

Saturday, May 11, 2019

25th Year Anniversary Performance

Company: Loco-Motion Dance Theatre for Children
Venue: The Miller Theatre
Location: New York, NY

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Loco-Motion's young choreographers and dancers ages 6 - 17 conceptualized, created and choreographed 13 short pieces utilizing a unique creative process developed by Artistic Director Lisa Pilato. This 25th Anniversary performance will give audiences a glimpse into the hearts and minds of 100 young choreographers who use the medium of dance to build community and move towards justice and equality. This year's show promises to be a powerful one. The young dancers have chosen topics that reflect their experiences growing up in today's complex world and include: the effects of coming of age in the Trump Era, validation through social media, the anxiety and disconnect they feel from trying to process what they see and hear on the news, words in other languages that have no English translation, collective healing, a parent/child dance, a humorous look at puberty set to disco music, a fully improvised piece about the impulse to create by 7 yr. olds who use the vocabulary of dance to express their individual personalities in a collective process, and a dance where alumni from the past 25 years will be back to share their impressive talents.

"We provide a forum for young voices to be heard," says Pilato. "We encourage students to create material that reflects their responsibility as members of a global community, to search for fresh answers to old questions while exploring the idea that art can effect positive change. We encourage children to take risks, and we support them in their creative vision." In addition to participating in Loco-Motion's curriculum of modern dance, dance composition, ballet and improvisation techniques, 100 students from eight different dance classes have spent the last 6 months in extensive choreography workshops. Young artists who are relatively new to the choreographic process will have the opportunity to showcase their work along side of Loco-Motion's older and more experienced choreographers. Their combined training and performance backgrounds have coalesced and transformed this dedicated group of children into a formidable ensemble who inspire and impact the world through dance. It will prove to be an entertaining and thought-provoking experience for audiences of all ages.

Loco-Motion Dance Theatre for Children
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