at times even rhapsodic, sequences of cascading movement that verge on camp. By channeling ghosts, the dance moves from present day, into the past, and back again. Original music by Jasperse's long-time collaborator Hahn Rowe is interspersed with orchestral fragments from various operas by Richard Wagner.

The complex, polarizing figure of Wagner and his music functions with *Visitation* as both occasional musical accompaniment and an historical object; as the dance sinks into the sweeping chromaticism of Wagner's immersive sound, we cannot help but recall how the power of his music, and the emotions that it conjured, were appropriated in support of pivotal historical actions, at times heinously destructive and at other times emancipatory. As we emerge from this musical time-traveling into the present, we are left to ponder how our own feelings carry us into action as we shape our collective future.

John Jasperse has been working as a dance artist in New York City for 37 years. He has created nineteen evening-length works with John Jasperse Projects as well as numerous commissions for other companies including Baryshnikov's White Oak Dance Project, Batsheva Dance Company, and Lyon Opera Ballet. John Jasperse Projects has been presented in 26 U.S. cities and 29 countries. He is the recipient of a 2014 Doris Duke Artist Award and two Bessie awards (2014 and 2001), among many other accolades. Jasperse is co-founder of CPR—Center for Performance Research in Brooklyn, New York and is Director of Dance at Sarah Lawrence College.

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ABOUT NYU SKIRBALL

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NYU Skirball's unique position within New York University enables it to draw on the University's intellectual riches and resources to enhance its programming with dialogues, public forums and conversations with artists, philosophers, scientists, Nobel Laureates, and journalists. nyuskirball.org.

TICKETS

Visitation will play Friday, September 9 and Saturday, September 10 at 7:30 pm. Tickets begin at \$35. Tickets can be purchased online at Jasperse Tickets, by visiting the box office in person, Wednesday - Friday from 2:00 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.

NYU Skirball mandates proof of vaccination for all audience members, performers, crew, and venue staff. Face masks will be required at all times. For complete Covid precautions, visit nyuskirball.org.

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