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**PRESS RELEASE**

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The Boston University College of Fine Arts School of Theatre and Dance Program present

***Aurora Borealis 2016: A Festival of Light and Dance***

*December 4th and 5th, 2016 Boston University Dance Theater*

**Boston, MA** –The Boston University College of Fine Arts School of Theatre, in collaboration with the Department of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, presents the 15th annual *Aurora Borealis: A Festival of Light and Dance*. *Aurora Borealis* is a vibrant exploration of the relationship between light and form with a focus on collaboration and experimentation, featuring dance and movement pieces by faculty and students. The production will be held at the Boston University Dance Theater. There will be an open dress rehearsal on **Sunday, December 4, 7:30 p.m.** and two performances on **Monday, December 5, at 7 and 9 p.m.** The performances are free and open to the public. Yo-el Cassell and Micki Taylor-Pinney are the artistic co-directors with lighting designed by Bridget Doyle, MFA student in the School of Theatre Lighting Design Program.

This year's concert will include:

- A collaboration choreographer **Yo-el Cassell**, and students from the College of Fine Arts School of Theatre. The piece evolved from *Light and Movement*, a course taught by **Cassell** and **Mark Stanley**.
- Students and community members from Dance Faculty, **Liz Roncka's** Movement Improvisation class.
- A group work by Aerial Dance Silks instructor, **Marin Orlosky-Randow**, is in collaboration with her students.
- A silks solo by **Anna Schechinger**, and a lyra hoop duet by **Anna Schechinger** and **Caitlin Miller**.
- Two solos from the Aerial Apparatus Choreography class taught by **Lynda Rieman**.
- A lively medley of pieces was created by Dance Faculty instructor, **Jossie Coleman**, for her Hip Hop and Cardio Jazz Funk classes.
- Three solos by CFA dance minors from directed studies in choreography with **Micki Taylor-Pinney**.

**AT A GLANCE:**

**WHAT:** *Aurora Borealis 2016: A Festival of Light and Dance*  
**WHEN:** Sunday, December 4, 7:30 p.m. Open Dress Rehearsal  
Monday, December 5, 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Boston University Dance Theater, 915 Commonwealth Ave. (with entrance on Buick St.)  
**WEB:** <http://www.bu.edu/fitrec/dance/dance-theater/upcoming-events/>  
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**FREE and Open to public**

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**INSTITUTIONAL BIOGRAPHIES**

Founded in 1839, Boston University is an internationally recognized private research university with more than 30,000 students participating in undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. BU consists of 17 colleges and schools along with a number of multi-disciplinary centers and institutes which are central to the school's research and teaching mission. Established in 1954, [Boston University College of Fine Arts](#) is a top-tier fine arts institution. Comprised of the School of Music, School of Theatre, and School of Visual Arts, CFA offers professional training in the arts in conservatory-style environments for undergraduate and graduate students, complemented by a liberal arts curriculum for undergraduate students. The [Department of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance](#) (PERD) at the FitRec Center offers students, faculty, staff and the general public a wide selection of dance genres, ranging from the beginning to the advanced level. Over 1000 students enroll each semester. A Dance Minor is offered through the College of Fine Arts School of Theatre in collaboration with PERD.