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**GroundWorks DanceTheater: Celebrating Connection through
nextSPACE Fall 2020**

CLEVELAND, Ohio - GroundWorks DanceTheater launches **nextSPACE Fall 2020**, a continuation of our summer series. The fall series will feature activities in both live and virtual spaces around Northeast Ohio. "**nextSpace** evolved out of a series of questions about how GroundWorks might re-center our work and share space with others in many different ways online, in person, and always in our imaginations." - says David Shimotakahara, Executive Artistic Director, about the inspiration for this new program.

nextSPACE Fall 2020 will run from October 5 - November 1.

We invite the community to journey, connect, react, and experience with GroundWorks as we celebrate the importance of connections and relationships with our community and community partners. We are excited to deepen these relationships through our virtual Happy Hour Artist Talks, Movement Classes, and Drive-In Dance Film Screenings.

Our wonderful community partners for our nextSPACE Fall 2020 are:

- [Downtown Akron Partnership](#)
- [Dunham Tavern Museum](#)
- [Eighty-Three Brewery](#)
- Free Akron Outdoor Movies
- [Graffiti HeArt](#)
- [Ingenuity Cleveland](#)
- [LAND Studios](#)
- [MidTown Cleveland](#)
- [The National Center for Choreography in Akron](#)

GroundWorks has carefully planned all nextSPACE Fall 2020 programming to ensure the safety of all participants in strict adherence with CDC and local health authority guidelines

nextSPACE Fall 2020 Series Events

The full line up for GroundWorks' nextSPACE Fall Series is below. Learn more and register for the events by visiting our website: www.groundworksdance.org/nextspace-fall-2020

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Happy Hour Artist Talk: Choreographing for the Screen

October 7, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Streamed live on YouTube

Join GroundWorks DanceTheater and Christy Bolingbroke, Executive Director of the National Center for Choreography in Akron, for a panel discussion featuring choreographers examining the challenges, unique features, and craft of creating Choreography for the Screen.

Our panelists for our discussion are:

- Antonio Brown, *Artistic Director of Antonio Brown Dance*
- Mike Esperanza, *Artistic Director of Bare Dance Company*
- Cara Hagan, *Director and Curator for ADF's Movies by Movers*
- David Shimotakahara, *Executive Artistic Director of GroundWorks DanceTheater*

Be sure to grab your favorite Craft Brew from Eighty-Three Brewery in Akron. Order your favorite brew through their website: <https://www.eighty-threebrewery.com/s/shop>

Contemporary Class with Antonio Brown for Pre-Professional/Professional Dancers

**Pre-Registration Required (Registration Opens on September 28)*

October 16, 2020 at 5 p.m.

Virtual Class (Zoom Required)

Join acclaimed dancer, choreographer, and NEO native, Antonio Brown, for a virtual 60 minute contemporary class hosted by GroundWorks DanceTheater. Class will start with basic foundation techniques and later shift into physical phrase work. Antonio's class moves in and out of the floor exploring grounded and physical momentum that tests the brain and propels the body of the artist into motion. Come prepared to test your limits and break expectations, as Antonio shapes and molds the body to interact and react to pulses of dynamic music that will send you through space and time.

Happy Hour Artist Talk with Adam Barruch

October 22, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Streamed Live on Youtube

Join Christy Bolingbroke, Executive Director of the National Center for Choreography in Akron, and NYC based artist Adam Barruch as they discuss how Adam is staying artistically nourished during the pandemic, as well as his upcoming project this spring with GroundWorks.

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Drive-In Dance Film Screening in Akron*

October 29 & 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Locations: To Be Announced

Drive-In Dance Film Screening in Cleveland*

October 31 and November 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Locations: Dunham Tavern

GroundWorks leaps from stage to screen with our new Drive-In Dance on Film Screenings, taking place at various outdoor locations in both Cleveland and Akron. Experience GroundWorks on the BIG SCREEN for the first time during this limited engagement.

The Drive-In will feature a world premiere Dance Film by Antonio Brown, our current Artist-in-Residence, and his videographer/collaborator Kuo-Heng Huong. We will also be sharing a film version of David Shimotakahara's *Jigsaw*, which premiered this summer and was filmed by Brian Brennfleck.

Due to the limited number of car spaces for each viewing, pre-registration is required. The event is free but there is a suggested minimum donation of \$25 per car and each car can have multiple people inside.

**Stay tuned for Halloween related activities.*

Ongoing Events

K-12 Classes

GroundWorks artists will lead K-12 students to explore connection, creativity, and spatial awareness through "live" virtual creative movement games and activities during a school-based online class. This workshop is perfect for non-movers to help center their brains and bodies before or after a long day of virtual learning. Students may be attending virtually, but will still be asked to move and participate fully, including working in partners, small groups, and independently to explore and have fun!

This workshop welcomes beginners, non-dancers, and movement enthusiasts looking to make new connections and flex their physical and creative muscles! Participants will be eased into and guided through a warm up called Brain Dance, strategically created for non-dancers to center their brains and bodies for physical activity and centering concentration. Following Brain Dance, participants can expect to work in a virtual setting alone, in partners, and in small groups to explore tools for uncovering movement possibilities and patterns built from their personal preferences and experiences. Class will conclude with a group discussion and reflection following a brief return to individual body and breath.

****This class is not open for general registration.*** To learn about how to bring this program to your or your child's classroom, contact Education and Community Engagement Coordinator Rebecca Burcher at Rebecca@groundworksdance.org



Public Art Share

Journey with GroundWorks, Grafitti HeArt, and LAND Studios across Northeast Ohio as we explore creative space in our community through different pieces of Public Art. Each week, GroundWorks will share pictures and videos of our dancers creating images and moving in front of some of our partner's public art works in both the Cleveland and Akron areas.

Visit, react to, and capture your moves in front of these murals. We would love to see your interactions. Send them to us at nextspace@groundworksdance.org or tag us on Instagram with #GWPublicArtShare.

About GroundWorks DanceTheater

Now in its 22nd season, GroundWorks DanceTheater is dedicated to the development and presentation of new choreography and collaborations. The Northeast Ohio-based company performs new works by Executive Artistic Director, David Shimotakahara, as well as commissioned work by nationally & internationally acclaimed choreographers including Eric Michael Handman, Rosie Herrera, Kate Weare, Robert Moses, Ronen Koresh, Dianne McIntyre, Lynne Taylor-Corbett, Jill Sigman, Gina Gibney, David Parker, Brian Brooks, James Gregg, & many others. GroundWorks is committed to presenting unique opportunities for engaging the community through work-in-progress showings, master classes, and educational outreach to school children, college students, and senior adults.

GroundWorks DanceTheater's annual programming is made possible with funding from The National Endowment for the Arts, The Ohio Arts Council, Cuyahoga County residents through Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, The Cleveland Foundation, The George Gund Foundation, The Toby Devan Lewis Philanthropic Fund, GAR Foundation, Peg's Foundation, The Char & Chuck Fowler Family Foundation, The John P. Murphy Foundation, The Kulas Foundation, Akron Community Foundation, The Demetros Charitable Trust, The Judith Gerson Fund, Sisler McFawn, Individual Contributors & Members of the GroundWorks Board of Directors.

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