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# Thank You, Ken...

Welcome to this UMS performance! We are delighted that you are joining us in our 138th season, a season that is bittersweet for the UMS staff and family; UMS President Ken Fischer will retire at the end of June, following 30 years of leadership and service to UMS, the University of Michigan, and to our community.

Ken has fostered a culture of openness, honesty, and out-of-the-box thinking at UMS - a supportive professional environment that can be measured in part by the 21-year average tenure of the UMS management team.

Beyond Ken's lasting contributions to UMS, which include an organizational commitment to Education and an increased focus on commissioning new work, Ken has had an impact that isn't always apparent outside of the organization. His dedication to mentorship and service is vast, and includes hosting weekend tours to prospective University students interested in the arts; tirelessly serving on boards of directors within the arts industry regionally, nationally, and internationally; and generously offering his time and knowledge in connecting others.

He has achieved some of the highest recognitions in our field, including the 2016 Chamber Music America Richard J. Bogomolny National Service Award, the 2011 Association of Performing Arts Presenters Fan Taylor Distinguished Service Award, and UMS's recognition as a 2014 National Medal of Arts recipient. From the Vienna Philharmonic concerts led by Leonard Bernstein in 1988, to the first Royal Shakespeare Company residency in 2001, through the remounting of *Einstein on the Beach* in 2012, Ken has held true to his lifelong motto: "Everybody In, Nobody Out."

Ken, we wish you all of the best in the final few months of your tenure. Thank you for all that you've done for our community!

#### The UMS Family

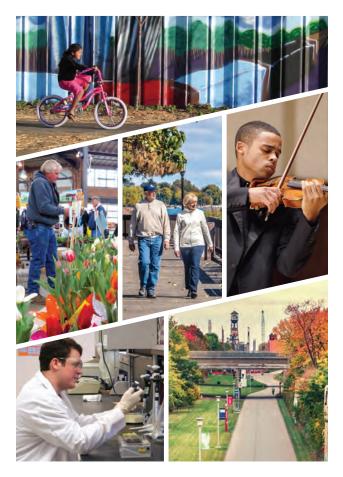
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Batsheva Dance Company



# Winter 2017 Season

### January

1/7-8	Batsheva Dance Company
1/12-14	lgor and Moreno Idiot-Syncrasy
1/15	NT Live: Harold Pinter's No Man's Land
1/19	Prague Philharmonia with Sarah Chang, violin Andrew Von Oeyen, piano
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- 1/20 Meredith Monk & Vocal Ensemble On Behalf of Nature
- 1/21-22 Takács Quartet Beethoven String Quartet Cycle, Concerts 3 & 4
  - 1/22 NT Live: The Audience
  - 1/29 Inon Barnatan, piano Anthony McGill, clarinet Alisa Weilerstein, cello

## February

- 2/2 Bruckner Orchester Linz with Angélique Kidjo
- 2/3 Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir
- 2/5 M-Prize Winner: Calidore String Quartet
- 2/10 Budapest Festival Orchestra with Richard Goode, piano
- 2/18 Ping Chong + Company Beyond Sacred: Voices of Muslim Identity
- 2/19 Jelly and George Aaron Diehl and Cécile McLorin Salvant

### March

3/4	Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis
3/9-11	Druid The Beauty Queen of Leenane
3/11	Beethoven's Missa Solemnis
3/16	Snarky Puppy
3/17-18	Kidd Pivot and Electric Company Theatre Betroffenheit
3/18	Steve Reich @ 80 Music for 18 Musicians
3/24	Mitsuko Uchida, piano
3/25-26	Takács Quartet Beethoven String Quartet Cycle, Concerts 5 & 6
3/29	DakhaBrakha
3/30-4/1	Complicite

3/30-4/1 Complicite The Encounter

# April

- 4/1 Michael Fabiano, tenor Martin Katz, piano
- 4/12 A Far Cry with Roomful of Teeth
- 4/15 Sanam Marvi
- 4/21 King Sunny Adé
- 4/22 Yo-Yo Ma, Edgar Meyer & Chris Thile
- 4/25 Handel's Ariodante: Opera in Concert

### May

5/21 NT Live: Ibsen's Hedda Gabler BE

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Berliner Philharmoniker principal flutist Emmanuel Pahud leads a master class at the U-M School of Music, Theatre & Dance; photo: Peter Smith/UMS.

