

PILOBOLUS: BIG FIVE-OH!

Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 7:30pm Tryon Festival Theatre

PROGRAM

PILOBOLUS: BIG FIVE-OH!

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UNTITLED (1975)

Choreographed by Robby Barnett, Alison Chase, Martha Clarke, Moses Pendleton, Michael Tracy, and Jonathan Wolken

Performed by: Nathaniel Buchsbaum, Quincy Ellis, Marlon Feliz, Hannah Klinkman, Paul Liu, and Zack Weiss

Music: Robert Dennis

Costumes: Kitty Daly and Malcolm McCormick

Lighting: Neil Peter Jampolis

Commission from ADF at Connecticut College "Project Music and Dance"

BEHIND THE SHADOWS (2021)

Created by Renée Jaworski and Matt Kent in collaboration with Nathaniel Buchsbaum, Quincy Ellis, Marlon Feliz, Hannah Klinkman, Paul Liu, and Zack Weiss

Performed by Nathaniel Buchsbaum, Quincy Ellis, Marlon Feliz, Hannah Klinkman, Paul Liu, and Zack Weiss

Music: David Poe

Lighting: Yannick Godts

Behind the Shadows is inspired by work from Shadowland (2009), and the contributions of Steve Banks, David Poe, Robby Barnett, Renée Jaworski, Matt Kent, Michael Tracy, Neil Peter Jampolis, Neil Patel, Liz Prince, and the original cast of Shadowland.

ON THE NATURE OF THINGS (2014)

Created by Robby Barnett, Renée Jaworski, Matt Kent, and Itamar Kubovy in collaboration with Shawn Fitzgerald Ahern, Benjamin Coalter, Matt Del Rosario, Eriko Jimbo, Jordan Kriston, Jun Kuribayashi, Derion Loman, Nile Russell, and Mike Tyus

Performed by Nathaniel Buchsbaum, Quincy Ellis, and Marlon Feliz OR Hannah Klinkman, Paul Liu, and Zack Weiss

Music: Vivaldi; Michelle DiBucci and Edward

Bilous

Mezzo Soprano: Clare McNamara

Violin Solo: Krystof Witek

Lighting and Set Design: Neil Peter Jampolis

On The Nature Of Things was commissioned by The Dau Family Foundation in honor of Elizabeth Hoffman and David Mechlin; Treacy and Darcy Beyer; The American Dance Festival with support from the SHS Foundation and the Charles L. and Stephanie Reinhart Fund; and the National Endowment for the Arts.

20-minute intermission

THE BALLAD (2022)

Created by Darlene Kascak, Renée Jaworski, and Matt Kent in collaboration with Eryn Barnes, Nathaniel Buchsbaum, Quincy Ellis, Marlon Feliz, Hannah Klinkman, Paul Liu, and Zack Weiss Performed by Nathaniel Buchsbaum, Marlon Feliz, Hannah Klinkman, Paul Liu, and Zack Weiss

Storytelling: Darlene Kascak of the Schaghticoke Tribal Nation

Soundscape: Ben Sollee

Costumes: Valerie St. Pierre Smith

Lighting: Brian Tovar

Props: Yannick Godts

The Ballad is commissioned by the American Dance Festival with support from the Doris Duke/SHS Foundations Award for New Works. Additional support provided by the Institute of American Indian Studies and The Ballet Foundation.

BRANCHES (2017)

Created by Renée Jaworski and Matt Kent in collaboration with Itamar Kubovy, Mark Fucik and Antoine Banks-Sullivan, Nathaniel Buchsbaum, Krystal Butler, Isabella Diaz, Heather Jean Favretto, and Jacob Michael Warren

Performed by Nathaniel Buchsbaum, Quincy Ellis, Marlon Feliz, Hannah Klinkman, Paul Liu, and Zack Weiss

Music David Van Tieghem, David Darling, Riley Lee, Olivier Messiaen, Stuart Bogie

Sound Design: David Van Tieghem

Costume Design: Liz Prince

Lighting Design: Thom Weaver

Branches premiered at Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival Inside/Out Series, June 21, 2017, and was commissioned by Jacobs Pillow Dance Festival and the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes a great nation deserves great art.

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ABOUT PILOBOLUS

Since 1971, Pilobolus has tested the limits of human physicality to explore the beauty and power of connected bodies. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Pilobolus has drawn on these decades of experience in telling stories with the human form to reach audiences in new ways, from our physically-distanced Roving Art Safari to digital performances and classes. Today, Pilobolus is thrilled to return to the proscenium stage, for its 50th Anniversary, performing works that span our half century.

This innovative dance company has created and toured over 120 pieces of repertory to more than 65 countries, and collaborated with more than 75 organizations in finance, retail, media, fashion, sports, and more to create bespoke performances for television, film, and live events. Learn more at pilobolus.org.

