

Thursday, February 11, 2021

## Dance Now 25th Anniversary Season

Company: DANCE NOW

Venue: Online

Location: New York, NY

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To celebrate its 25th season, DANCE NOW is presenting a series of online events featuring new and archival digital works by more than 40 innovative dance makers.

Traditionally held each year immediately after Labor Day, the DANCE NOW Festival is known as the kickoff to the dance season in New York City. As a response to the ongoing pandemic and to support its community of artists during these challenging times, DANCE NOW has reimagined its festival at Joe's Pub, creating an alternative virtual space to celebrate the artists and this landmark anniversary. Each monthly chapter (September, October, November, February, March, and May) brings new, emerging, and longtime veterans of the festival together to honor DANCE NOW's past, embrace the present, and explore future possibilities for artists and audiences alike. The virtual series also includes an interactive timeline featuring photos, interviews, and additional facets of the DANCE NOW Story.

19 new digital works and 18 treasured pieces from the DANCE NOW archive will be presented, including past works from six DANCE NOW veterans—Robert Battle, Jane Comfort, Satoshi Haga, David Parker, Claire Porter, and Gus Solomons jr—who will be honored at the artist-to-audiences celebrations. Complete with a cocktail/mocktail recipe (and an after party!), these Zoom celebrations will be hosted by a different artist each month to engage attendees in active conversation, recreating the intimate and lively environment of Joe's Pub.

The February Chapter (Release: Thursday, February 11, at 12pm), will feature commissioned works by Kate Ladenheim, Alice Sheppard, Subject: Matter, and Maleek Washington and archival works by Adam Barruch and Mark Gindick. Hosted by Deborah Lohse (aka TruDee), the Celebration on Thursday, February 25, at 7pm, will honor Claire Porter.

The season features new digital commissions by Tsiambwom M. Akuchu, Ayodele Casel, Sarah Chien, Brendan Drake, Mike Esperanza, Kayla Farrish, Jasmine Hearn, Orlando Hernandez, Jamal Jackson, Kate Ladenheim, LMnO3, Joshua L. Peugh, Katy Pyle, Alice Sheppard, Amber Sloan, Subject: Matter, Mariana Valencia, Nicole Vaughan-Diaz, Maleek Washington, and Nicole Wolcott, and archival works from Adam Barruch, Tricia Brouk, Katherine Helen Fisher, Mark Gindick, Ruben Graciani, John Heginbotham, HUMA, Paula Josa-Jones, Wanjiru Kamuyu, TAKE Dance, and Megan Williams.

Each monthly chapter will be released at 12pm Eastern on the designated event date and will remain online through June 30, 2021. Artist-to-Audience Celebrations on Zoom start at 7pm Eastern. Visit: [www.dancenow.online](http://www.dancenow.online).

Single tickets are \$10 for each Monthly Performance Program and \$20 for the Monthly Performance Program and Artist-to-Audience Celebration.

Two subscription packages are available: \$50 (one time payment) includes all 6 Monthly Performance Programs. Full Subscription: \$100 (one time payment) includes 6 Monthly Performance Programs and the 6 Monthly Artist-to-Audience Celebrations. Tickets can be purchased at [www.dancenow.online](http://www.dancenow.online).

Proceeds from ticket sales support future artist commissions. Artists creating, performing, collaborating, and teaching in the 25th Anniversary Season programming will have access to all events for free.

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