At UMS, our mission goes beyond performance. We want you to create, to explore, and to experience extraordinary new things. That is why we offer a fascinating lineup of artist Q&As, conversations, workshops, and interactive experiences, each designed to bring you closer to performance and creation, and to expand your comfort zone. If you want to experience something new, different, highly engaging, and eye-opening, we invite you to participate in events inside and outside of the theater.



# SUPPORTING THE ARTS

As longtime patrons of the arts, Honigman and its Ann Arbor attorneys are proud to support UMS.

For more information, please contact David Parsigian at 734.418.4250 or DParsigian@honigman.com.



#### EDUCATION

## Pre-Concert Lecture Series: Exploring Beethoven's String Quartets

Saturday, January 21 // 7 pm Rackham Amphitheatre 915 E. Washington St. Fourth Floor

Saturday, March 25 // 7 pm Michigan League Koessler Room 911 N. University Ave. Third Floor Join Beethoven scholar and U-M professor of musicology Steven Whiting for a series of lectures in conjunction with the Takács String Quartet's complete Beethoven cycle.

In collaboration with the U-M School of Music, Theatre & Dance.



#### education You Can Dance

Ever wonder what it's like to be a dancer? Join dancers from each company on the UMS season for beginner movement workshops exploring each of the company's movement styles. No dance training or experience necessary, and all levels, ages 13 and up, are welcome. Free, but first come, first served until studio reaches capacity. Sign-up begins at the Y 45 minutes prior to the start of class.

Educational events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

#### Batsheva Dance Company

Saturday, January 7 // 12 noon–1:30 pm Ann Arbor Y 400 W. Washington St.

#### Igor and Moreno

Saturday, January 14 // 2-3:30 pm Ann Arbor Y 400 W. Washington St.

#### Meredith Monk & Vocal Ensemble

Saturday, January 21 // 2-3:30 pm Ann Arbor Y 400 W. Washington St.

#### **Kidd Pivot**

Saturday, March 18 // 2-3:30 pm Ann Arbor Y 400 W. Washington St.



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# Tradition Builds the Future



In our 138th season, we continue to showcase traditional performances alongside contemporary artists for an offering that is unlike anything available in the Midwest. UMS grew from a group of local members of the University and townspeople in the 1870s who gathered together for the study of Handel's *Messiah*. Led by Professor Henry Simmons Frieze and conducted by Professor Calvin Cady, the group assumed the name The Choral Union. Many Choral Union members were also affiliated with the University, and the University Musical Society was established soon after in December 1880.

Since that first season, UMS has expanded greatly and now presents the very best from a wide spectrum of the performing arts: internationally renowned recitalists and orchestras, dance and chamber ensembles, jazz and global music performers, and contemporary stagework and classical theater. Through educational programming, the commissioning of new works, youth programs, artist residencies, and collaborative projects, we continue to strengthen our reputation for artistic distinction and innovation.

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"The arts made a significant difference in my father's life and in my life, too. My father wanted every U-M student to have the opportunity to experience the impact of the performing arts at UMS. This is why I am continuing to offer every first- and second-year student one free ticket — Bert's Ticket — to introduce them to a cultural experience at Michigan and keep my father's passion for the arts alive."



#### MAURICE AND LINDA BINKOW

"Our love of opera and the human voice, rivaled only by our affection for the Brooklyn Dodgers and Jackie Robinson, began nearly 70 years ago as teenagers in New York City. That's why we are so pleased to create an endowment that will bring song recitals to UMS audiences for generations to come."



#### STEVE AND ROS FORREST

"As students, we benefited from low-cost student tickets, fostering a lifelong love of the performing arts. Our donation will help to ensure that affordable tickets will be available to today's students."



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"An endowment is a gift which keeps on giving forever, so it is rewarding to know — while we are yet living — that our gift will still be giving when we're not here."

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"We are delighted to partner with UMS for the sixth year of Renegade. Supporting Renegade programming allows UMS to provide experiences for the curious, adventurous, and experimental audience member allowing us to challenge our existing beliefs and push our own boundaries."