PROFILES

RENÉE JAWORSKI (co-artistic director) has had an extensive creative career working with Pilobolus since 2000, and in 2011 was honored to have been chosen by the founding Artistic Directors to lead Pilobolus into and beyond its post succession evolution. She served as choreographer and creator for exciting projects and collaborations for stage, film and video such as the 79th Annual Academy Awards, the Grammy® nominated video for OKGo's All is Not Lost, Radiolab Live: In the Dark, World Science Festival: Time and the Creative Cosmos and works with myriad outside artists through the International Collaborators Project, as well as overseeing the daily functioning and long term planning for the company's creative endeavors. As a teacher, she facilitates workshops and group projects in diverse communities with dancers and non-dancers alike. In 2010, her alma mater honored her with the University of the Arts Silver Star Alumni Award for her work as an artist in the field of dance. She has performed and toured the world with Momix and Carolyn Dorfman Dance Company. Renée lives in Connecticut with her husband and a menagerie of animals.

MATT KENT (co-artistic director) began his career with Pilobolus as a dancer in 1996, helping create many pieces, including classics like *Gnomen* and *Selection*, a collaboration with Maurice Sendak. In 2011, Matt was chosen by the founding Artistic Directors to lead Pilobolus in its post succession evolution. He has directed for the stage and screen choreographing on horses, Chinese acrobats, giant Michael Curry puppets, zombies on the *The Walking Dead*, jugglers, break dancers, actors, LED umbrellas and dancers. He was nominated for Best

Choreography by the L.A. Drama Critics Circle for *The Tempest* directed by Aaron Posner and Teller. Matt loves exploring and executing the ever-evolving work of Pilobolus as it reaches out to an expanding group of artists, audiences, and populations in ever unexpected ways.

NATHANIEL BUCHSBAUM (dance captain)
Manipulator of Light and Shadow, Harnesser of
Momentum, Shepherd of Saccharomyces, Student
of the Ephemeral, Walker of the Prime Material
plane. When he isn't wandering the lands,
delighting both young and old with his nimble,
scantily-clad acts of physical storytelling, he
dwells in West Virginia where he brews craft beer
at Morgantown Brewing Company. Nathaniel was
absorbed into Pilobolus in 2012.

QUINCY ELLIS (dance captain) began training as a gymnast and figure skater in Maine before earning an acting degree from Emerson College. He has been performing and teaching for the past ten years with companies such as The MoveShop, DeFunes Dance, and Theatre Raleigh. Outside of traditional theatre, Quincy also dances for a variety of NYC Drag Artists, including Juicy Liu and Miz Cracker. Quincy joined Pilobolus in 2017 and does not dye his hair grey . . . it grows that way.

MARLON FELIZ (dancer) has danced with Pilobolus since 2014, touring *Shadowland* productions around the world, and now presenting repertory and artistic programing wherever possible. Additional credits include a Broadway debut in the new *West Side Story*, and other musicals, cruise ships, and NYC-based companies. She received her foundational training in ballet and modern dance at New World School

of the Arts, and completed her BFA in dance at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. She is originally from Miami, Florida.

HANNAH KLINKMAN (dancer) was born and raised in Dexter, Michigan where she was classically trained at Ballet Chelsea. She studied at Grand Valley State University and completed her training with BalletMet Columbus in 2016. She has since danced and created with Festival Ballet Providence, Dance The Yard, Rhode Island Women's Choreography Project, and Momix, collaborating on her own choreographic projects when not traveling. Hannah is a Mindfulness Meditation teacher, Pilates instructor, dance teacher, and houseplant enthusiast. Hannah joined Pilobolus in 2021.

PAUL LIU (dancer) grew up in New Jersey training in traditional Chinese dance and acrobatics as well as breaking. He has studied with the Nai-Ni Chen Youth Dance Company, the Academy of Dance Arts New Jersey, the Central Academy of Drama in Beijing, and the Boston Conservatory. He has worked with Avary Gerhardt, Fukudance, and Hybridmotion Dance Theatre. He is almost always upside down doing floorwork except when cooking, skating, or getting tattoos. Paul joined Pilobolus in 2019.

ZACHARY WEISS (dancer) grew up in Chapel Hill, North Carolina and began his formal dance training at age eight. He has always been a performer whether it be playing the saxophone, singing, acting or dancing. Zack studied contemporary dance at UNC School of the Arts for a year before transferring to Swarthmore College. He graduated in 2020 with a major in engineering and a minor in dance. After working as a data engineer in Washington, DC for a year, Zack joined Pilobolus in 2021. Outside the studio, Zack can be found riding/fixing bikes, finding high places to climb, and reading science fiction (but

not all at the same time).

