

December, 12-13, 2024

## JOY: Dances for Midwinter

Company: Sokolow Theatre/Dance Ensemble  
Venue: Stone Circle Theatre  
Location: Ridgewood, NY

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Seeking light in the dark of midwinter, the Sokolow Theatre/Dance Ensemble is preparing a program of soaring dances that manifest joy in deep and nuanced ways. For the first time, the company will bring together dances from across the generations from three traditions of modern dance.

Anna Sokolow's *Ballade*, perhaps her most lyrical dance, explores the restlessness and inconclusiveness of young love, performed to music by Scriabin. Sokolow's *Preludes*, reconstructed by Tonia Shimin, for whom it was created, is a rich and expressive homage to the music of Sergei Rachmaninoff.

Guest director Pamela Levy is reconstructing an excerpt from Claudia Gitelman's *Schubert And The Birds*, set to a Schubert Impromptu, a poignant and dynamic work that showcases both Gitelman's Hanya Holm roots with her own brand of abstract storytelling.

Guest director Gail Corbin is reconstructing excerpts of Charles Weidman's glorious, rarely seen tour de force to the music of J.S. Bach, *Christmas Oratorio*.

The program will also include a premiere choreographed and performed by ST/DE company members Margaret Mighty Oak Brackey and Krista Jansen. Inspired by memories of snow and the loss of its magic in a changing climate, *Forecast* unites delight, mourning, and reminiscence.

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