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"We are proud to support UMS and the many programs they offer University students. It is great to know that students will have access to the greatest performing artists from around the world. The arts are an important part of a Michigan education."

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"UMS is an inspiration — from the Big House of the Arts to the master classes taught to University students. This organization contributes significantly to the culture of Ann Arbor and to the University we love. We are pleased to support its mission."

#### STUART AND LINDA NELSON

"Our connection to the University of Michigan is through our grandson's incredible experience as a student. We are dazzled by the array of cultural events available to everyone on campus and beyond. At the heart of this phenomenon is UMS, where Ken Fischer's legacy will continue its magic long after his retirement. We feel privileged to participate in the UMS Endowment Fund in his honor."

#### MAX WICHA AND SHEILA CROWLEY

"We are delighted and proud to support UMS and the rich, diverse programs they offer each season. The arts play a vital role in enhancing the quality of life in our community, while bringing beauty and meaning to everyday life. UMS is a gem we treasure and will continue to do so, for many years to come."











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"The DTE Energy Foundation is pleased to support exemplary organizations like UMS that inspire the soul, instruct the mind, and enrich the community."



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Ann Arbor Office Managing Partner, Honigman Miller

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"My wife Jackie and I share a deep devotion to our hometown of Ann Arbor and all the opportunities it presents. UMS is a huge part of this community. The programming that UMS offers is internationally recognized and Ann Arbor would not be the same without it. Imagine Fitness & Yoga is honored to support such a great organization and

"The Issa Foundation is sponsored by the Issa family, which has been established in Ann Arbor for the last 30 years, and is involved in local property management as well as area public schools. The Issa Foundation is devoted to the sharing and acceptance of culture in an effort to change stereotypes and promote peace. UMS has done an outstanding job bringing diverse and talented performers to Ann Arbor."

#### ISSA FOUNDATION





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#### STEVE ARWOOD

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"We are proud to support UMS, an outstanding organization bringing world-class artists to Michigan. By partnering with UMS to bring the Berlin Philharmonic to our state, we are showing once again the wide variety of offerings Michigan has that enhance our quality of life and help to make our state an amazing place to live, work, and do business."



#### MILLER CANFIELD



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# PNC

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"We are proud to partner with UMS for its 2016–17 season. Music improves the quality of life for all of us, and, increasingly, is recognized as an important ingredient for better health."



# Betroffenheit

A production of Kidd Pivot and Electric Company Theatre

Jonathon Young Writer

**Crystal Pite** Choreographer and Director

Friday Evening, March 17, 2017 at 8:00 Saturday Evening, March 18, 2017 at 8:00 Power Center Ann Arbor

Tonight's supporting sponsors are Joel Howell and Linda Samuelson.

Funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Special thanks to Grace Lehman and the Ann Arbor Y, Joel Howell, Morgan Lamonica, and Clare Croft for their participation in events surrounding this weekend's performances.

Betroffenheit appears by arrangement with Menno Plukker Theatre Agent, Inc.

In consideration of the artists and the audience, please refrain from the use of electronic devices during the performance.

The photography, sound recording, or videotaping of this performance is prohibited.

#### CAST

Performers / Bryan Arias, David Raymond, Cindy Salgado, Jermaine Spivey, Tiffany Tregarthen, Jonathon Young\* Apprentice / Haley Heckethorn

#### CREATIVE TEAM

Writer / Jonathon Young Choreographer and Director / Crystal Pite Composition and Sound Design / Owen Belton, Alessandro Juliani, Meg Roe Set Design / Jay Gower Taylor Lighting Design / Tom Visser Costume Design / Nancy Bryant Rehearsal Direction / Eric Beauchesne Additional Choreography / Bryan Arias (salsa), Cindy Salgado (salsa), David Raymond (tap) Set Construction / Scene Ideas Scenic Painters / Patrick Spavor, Daniel Dumitriu Puppets / Heidi Wilkinson, Omanie Elias Costume Assistant and Builder / Nicola Ryall Costume Cutter / Linda Chow Stitcher / Patrice Yapp Stitcher and Builder / Wendy Dallian Production Manager and Technical Director / Jeremy Collie-Holmes Audio Technician/Show Control / Eric Chad Stage Manager / Jaimie Tait\* Stage Carpenter / Isaac Robinson

\*Appears with the permission of Canadian Actors' Equity Association.