ROBBY BARNETT (co-founder, choreographer) was born and raised in the Adirondack Mountains and attended Dartmouth College. He joined Pilobolus in 1971.

ALISON CHASE (co-founder, choreographer) is a choreographer, director, master teacher, and theatrical artist. Her work explores emotional terrain through innovative movement, multidimensional storytelling, fusions of film and dance, and site-specific works. During her three decades with Pilobolus, she built an eclectic repertoire of choreography with unorthodox partnering and aerial techniques. Alison founded Alison Chase/Performance in 2009 to pursue her creative vision in bold collaborations. She has commissions from Wolf Trap, La Scala Opera, the Rockettes, and the Fête de l'Humanité, among others.

MARTHA CLARKE (co-founder, choreographer) is a founding member of Pilobolus and Crowsnest, noted for her multidisciplinary approach to theater, dance, and opera. She has choreographed for Nederlands Dans Theater, La Scala Ballet, the Martha Graham company, and is a resident artist for Signature Theatre, with works including Garden of Earthly Delights, Chéri, and Angel Reapers. Awards include a MacArthur fellowship, Drama Desk Award, two Obies, the Scripps/ADF Award for Lifetime Achievement, and two Lortels.

MOSES PENDLETON (co-founder,

choreographer) has been one of America's most innovative and widely-performed choreographers for almost 50 years. A co-founder of the ground-breaking Pilobolus in 1971, he formed his own company, MOMIX, in 1980, which rapidly established an international reputation for inventive and illusionistic choreography. Mr.

Pendleton has also worked extensively in film, TV, and opera, and as a choreographer for ballet companies and special events, including two Winter Olympics.

MICHAEL TRACY (co-founder, choreographer) was born in Florence and raised in New England. He met the other Pilobolus founders at Dartmouth in 1969, and became an artistic director after graduating magna cum laude in 1973. Michael toured with Pilobolus for 14 years and choreographed and directed the company until his retirement. He has set his work on the Joffrey, Ohio, Hartford, Nancy, and Verona Ballets, and with Pilobolus choreographed a production of Mozart's Magic Flute. Michael taught at Yale University for two decades and lives in northwestern Connecticut.

JONATHAN WOLKEN (1949–2010) (co-founder, choreographer) co-founded Pilobolus and remained an artistic director until his death, creating 46 Pilobolus works in collaboration with co-artistic directors and guest artists, and as sole choreographer. He also choreographed Glyndebourne Festival Opera's production of Maurice Sendak's Where the Wild Things Are, and the Royal Danish Ballet's Oneiric. Mr. Wolken taught many workshops and was dedicated to the furtherance of Pilobolus technique in dance and as a model for creative thinking.

DARLENE KASCAK (collaborator), Schaghticoke Tribal Nation, is education director and traditional Native American storyteller of the Institute of American Indian Studies in Washington, Connecticut. Darlene's experience as an educator, tour guide, museum assistant and traditional Native American storyteller has taught her the importance of educating both young and old about the many misconceptions and stereotypes about her ancestors. Her style of teaching from a Native American's point of

view allows children and adults the opportunity to have a new understanding of Connecticut's Indigenous Peoples lives both in the past and in the present.

NEIL PETER JAMPOLIS (1943–2019) (lighting designer) designed for Pilobolus since 1975, spanning 40 years and creating more than 60 new works for the company. He also had a 50-year active career as a set, lighting and costume designer for Broadway—where he received four Tony nominations and a Tony award—and for Off-Broadway, dance, regional theater, and opera, which he also directed. His designs appeared on every continent. Neil was a distinguished professor of theater at UCLA.

BRIAN TOVAR (lighting designer) is an award-winning and Drama Desk nominated lighting designer who has created original work for major Off-Broadway and regional theaters, everywhere. His body of work spans theater, dance, installations and live events. As a creative director and producer, Brian has developed and collaborated on multiple groundbreaking and award-winning live experiences, earning multiple Clio Awards. Brian is a frequent collaborator with the City of New York and has created and designed multiple art installations in New York City. BrianTovarDesign.com

THOM WEAVER (lighting designer) studied at Carnegie-Mellon and Yale and first worked with Pilobolus on Teller and Aaron Posner's *The Tempest* at Chicago Shakespeare Theatre. In New York, his work has been seen at NYSF/Public Theatre, Primary Stages, Signature Theatre, Player's Theatre (*Play Dead* with Teller), 37ARTS, Cherry Lane, Lincoln Center Festival, Lincoln Center Institute, and SPF. Thom has worked regionally at CenterStage, Syracuse Stage, Huntington, Milwaukee Rep, Shakespeare Theatre, Asolo, Berkshire Theatre Festival,

Williamstown, Folger Theatre, Roundhouse Theatre, Cincinnati Playhouse, Hangar, Spoleto Festival USA, City Theatre, Pittsburgh Public Theatre, and Yale Rep. Thom has received three Barrymore Awards (21 nominations), four Helen Hayes nominations, and two AUDELCO Awards.

