

May, 5-8, 2016

SONG & DANCE

Company: Andrew Harper Choreography
Venue: 13th Street Repertory Theater
Location: New York, NY

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There's a new dance-innovator on the block and his first solo show comes to the downtown scene from Lincoln Center.

ANDREW HARPER CHOREOGRAPHY premieres at 13th Repertory Theater with an Ode to Vaudeville

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ONE WEEK ONLY:

Thursday – Saturday, May 5 – 7 @ 8:00 pm and Sunday, May 8 @ 3:00 pm.

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After a successful workshop performance at Lincoln Center, Andrew Harper brings his stunning tribute to vaudeville to the legendary 13th Street Rep for one week only.

Combining theatre, dance, and history, Song & Dance follows a dysfunctional band of vaudeville performers as they attempt to put on a show in a world that is all too short on time, money, and interest. Choreographer Andrew Harper takes creative cues from these limitations to build a unique and richly detailed world stocked with contemporary reincarnations of classic vaudevillian acts: a cut-throat sister act, a soulful troubadour, a child star on the verge of womanhood, a magician running out of tricks, and a lonely ventriloquist with his absent dummy. Harper peppers his works with ideas culled from his international journey as a dancer and his recent success as a choreographer at venues like Lincoln Center and The Cirkus Theatre Project.

Harper and his troupe use the vaudeville show experience as a framework to examine their own experiences as performers and to explore the lines where backstage meets onstage, rehearsed meets improvised, and performer meets person.

Song & Dance gives the audience a look inside the minds of the characters as their pressures, successes, failures, joys, pains, dreams, and fears leave the wings and take the stage for the first time. That's where the show really begins!

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Andrew Harper is a freelance dancer and choreographer based in NYC. Most recently, he has danced with Daniel Gwirtzman Dance Company, Oui Danse, the Glimmerglass Festival, Hawaii Opera Theatre, and Exit 12 Dance Company and was a recipient of the 2013-2014 Kenan Fellowship at Lincoln Center Education. He has been commissioned to create work for the Columbia Ballet Collaborative and his work has also been seen at the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre School, the Glimmerglass Festival, Reynolda House Museum of American Art, and The Cirkus Theatre Project (a UNCSA/Cirque du Soleil partnership). Harper holds a BFA in ballet performance from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. In 2016, Harper will have residencies at UNCSA and University of Saint Joseph, produce an evening length version of his 2014 work Song and Dance in NYC, and travel to the south of France to perform in Francesca Zambello's *Candide* at Opera Bordeaux and Theatre du Capitole.

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