This evening's performance is approximately two hours in duration and is performed with one intermission.

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Following Friday evening's performance, please feel free to remain in your seats and join us for a post-performance Q&A with members of the company.

#### A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Jonathon Young's personal story of trauma and loss — his own betroffenheit - is at the heart of this venture. Jonathon has challenged me to use our art form to grapple with the question of suffering, and he has steadied me with his courage. I am so grateful for this opportunity to stand beside him for a while, to look out at this difficult territory, and to navigate it with this earnest act of creating. I've been surprised by the joy within our process, and profoundly moved by Jonathon's curiosity and open heart. Throughout his deeply sought effort. Jonathon has made room for us to catch glimpses of grace.

Jonathon and I want to acknowledge and thank the brilliant team of dancers — Bryan, Cindy, David, Tiffany, and Jermaine — for their countless artistic contributions, which have been utterly essential to creating both the form and content of this production. A huge thank you also goes out to our extraordinary design team — AJ, Meg, Owen, Jay, Nancy, and Tom — for their vision, hard work. attention to detail, and collaborative spirit. Thank you as well to Blake Brooker and Kevin Kerr for inspiration and guidance. And finally, our eternal gratitude for the technical team and production support staff — Eric B, Jan, Jeremy, Eric C, Jim, Jessie, and our teams at Kidd Pivot and Electric Company Theatre - whose ingenuity, foresight, patience, and problem solving have been instrumental in getting this production here tonight.

This production is dedicated to Kim Collier, Stuart Collier, and Elaine Conway.

- Crystal Pite

#### ARTISTS

Integrating movement, original music, text, and rich visual design, **Kidd Pivot**'s performance work is assembled with recklessness and rigor, balancing sharp exactitude with irreverence and risk. Under the direction of internationally renowned Canadian choreographer Crystal Pite, the company's distinct choreographic language — a breadth of movement fusing classical elements and the complexity and freedom of structured improvisation — is marked by a strong theatrical sensibility and a keen sense of wit and invention.

Kidd Pivot tours extensively around the world with productions that include *The Tempest Replica* (2011), *The You Show* (2010), *Dark Matters* (2009), *Lost Action* (2006), and *Double Story* (2004), created with Richard Siegal. Kidd Pivot received the 2006 Rio Tinto Alcan Performing Arts Award, and was resident company at Künstlerhaus Mousonturm, with the support of Kulturfonds Frankfurt RheinMain, in Frankfurt, Germany from 2010 to 2012. For more information, please visit www.kiddpivot.org.

Electric Company Theatre is one of Canada's leading creators of live theater, rich in spectacle and adventurous in form, challenging theatrical conventions while preserving a strong sense of story. The company was originally formed as a collective in 1996 by Siminovitch Prizewinning director Kim Collier, David Hudgins, Jonathon Young, and Governor General's Award-winning writer Kevin Kerr, who met while training at Studio 58 in Vancouver.

Electric Company Theatre has created over 20 original productions including the film/theater hybrid *Tear the Curtain!* (Arts Club Theatre) a live-cinematic adaptation of Jena Paul Sartre's *No Exit*  (American Conservatory Theatre), Studies in Motion (Canadian Stage), and Brilliant! (Edinburgh Fringe, San Jose Stage). In 2005 the company wrote and directed The Score, a feature film for CBC Television that played festivals in Canada, the US. Mexico, Taipei, and Tokyo. The company has received numerous industry awards across Canada including the first Rio Tinto Alcan Performing Arts Award for Theatre (2001). In 2009 Electric Company co-founded Progress Lab 1422, a 6,000 square-foot theater creation space in Vancouver, with Rumble Theatre, Neworld Theatre, and Boca del Lupo. For more information, please visit www.electriccompanytheatre.com.