KITTY DALY (costume designer) created costumes for Pilobolus's Molly's Not Dead, The Detail of Phoebe Strickland, Bonsai, The Empty Suitor, Moonblind, Lost in Fauna, Mirage, What Grows in Huygen's Window, Stabat Mater, and Elegy for the Moment. She has designed for the Ohio Ballet, the Pennsylvania Ballet, the Milwaukee Ballet, Merce Cunningham, Crowsnest, and Parker/Pucci. Ms. Daly lives in northern Vermont, creating custom evening gowns and beautiful tracks in the snow.

LIZ PRINCE (costume designer) designs costumes for dance, theater, and film, and has designed costumes for numerous Pilobolus productions. Her costumes have been exhibited at the Cleveland Center for Contemporary Art, The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts, Snug Harbor Cultural Center, Rockland Center for the Arts, and the 2011 Prague Quadrennial. She received a 1990 New York Dance and Performance Award (BESSIE) for costume design as well as a 2008 Charles Flint Kellogg Award in Arts and Letters from Bard College.

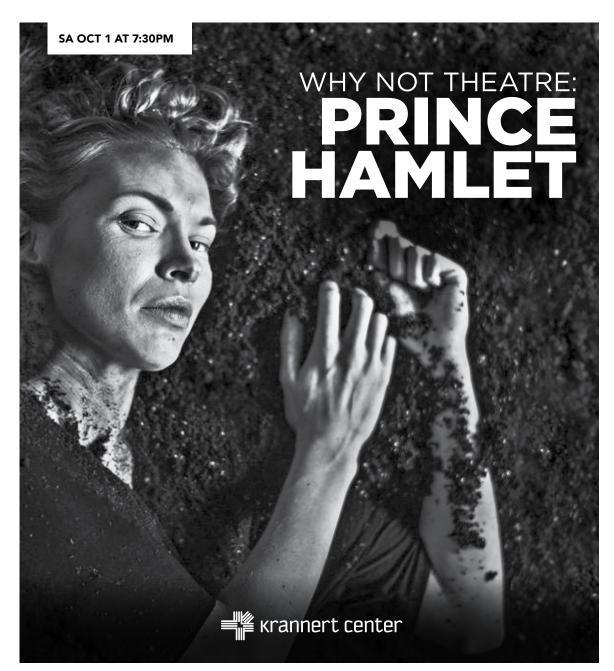
VALERIE ST. PIERRE SMITH (costume designer), White Earth Ojibwe-kwe, mischief-maker, scholar, and author, has an eclectic design background including stage, fashion, dance, film, opera, and themed entertainment. Her designs have been seen at The Kennedy Center, Woolly Mammoth Theatre, Mixed Blood Theatre, Sea World: San Diego, the National Museum of the American Indian and more. Valerie's scholarly work on cultural appropriation, inspiration, and representation in design has her presenting for a

variety of institutions and conferences, including Central Saint-Martins Fashion Programme in London, England, and writing for a variety of publications.

DANIELLE DEVITO (stage manager) grew up just outside of New York City and was introduced to the production side of the performing arts at her high school's performing arts curriculum program, PACE. She studied at The American University in Washington, DC majoring in both film and dance production and graduating in 2020. Danielle has worked at the American Dance Festival and with dance and theater companies including Dorrance Dance, One Year Lease Theater, and Passion Fruit Dance Company. She also works for the Broadway Education Alliance, putting together kids' ensemble programs at locations such as Carnegie Hall and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

YANNICK GODTS (lighting supervisor) started with Pilobolus in 2013 as a production intern and has been with the company ever since. In 2014, he joined the staff of *Shadowland* and has been to four continents with the show since then. When not on the road or in the Pilobolus studio, he lives in Washington, DC and works as a visual artist, graphic designer, and lighting and scenic designer at large. He thanks his family for their encouragement and friends for putting up with the fact that he's never home.

MAXWELL JABARA (deck manager) hails from southeastern Michigan and went on to study technical theatre at Kent State University in Ohio. Just out of college, Max worked with Pilobolus as a production intern and recently, he worked as a prop hand for the Blue Man Group. He's very excited to be back on tour with Pilobolus!



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Krannert Center affirms the commitment by the university to move beyond these statements, toward building deeper relationships and taking actions that uphold and preserve Indigenous rights and cultural equity.

As we gather to experience this performance, we have an opportunity to reflect on the ways that systems of oppression have shaped our society. We can work together to create systems that support human dignity, establish equity, strengthen cross-cultural relationships, and draw upon the creative capacity of all people that make up this community, state, nation, and world.

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