

Salem High School's
Visual & Performing Arts Academy

presents

Plan D(ance)

May Dance Concert 2021



May 22nd, 8pm

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Artistic Directors: Katie Flint & Ashley Whitlinger

The saying 'Desperate Times Call for Desperate Measures' means that actions that might seem extreme under normal circumstances are appropriate during adversity. This past year has caused plans to be cancelled, plans to be rearranged, and plans to be altered. It seems that practically overnight, we were asked to become technological experts, navigating the unfamiliar worlds of Zoom, and concurrent teaching. For the students, learning to adapt to online school, and for many, at-home dancing, has been difficult as well. But, something this trying situation has shown is that we are resilient. The arts are resilient. We found "new" "extreme" ways to dance and to perform. We have seen our students faithfully setting up chairs, moving furniture, and dancing with pets and younger siblings as they dealt with inconsistent WiFi, getting kicked out of Zoom, and myriad technological difficulties. Site specific works and video editing inserted itself into our curriculum. The Dance Strand prevailed. We have witnessed the students rise to support each other; we have seen their drive and ambition to complete classes with excellence; and ultimately, we have seen their collective love for dance shine through.

For this concert, the term 1 students learned their pieces via Zoom and recorded their work at home. The term 2 students had a hybrid set up, with some dancers learning and performing in person and others at home. The plans were constantly changing... this certainly wasn't plan A... or plan B... or even plan C, but the dancers adapted and overcame. We are so proud of our dance students and equally proud to present our first ever Virtual May Dance Concert - *Plan D(ance)*.

As always, thank you for supporting the arts!

In Motion,

Mrs. Flint & Mrs. Whitlinger

One Fantastic Day

Choreographer: Ashley Whitlinger

Music: *Cackle Bladder* by Nathan Johnson

Dancers: (Ballet III) Teja Angelo, Jalyn Brown, Carolee Burleigh, Ashante Conley, Holly Dinsmore, Macee Dippery, Emily Griffith, Karaline Kendzora, Thaleia Pavao, Gabriella Quinata, Faith Smith, Emma Wynn

Recollection

Choreographer/Dancer: Jordyn Keenan (12th)

Music: *The Wolves (Act I & II)* by Bon Iver

Inner Spark

Choreographer: Katie Flint

Music: *Bigger Than Us & Spiritual Connection* by Jon Batiste

Dancers: (Modern II) Alexis Albright, Amour Bailey, Jalen Brown, Kaitlynn Espinoza, Holly Jaborek, Aiyana Jenkins, Jasmine Lewis, Brittney Quave, Karson Ray, Taylor Rimmer, Riley Salway, Jahla Smith, Joshua Stephen, Nevaeh Thorpe, Nathan Uhler, E'Jaye White

A Sense of Home

Choreographer: Ashley Whitlinger

Music: *Day One: A Sense of Symmetry* by Ludovico Einaudi

Dancers: (Ballet IV) Bailey Campbell, Sireena Dunford, MacKenzie Firestone, Kiley Flaherty, Ethan Foley, ShaBre'yah Hammond, Kaida Lavan, Makayla Moore, Téa Ruple, Sarah Rush

Burning

Choreographers: Kiley Flaherty, ShaBre'yah Hammond, Jordyn Keenan, Makayla Moore, Naomi Washington, Arwen Wilson (ADC Seniors)

Music: *Emergency* by Icona Pop; *Fire Burning* by Sean Kingston

Dancers: (Academy Dance Company) Teja Angelo, Janiya Capers, Ashante Conley, Sireena Dunford, Kiley Flaherty, Tori-Cheyenne Gross, ShaBre'yah Hammond, Jordyn Keenan, Riley Sievers, Naomi Washington, Arwen Wilson, Emma Wynn

American Beauty

Choreographer/Dancer: James Hackett (9th)

Music: *American Beauty* by Thomas Newman

Cleansing Breath

Choreographer: Katie Flint

Music: *San Solomon* by Balmorhea

Dancers: (Modern III) Teja Angelo, Kaitlyn Carter, Macee Dippery, Emily Griffith, ShaBre'yah Hammond, Liliana Negron, Rosie Nelson, Thaleia Pavao, Gabriella Quinata, Téa Rumble, Sarah Rush, Emma Wynn

Where We Were

Choreographer: Ashley Whitlinger

Music: *Along the Danube* by Chelsea McGough

Dancers: (Ballet I) Alexis Albright, Annalee Barton, Aria Benzant-Feldra, Wynn Cordero, Tyranae Leak, Ahmaune Mincey, Zolie Pope, Brittney Quave, Jahla Smith, Mia Ziemba

Prevailing 21

Choreographers: Katie Flint & VPAA Dance Seniors

Music: *I'm Still Standing* by Taron Egerton

Dancers: (Seniors) Bailey Campbell, Mackenzie Firestone, Kiley Flaherty, Ethan Foley, Ma'Kyia Frazier, ShaBre'yah Hammond, Rayven Hopkins, Carly Horak, Jordyn Keenan, Karaline Kendzora, Makayla Moore, Rosemary Nelson, Thaleia Pavao, Gabriella Quinata, Téa Rumple, Sarah Rush, Kennedy Snowden-Turner, Naomi Washington, E'Jaye White, Arwen Wilson, Zuri Wilson

Suddenly

Choreographer/Dancer: Tyranae Leak (9th)

Music: *Bang!* by AJR

On the Precipice

Choreographer: Ashley Whitlinger

Music: *Sunson* by Nils Frahm

Dancers: (Ballet II) Amour Bailey, Kaitlynn Espinoza, Sydney Garrison, Kaci Henderson, Jasmine Lewis, Liliana Negron, Mary Jiana Paredes, Rhiana Quinn, Karson Ray, Taylor Rimmer, Riley Salway, Riley Sievers, Nathan Uhler

Spin Again

Choreographer: Katie Flint

Music: *Transit* By Chelsea McGough

Dancers: (Modern I) Aria Benzant-Feldra, Wynn Cordero, Zahria Davis, Joyce Figueroa, Trinity Firestone, Ethan Foley, Sydney Garrison, James Hackett, Jhi Hackett, Kaci Henderson, Tyranae Leak, Ahmaune Mincey, Mary Jiana Paredes, Joy Poiri, Zolie Pope, Abigail Potter-James, Rhiana Quinn, Kiaya Roberson, Tyshawn Robinson, Jazmin West, Mia Ziemba

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Choreographer: Kiley Flaherty (12th)

Music: *Body* by Jordan Suaste

Dancers: Mackenzie Firestone, Kiley Flaherty, Jordyn Keenan

Heel Pop!

Choreographer: Katie Flint

Music: *Fosse's World: Calypso & I Gotcha* from the Broadway Cast of *Fosse*

Dancers: (Modern IV) Janiya Capers, Jasmyn Choate, Ashante Conley, Holly Dinsmore, Sireena Dunford, MacKenzie Firestone, Kiley Flaherty, Ma'Kyia Frazier, Tori-Chyenne Gross, Rayven Hopkins, Carly Horak, Sydni Johnson, Jordyn Keenan, Makayla Moore, Riley Purcell, Faith Smith, Kennedy Snowden-Turner, Naomi Washington, Arwen Wilson, Zuri Wilson

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