Canadian choreographer and performer Crvstal Pite (co-creator, choreographer, director) is a former company member of Ballet British Columbia and William Forsythe's Ballett Frankfurt, Ms. Pite's professional choreographic debut was in 1990 at Ballet British Columbia, Since then, she has created over 40 works for companies such as Nederlands Dans Theater I. Cullberg Ballet, Ballett Frankfurt, The National Ballet of Canada, Les Ballets Jazz de Montréal (resident choreographer, 2001–04), Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet, Ballet British Columbia, and Louise Lecavalier/Fou Glorieux, She has also collaborated with Electric Company Theatre and Robert Lepage. She is an associate choreographer of Nederlands Dans Theater, associate dance artist of Canada's National Arts Centre, and associate artist at Sadler's Wells. London.

In 2002, she formed her own company, Kidd Pivot, in Vancouver. Kidd Pivot tours nationally and internationally, performing works such as *Dark Matters* and *Lost Action*. Kidd Pivot's residency at the Künstlerhaus

are left only with an awareness of the limits of perplexed in the face of a particular event...a of the word is *treffen* (to meet) and *betroffen* space and time where language ceases. We shock, bewilderment, or impact. The root (to be met), and *Betroffenheit* is the state "Simply translated, Betroffenheit means of having been met, stopped, struck, or

language and the limits of what can be taken

in. In this gap definitions disappear and

certainty vanishes. Anything is possible — any

prescribed. Everything is up for grabs in this response, any action or inaction. Nothing is

fertile and palpable silence."

- From And Then, We Act by Anne Bogart

Mousonturm in Frankfurt (2010–12) provided her the opportunity to create and tour *The You Show* and *The Tempest Replica*. Most recently, the company has premiered *Betroffenheit*, a co-creation with playwright and actor Jonathon Young of Electric Company Theatre.

Jonathon Young (co-creator, writer, performer) is co-artistic director of Electric Company Theatre. In 2015 he was commissioned by Nederlands Dans Theater to write The Statement, a oneact play directed by Crystal Pite. The play was performed at New York City Center in November 2016. With Electric Company, he has collaborated on the making of over 20 original productions including Tear the Curtain! (a film/theater hybrid for Arts Club Theatre and Canadian Stage), No Exit (a re-working of Jean-Paul Sartre's play performed in San Francisco at the American Conservatory Theatre), and Studies in Motion (Vancouver Playhouse, Edmonton Citadel, Theatre Calgary, and Canadian Stage in Toronto). In addition, Mr. Young works across Canada as a freelance actor. Some recent productions include All But Gone (Necessary Angel, Toronto), The Waiting Room (Arts Club Theatre, Vancouver), The Great Gatsby (Theatre Calgary), and Hamlet (Bard on the Beach Festival, Vancouver). Recent television projects include Detective Hyde on Impastor and four seasons on Sanctuary as Nikola Tesla. He has been nominated for a UK National Dance Award and is the recipient of several Jessie Richardson Awards for his acting and writing. Born in Ponce, Puerto Rico, and raised in New York City, Bryan Arias (performer)

is a former company member with Complexions Contemporary Ballet and Nederlands Dans Theater. He has originated roles in and performed works by notable choreographers including Jiří Kylián, Ohad Naharin, and Crystal Pite. As a choreographer, Mr. Arias is the recipient of the First Place and Audience Choice awards for his work Without Notice at the Sixth Copenhagen International Choreography Competition (CICC), and winner of the Hubbard Street Dance International Commission Project. He has choreographed for Hubbard Street 2, Nederlands Dans Theater 2, Ballet Vorpommern (Germany), and The Scottish Ballet. He is the founder of the ARIAS Company, and has been performing with Kidd Pivot since 2012.

Born and raised in Penticton, British Columbia, **David Raymond** (performer) began as a tap dancer and continued to train in classical and other forms of dance, forming Over the Influence with four street dancers. In 2004 he entered a two-year creative residency with Tiffany Tregarthen in Antwerp, Belgium. Upon returnina to Vancouver in 2007, they founded Out Innerspace Dance Theatre to serve as the home for their creative work, and Modus Operandi as a platform to develop and share their practice with young artists. Mr. Raymond has performed with The 605 Collective, Wen Wei Dance, Response Dance, Dana Gingras, Simone Orlando, Beijing Modern Dance, Vancouver Opera, and Move: The Company.

