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## Breath of the Beast

Company: Stephen Petronio Company with Jennifer Koh  
Venue: NYU Skirball  
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Stephen Petronio's new *Breath of the Beast* is an evening-length, full company work to initiate Stephen Petronio Company's 40th year, created in collaboration with violin virtuoso Jennifer Koh who will be performing live improvisation for these celebratory performances.

Petronio tracked and recorded his dancing throughout the pandemic, working in isolation, returning to his own dancing roots as an improviser, catching the sources of his personal history expressed through a body now in its mid-60s. Petronio's signature language and prowess are offered as an ignitor for the dancers to tap their own histories set free in a churning creative process that urges emotional exposure and access to their deepest physicality. *Breath of the Beast* is a dialogue with the sophisticated intelligence and intuition that drives these dancing collaborators.

Grammy Award-winning violinist Jennifer Koh is recognized for intense, commanding performances delivered with dazzling virtuosity and technical assurance. Koh is a forward-thinking artist dedicated to exploring a broad and eclectic repertoire while promoting equity and inclusivity in classical music. She has expanded the contemporary violin repertoire through a wide range of commissioning projects and has premiered more than 100 works written especially for her. [JenniferKoh.com](https://jenniferkoh.com)

Stephen Petronio is an acclaimed American choreographer, dancer, and artistic director known for his innovative and boundary-pushing work in contemporary dance. Petronio has made a significant impact on the dance world through his unique artistic vision and his commitment to pushing the limits of movement and expression. In 1984, he founded the Stephen Petronio Company, a contemporary dance company based in New York City. Touring and performing throughout the world, the company quickly gained recognition for its bold and visually stunning performances that combined elements of modern, ballet, and postmodern dance. Petronio's choreography challenges traditional notions of movement and explores themes of sexuality, gender, and identity. [StephenPetronio.org](https://stephenpetronio.org)

NYU Skirball is located in the heart of Greenwich Village, historically a center of resistance, dissent and free thinking. NYU Skirball's programming reflects this history and embraces today's renegade artists and companies, presenting works that aim to engage, provoke and inspire audiences. NYU Skirball is NYC's home for cutting-edge performance, artistic research, and discourse, holding close to James Baldwin's dictum that "artists are here to disturb the peace." The 800-seat theater provides a home for internationally renowned artists, innovators, and thinkers and presents ground-breaking events ranging from re-inventions of the classics to cutting-edge premieres, in genres ranging from dance, theater and performance arts to comedy, music and film.

### 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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