



March 29 - October 13, 2019

EARTH - Eryc Taylor Dance Program To Address Global Warming

Company: ERYC TAYLOR DANCE Venue: Martha Graham Studio Theater

Location: New York, NY

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ERYC TAYLOR PRESENTS "EARTH" - Photo credit: Shannel Resto

Five ETD New Choreographer Grant Recipients to Create and Preview "EARTH" Choreography in Independent Workshop Presentations - First Workshop on March 29 at Martha Graham Studio Theater

In a visual, physical and auditory "wake up call" to the impact of our actions on global warming Erroc Taylor Dance (ETD) announces EARTH, a full-length collaborative dance event incorporating original choreography by ETD Artistic Director Erroc Taylor and five past recipients of the company's New Choreographer Grant, a platform offering young, aspiring NYC-based choreographers the funds needed to create and present a new dance work.

Grant recipients Gierre Godley of <u>Project 44</u>, Aaron McGloin of <u>Aaron McGloin Dance</u>, Jordan Ryder of <u>RyderDance</u>, Eryn Renee Young of <u>XAOC Contemporary Ballet</u> and Robert Mark Burke of <u>Robert Mark Dance</u> will each create new choreography for the 2019 premiere of the seven-part "EARTH" program. The five choreographer works in development will bepreviewed throughout 2019 in a workshop presentation series at Martha Graham Studio Theater, 55 Bethune Street (Greenwich Village) in NYC. Performances will begin with Robert Mark Burke's *Earth is Created*, at 8pm on Friday, March 29. Tickets are free with suggested donation.

The ETD choreographic grant recipients will each receive 21 hours of studio space for rehearsals and will be assigned a composer with whom to create original music. Composers Salomon Lerner, Daniel Tobias and Gerald Busby have committed to the project. Eryc Taylor Dance will also provide the choreographers with costume designers, prop/multimedia specialists and ETD dancers for the performance. Choreographers will be selecting "quest" dancers from each of their companies.

All "EARTH" workshop presentations will begin with a ten-minute "behind the scenes" video and will conclude with a question and answer session. Eryc Taylor will choreograph the opening and closing segments of "EARTH," *The Big Bang and Earth on Life Support*, to be first shown at the EARTH" world premiere. *Workshop lineup below.

According to Mr. Taylor, "Our goal is to transport the audience and convince them to take action. We aim to start a dialogue about what we can do to be better human beings and how to best address global warming. The workshops are educational... materials handed out at each showing will demonstrate better habits for recycling, conserving energy, and what we as dancers can do to help the chronic crisis of global warming. The impact of global warming locally, and internationally, will be explored."

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*"EARTH" workshop series lineup:

Earth is Created-Friday, March 29th at 8:00pm - Choreographer: Robert Mark Burke; Composer: Daniel Tobias

Man is Born - Friday, May 10th at 8:00pm - Choreographer: Jordan Ryder; Composer: Salomon Lerner

Civilizations Rise - Friday, June 21 at 8pm - Choreographer: Gierre Godley; Composer: Daniel Tobias

Man Forgets the Earth - Sunday, September 8th at 1pm - Choreographer: Eryn Renee Young; Composer: Salomon Lerner

Mother Nature Sends Warnings - Sunday, October 13th at 1pm - Choreographer: Aaron McGloin; Composer: Gerald Busby

"EARTH" Workshop Performances by ETD New Choreographer Grant Recipients at MARTHA GRAHAM STUDIO THEATER - 55 Bethune Street, New York, NY 10014 - TICKETS - FREE. Please reserve on etd.nyc/earth

Suggested donation \$25.00; Five Series - suggested donation \$100.00; VIP tickets \$150.00 - reserved seating and program credit. Twenty percent of all ticket purchases will be donated to <u>Greenpeace USA</u>

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