Born in Sunnyvale, California, **Cindy Salgado** (*performer*) began her training at the age of three. After graduating from The Juilliard School in 2005 with the Princess Grace Award, she began freelancing in New York. She danced for Aszure Barton & Artists most memorably on tour with Mikhail Baryshnikov, assisted Andy Blankenbuehler in pre-production for Hamilton and other Broadway shows, and assisted and performed for Mia Michaels. She is on faculty with New York City Dance Alliance and was assistant rehearsal director for Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet. She was a co-founder and teacher for Artists Striving To End Poverty. She co-started a multimedia dance theater company called Shook Ones in 2014. Ms. Salgado has been a proud member of Kidd Pivot since 2009.

Jermaine Maurice Spivey (performer) was born in Baltimore, Maryland where he began his dance training and later attended performing arts high school at the Baltimore School for the Arts. After graduating with a BFA in dance from The Juilliard School in 2002, he moved to Lisbon, Portugal where he danced with Ballet Gulbenkian from 2002-05. In 2005, he joined the Cullberg Ballet, where he met Crystal Pite, and performed with the company until summer 2008. He has received several awards in dance including the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts First Level Scholarship and the Princess Grace Award. Mr. Spivey has been performing with Kidd Pivot since August 2008.

Born in Prince George, British Columbia, **Tiffany Tregarthen**'s (*performer*) early mentors include Margo Hartley, Rosemarie Harris, Linda Klassen, Rachael Poirier, and Yaming Li. Her professional career began with Mia Michaels RAW and Wes Veldink in New York and POZ Dance Theatre in Seoul. She spent two years of professional development centered in Antwerp with her partner David Raymond before returning to co-create Out Innerspace Dance Theatre and its associated post-secondary dance program Modus Operandi. Additionally, she created a work for Les Grands Ballets Canadiens through their National Young Choreographer Competition; has danced with The Turning Point Ensemble, Radix Theatre, The Beijing Modern Dance Company, The Vancouver Opera, The 605 Collective, Wen Wei Dance, and Justine Chambers; and joined Kidd Pivot in 2013.

**Owen Belton** (composer, sound designer), who is based in Vancouver. Canada. graduated from Simon Fraser University in 1993 with a degree in fine and performing arts (concentration in music), and studied acoustic and computer music composition with Owen Underhill and Barry Truax. He has been writing music for dance since 1994 when he created the music for Shapes Of A Passing, Crystal Pite's piece for Toronto-based Ballet Jorgen. Since then, he has created many scores for dance companies including Kidd Pivot, The National Ballet of Canada, Nederlands Dans Theater, Cullberg Ballet in Stockholm. Ballet Nuremberg, Oregon Ballet Theatre, and 420 People in Prague. Since 2008, he has also been creating sound design and composing for theater, working mainly for theater companies in Vancouver. He has also scored several short films.

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(composers, sound designers) are Canadian theater artists based in Vancouver. Their work has been seen and heard across Canada and internationally in conjunction with The Shaw Festival, Canadian Stage, Factory Theatre, Centaur Theatre, Bard on the Beach, Ruby Slippers Theatre, Electric Company Theatre, Blackbird Theatre,





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Jay Gower Taylor (set designer) started out in theater as a professional dancer where he enjoyed an international career spanning more than 20 years. Parallel to his dance career, he developed his skills as a designer. Some of his first opportunities designing for theater were with Serge Bennathan collaborating on Absences, The Invisible Life of Joseph Finch. Conversations. and Elles. More recently, he designed The Virtual Stage and Electric Company Theatre's live-cinematic interpretation of Jean-Paul Sartre's NO EXIT. In the works of Crystal Pite, he has designed Plot Point, Solo Echo, Parade, Frontier, and In the Event for Nederlands Dans Theater; *Emergence* for the National Ballet of Canada: and Dark Matters and The Tempest Replica for Kidd Pivot.

Nancy Bryant (costume designer) lives in Vancouver and designs costumes for dance, theater, opera, and film. Works with Crystal Pite include Seasons' Canon (Paris Opera), Parade, and Plot Point (Nederlands Dans Theater), and The Tempest Replica (Kidd Pivot). Costume designs for theater include Helen Lawrence (Stan Douglas Inc.), The Overcoat (Canadian Stage), and Tear the Curtain (Arts Club/ Electric Company Theatre). Designs for opera include Das Rheingold, The Flying Dutchman, Rodelinda (The Pacific Opera), and Sweeney Todd (Vancouver Opera). She has received a Leo (film) Award for Legend of Earthsea, multiple Jessie Richardson Theatre Awards, and the 2014 Mayor's Arts Award for Vancouver Theatre.

