

## **OUR NEW YORK CITY DANCE**

June, 6-8, 2024

## Graham 2 - 2024 New York Season

Company: Graham 2 – 2024 New York Season Venue: Martha Graham Studio Theater

Location: New York, NY

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This June, Graham 2 will be back on stage for its 41st New York season with an exciting program of Graham classics and new works.

The program will feature rarely seen Martha Graham works Primitive Mysteries (1931), Frontier (1935), the chorus suite from Night Journey (1947), and an excerpt from Plain of Prayer (1986), alongside a tribute to the late Stuart Hodes featuring Hodes's solo Flak to the music of Béla Bartók's The Chase.

The program will also include an original dance suite choreographed by Virginie Mécène, danced to music played by special guest musicians ages 9, 12, and 14, prodigies of the great international pianist Irina Nuzova.

Graham 2 is a pre-professional dance company drawn from the most advanced students of the Martha Graham School. Its mission is to bring the Graham tradition to a younger audience, smaller venues, and cultural communities, and to be a springboard for early career dancers to enter the professional dance world. The most advanced dancers are selected from among the hundreds of students from around the world who study at the Martha Graham School. While in Graham 2, dancers are supported by a scholarship, receive stipends for performances, and may be given the opportunity to perform with the Martha Graham Dance Company. Seventy percent of the current Company began as members of Graham 2.

Under the direction of Virginie Mécène, Graham 2 performs Graham's repertory as well as the works of such guest choreographers as Robert Battle, Pascal Rioult, Adam Barruch, Kun-Yang Lin, Sir Robert Cohan, Darshan Singh Bhuller, Blanca Li, Brice Mousset, and Yoshito Sakuraba. Committed to its education outreach program, Graham 2 performs for more than 3,000 public school children each year. Graham 2 has performed with the Martha Graham Dance Company at New York City Center and the Joyce Theater and has an annual performance season at the Martha Graham Studio Theater. The troupe has also performed at such leading New York venues as the 92NY, Manhattan Movement and Arts Center, LaGuardia Community College, Iona College, and in such cities as Miami, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Wintergreen, VA, Cherry Hill, NJ, and Barcelona, Spain.

Graham 2 – 2024 New York Season 55 Bethune Street New York, NY, 10014 https://marthagraham.edu/graham2/ Schedule June 6, 2024: 7:00pm June 7, 2024: 7:00pm June 8, 2024: 2:30pm, 7:00pm

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