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GROUNDWORKS DANCETHEATER RETURNS TO THE STAGE

CLEVELAND, OH – GroundWorks DanceTheater returns to live performance for our Summer nextSPACE Series 2021. We are excited to welcome you back to LIVE DANCE experiences as the company performs exciting new work from a variety of choreographers.

“GroundWorks can’t wait to return to the stage and to share our creativity in-person again. We are grateful to the many individuals, partners and funders who have helped us throughout this time and made our continuing work possible. With these performances, we hope to connect with the resilience of our community and celebrate renewal,” says David Shimotakahara, Executive Artistic Director

The Summer nextSPACE series will feature **Axis**, a new work by Adam Barruch, originally created for film and reimaged for the stage. The newly staged version of **INSIDE** by Cleveland-native Antonio Brown will also be performed. The original dance film premiered during our drive-in film showings this past fall. Finally, we are ecstatic to bring back the delightful and moving **Sud Buster’s Dream**, created in 2019 by GroundWorks founding Executive Artistic Director, David Shimotakahara.

GroundWorks is excited to forge a new partnership with **BAYarts** and bring our summer performance series to Cleveland’s west side. GroundWorks will perform at the BAYarts campus on July 15 and 16.

BAYarts was founded in 1948 by local artists seeking community. Beginning in 2005, a volunteer-driven revitalization campaign led to the renovation of the historical campus buildings and grounds and new construction over 8 years. In 2006 the name was changed to BAYarts to reflect the fresh programming and revitalized organization.

GroundWorks will follow our BAYarts performance weekend with our annual **Cain Park** Performance series. In this returning season, our performances will take place on July 23 & 24 at the Evans Amphitheater. We are pleased to continue this annual summer tradition with our 17th season at the historic summer arts mecca in the heart of Cleveland Heights.

The Summer nextSPACE Series ends with the **Heinz Poll Summer Dance Festival** on August 6 and 7 at Firestone Park in Akron. This festival was created to honor the legacy of the founding Artistic Director of the Ohio Ballet Heinz Poll and continues to present performances by respected Ohio dance companies free to the public and supported by the City of Akron. GroundWorks was invited to perform as one of the inaugural companies at the Festival in 2007 and has been a featured company every summer since.

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GroundWorks DanceTheater's Summer nextSPACE Performance Series 2021:

BAYarts

Thursday and Friday, July 15 & 16 at 7 pm

BAYarts campus

29790 Lake Road, Bay Village, OH 44140

Cain Park

Friday and Saturday, July 23 & 24 at 7:30 pm

Evans Amphitheater

14591 Superior Rd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

The Heinz Poll Summer Dance Festival

Friday and Saturday, August 6 & 7 at 8:45 pm

Firestone Park, Akron, OH

For tickets and more information, visit groundworksdance.org/nextspace.

About GroundWorks DanceTheater:

GroundWorks DanceTheater, founded by David Shimotakahara in 1998, is a contemporary dance company located in Northeast Ohio. Now in our 23rd season, GroundWorks DanceTheater is continually pushing the boundaries of what is possible through dance by engaging, educating, and enlivening our community. We are committed to presenting unique opportunities for engaging the community through work-in-progress showings, masterclasses, artist talks, and educational outreach to school age children, college students, and senior adults, along with 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, Adam Barruch, Gina Gibney, David Parker, Brian Brooks, James Gregg, & many others.

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