Tom Visser (*lighting designer*) grew up in the countryside of west Ireland. At the age of 18 he started working in music theater through his theatrical family. After six years he started working in dance with the Nederlands Dans Theater. Since 2005 he has created original designs for choreographers Crystal Pite, Alexander Ekman, Johan Inger, Stijn Celis, Lukas Timulak, Sharon Eyal, and Joeri Dubbe. Recently, Mr. Visser has been creating his own projects through art installations and interactive media.

Born in Québec. Eric Beauchesne (rehearsal director) grew up fishing and hunting before discovering dance at the age of 16. A graduate from École supérieure de danse du Québec, he has been on stage with Les Grands Ballets Canadiens, the Badisches Staatstheater Karlsruhe, and Les Ballets Jazz de Montréal, as well as with Canadian contemporary dance icons such as La Fondation Jean-Pierre Perrault. Paul-André Fortier, Louise Lecavalier, and Crystal Pite. A company member since 2004, he currently collaborates with Kidd Pivot as rehearsal director, and stages Ms. Pite's work on companies worldwide including Ballet British Columbia, Cullberg Ballet, Royal Swedish Ballet, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, and, most recently, Scottish Ballet. Mr. Beauchesne has served as guest teacher and faculty for several organizations such as École de danse contemporaine de Montréal, Arts Umbrella Vancouver, Seattle Festival of Dance Improvisation, and Dutch National Ballet Academy, as well as rehearsal director for Nederlands Dans Theater. He currently resides in Holland, and devotes most of his spare time advocating for climate justice and sustainable practices in the dance world.

Jeremy Collie-Holmes (production manager) hails from Wellington, New Zealand, where he graduated from Victoria University with a BA in theater and film and a bachelor of commerce and administration in management. Since then he has combined his love of travel with his career. He has worked as a production manager, technical director, lighting director, and stage manager for festivals, venues, and companies in New Zealand, Australia, the United Kingdom, Europe, on cruise ships, and now in Canada. In addition to his role at Kidd Pivot he is currently involved as technical director with Vancouver-based companies Out InnerSpace Dance Theatre and Tara Cheyenne Performance. He has recently worked with the Auckland International Arts Festival in New Zealand (venue manager). Push International Arts Festival (venue technical director). Vancouver Folk Music Festival, Aeriosa Dance Society, Squamish Valley Music Festival, Holy Body Tattoo, Green Thumb Theatre, and Wen Wei Dance. Yes, he does often import New Zealand marmite and will happily go bungee jumping at a moment's notice.

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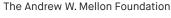
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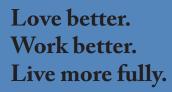
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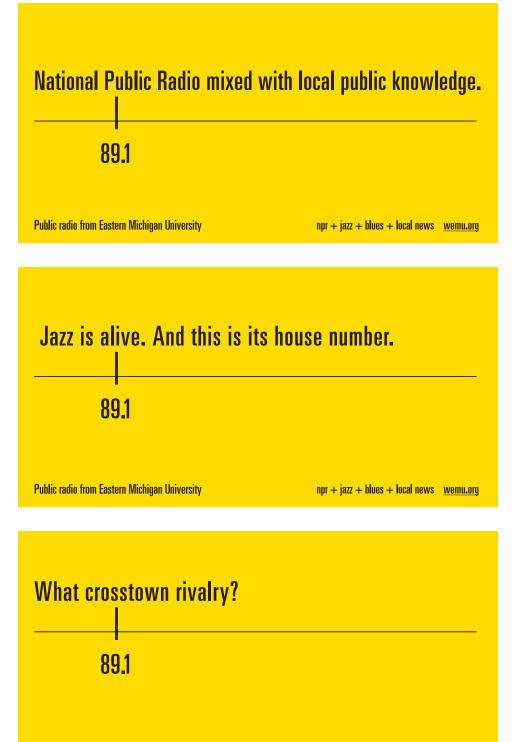
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