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2016 AMERICAN DANCE FESTIVAL

Week Two Features 5 by 5, the Return of Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Company and John Jasperse Projects, the Annual Musicians Concert, Movies by Movers, and ADF School Tours

Durham, NC, June 14, 2016—5 by 5 presents works by five of today's most intriguing choreographers, Mark Dendy, Brian Brooks, Dafi Altabeb, Rosie Herrera, and Gabrielle Revlock June 28-30 at 8:00pm. Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Company returns with the ADF commissioned world premiere of Analogy: A Trilogy/Lance: Pretty aka the Escape Artist July 1 at 8:00pm and July 2 at 7:00pm. The world premeire of John Jasperse Projects' Remains will be performed July 5-7 at 8:00pm. The always popular ADF Musicians Concert will take place July 3 at 7:00pm, the FREE screendance festival Movies by Movers will screen films July 6-9, and ADF School Tours round out the week.

5 by 5: Mark Dendy, Brian Brooks, Dafi Altabeb, Rosie Herrera, and Gabrielle Revlock
Tuesday, June 28-Thursday, June 30 at 8:00pm
Reynolds Industries Theater

Solos, duets, quartets, and more choreographed by five of the dance world’s most electrifying artists! Mark Dendy will perform an excerpt from Dystopian Distractions! (2014). In an army uniform and a gas mask, Dendy sits on a stool gesturing to the sound of Donald Rumsfeld being interviewed. His animations transform the interview into a significant piece of performance art. Dafi Altabeb deals with life choices. What do we really choose in our lives, and what are mere products of a familiar routine? How many times have you asked yourself whether the person you live with is somebody you have chosen or somebody you have grown accustomed to? Questions of this nature are closely examined in her Never The Less (2012).
Gabrielle Revlock’s *Halo* (2012) is an intimate and sensual solo that makes manifest the fields of energy around the dancing body through the use of a simple hula-hoop. At times the dancer seems to disappear and only the hoop is visible. At other points, the audience may forget about the hoop and only see a fragile gyrating body. Brian Brooks’ *Torrent* (2014) fluctuates between orderly patterns and unrestrained turbulence. *Torrent* sends the company of eight dancers soaring to Max Richter’s revelatory score. Rosie Herrera completes this program with the ADF commissioned world premiere of *Carne Viva*, a quartet exploring what it means to believe in magic and how that bleeds into our constructions of spirituality and our understanding of romance. *This program contains partial nudity.*

**Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Company**

**Friday, July 1 at 8:00PM**

**Saturday, July 2 at 7:00PM**

**Durham Performing Arts Center**

**Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Company** presents the second part of *Analogy: A Trilogy* developed by Bill T. Jones with Associate Artistic Director Janet Wong. In this ADF commissioned world premiere work, *Analogy/Lance: Pretty aka the Escape Artist*, we meet Lance, whose battles with his own personal demons of drugs and excess expose us to another type of war. It was the battlefield of the nightlife and underworld of the late 80s and early 90s club culture and sex trade. This “pretty boy-gangster thug,” a name he acquired in prison, holds steadfast to his often tragic and sometimes outrageously humorous narrative, while facing an uncertain future.

Inspired by W.G. Sebald’s *The Emigrants*, Jones continues his exploration of how text, storytelling, and movement pull and push against each other and how another experience can be had through the combination and recombination of these elements. All three stories in the trilogy, while wildly different, ruminate on the nature of service, duty, and the question of what is a life well lived.

*This performance contains adult language and subject matter.*

**Musicians Concert**

**Sunday, July 3 | 7:00PM**

**Baldwin Auditorium at Duke University**

Each summer the virtuosic musicians of the ADF school take center stage for an evening featuring an immense range of musical styles that will get you moving. Come experience the extraordinary talent that inspires the ADF faculty and students throughout the summer.

**John Jasperse Projects**

**Tuesday, July 5-Thursday, July 7 at 8:00pm**

**Reynolds Industries Theater**

**John Jasperse Projects** returns to ADF with the world premiere of an ADF co-commissioned work, *Remains* (working title). The piece is made in collaboration with performers Maggie Cloud, Marc Crousillat, Burr Johnson, Heather Lang, Stuart Singer, and Claire Westby, composer John King, lighting designer Lenore Doxsee, who collaborated with Jasperse on *Within between* (2014), and video designer Jeff Larson. The work addresses the illusion of ego, the notion of a fluid boundary between the self and one’s environment, and the notion of legacy as the sum total of the energy that we put out into the world—what we build energetically in our environment through our actions and what we leave behind in our wake.

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FESTIVAL EXTRAS

Movies by Movers
Wednesday, July 6-Saturday, July 9
Free and open to the public!
Moving images, moving bodies. Movement and film just go together. From the early experiments of artists like Loie Fuller and physical comedians like Charlie Chaplin, to the lush spectacle of the movie musicals of the 1930s and 40s starring dancer/choreographers like Bill Bojangles Robinson and Fred Astaire, to the avant garde movement with the likes of Maya Daren and Merce Cunningham, to Michael Jackson’s Thriller—moving bodies and the camera have shared an ongoing, dynamic conversation. Please visit the ADF website for additional information and the full screening schedule.

Tours of the ADF School
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday | 9:15am & 11:15am
June 27-July 22
Free and open to the public! Afternoon tours are available upon request.
Take a FREE tour and experience the ADF school! Throughout the summer, tours offer individuals, families, and community groups an insider’s perspective where you can experience the world-renowned ADF faculty, students, and musicians hard at work. Tours of the school increase your understanding of modern dance and ADF. The tours highlight the history of the festival up to the present day. Tours are led by Director of ADF School Tours, Joseph Fedrowitz, ADF staff, and other long-time ADF supporters, giving visitors the chance to observe art in action as well as obtain details about the 2016 season. Tours usually last 1-2 hours. Please call 919-684-6402 or email tours@americandancefestival.org to make your reservation.

Performance and Commissioning Credits
Carne Viva by Rosie Herrera is commissioned by ADF with support from the Doris Duke/SHS Foundations Award for New Dance. Additional support provided by Hilton Durham near Duke University.

The presentation of Never the Less by Dafi Altabeb is made possible with support from Israel’s Office of Cultural Affairs in North America.

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Durham Performing Arts Center Ticket Center, The American Tobacco District
919-680-2787
123 Vivian St.
Durham, NC 27701
Monday-Friday 11am-6pm
Saturday 10am-2pm

Tickets for Reynolds Industries Theater, Page Auditorium, Sheafer Theater, Baldwin Auditorium, and 21C Museum Hotel
americandancefestival.org
Duke University Box Office
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Bryan University Center
Duke University West Campus
Tuesday-Friday 10am-5pm

Tickets for Motorco Music Hall
americandancefestival.org
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723 Rigsbee Ave
Durham, NC 27701
Visit motorcomusic.com for box office hours

Promotional photographs and press reviews of performing companies available upon request.

About ADF:
Founded in 1934 in Bennington, Vermont, ADF remains an international magnet for choreographers, dancers, teachers, students, critics, musicians, and scholars to learn and create in a supportive environment. ADF’s wide range of programs includes performances, artist services, educational programs and classes, community outreach, national and international projects, archives, humanities projects, publications, and media projects. ADF has been presenting the best in modern dance for 83 years. americandancefestival.org.

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