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

Aurora Borealis: A Festival of Light and Dance

Boston University Dance Theater, December 4, 2023

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 22nd 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 performances are **Monday, December 4, 7pm and 9pm**. Yo-EL Cassell and Micki Taylor-Pinney are the artistic co-directors. Mark Stanley is the Lighting Design Faculty Advisor; lighting will be designed by Eduardo Ramirez and Conor Thiele, graduate students in the School of Theatre Lighting Design Program. Lynda Rieman is the BU Dance Theater Production Manager.

This year's concerts will include:

- Directed Study projects in composition and direction by CFA acting students and dance minors under the advisement of Yo-EL Cassell and Micki Taylor-Pinney, respectively.
- Choreography performed by students from BU Dance Program classes, including work by dance faculty, Jossie Coleman, for her Afro-Fusion, CardioJazzFunk, Heels, and Hip Hop classes, and pieces from the Aerial Dance Choreography class, facilitated by dance faculty, Molly Baechtold.

AT A GLANCE:

WHAT: *Aurora Borealis 22: A Festival of Light and Dance*
WHEN: Performances December 4, 7pm and 9pm
WHERE: Boston University Dance Theater, 915 Commonwealth Ave. (entrance opposite 10 Buick St.)
TICKETS: FREE and Open to the Public; no ticketing
Masks are optional

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 900 students enroll each semester. A Dance Minor is offered through the College of Fine Arts School of Theatre in collaboration with PERD.