FALL DANCE
Sept. 26-30 at 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30 at 2 p.m.
AGNES DE MILLE THEATRE

Kira Blazek-Ziaii
CHOREOGRAPHER
Fernando Carrillo
CHOREOGRAPHER
Robert Gosnell
CHOREOGRAPHER
Pearlann Porter
CHOREOGRAPHER
Amyia Burrell
CHOREOGRAPHER

PRESENTED BY
UNCSA
Brian Cole
CHANCELLOR
Endalyn T. Outlaw
SCHOOL OF DANCE, DEAN
Michael J. Kelley
SCHOOL OF DESIGN & PRODUCTION, DEAN
FALL DANCE

SUPERCONDUCTOR (13 MIN)

Choreographer: Kira Blazek-Ziaii
Music: Aram Khachaturian
Sabre Dance
Franz Liszt
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2
Costume Design: Marissa McCullough
Lighting Design: Andrew Beauregard
Assistant to the Choreographer: Eden Furbert
Sound Engineer: Jacob Martin

SEPTEMBER 26, 28 & 30 AT 7:30 PM
Brendan Juengling
Zion Mack
Tessa Ledbetter
Noelle Kebebew
Tove Davies
Madison Wesson
Joanna Holden
Melayna King
Nyla Ruffin
Laila Ramos
Stella Morris

SEPTEMBER 27 & 29 AT 7:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 30 AT 2 PM
Carter Phillips
Madi Bianco
Ryan Pecorella
Mallory Stratton
McKenna Kelly
Lisa Fink
Scarlett Szewczyk
Gianna Kepner
Mya Kerestes
Molly Jordan
Jirahgon Voyles

VIRTUAL CHROMOSOMES (10 MIN 30 SEC)

A resource for analyzing normal and abnormal human chromosomes, is an image processing and recognition method to create virtual chromosomes for education purposes at universities and clinical laboratories. This choreography seeks to demonstrate the many different patterns cells move which carry chromosomes.

Choreographer: Fernando Carrillo
Music: Philip Sheppard
Kara Main Theme (Kara)
On The Run
Costume Design: Marissa McCullough
Lighting Director: Stephen Smart
Sound Engineer: Jacob Martin

Solos were individually created by each dancer to showcase their own freedom of expression and artistry.
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VIRTUAL CHROMOSOMES continued

SOLOISTS - SEPTEMBER 26
Opening - Emma Frye
Middle - Owen Vincent
Closing - Ashley Leonard

SOLOISTS - SEPTEMBER 27
Opening - Reagan Himmelwright
Middle - Jacob Bower
Closing - Maddie Criss

SOLOISTS - SEPTEMBER 28
Opening - Ryan Blattau
Middle - Vanessa Simmons
Closing - Elizabeth Zommer

SOLOISTS - SEPTEMBER 29
Opening - Grace Mary England
Middle - Melissa Ramos Fiche
Closing - Emily Neely

SOLOISTS - SEPTEMBER 30 AT 2 PM
Opening - Bella Gonzales
Middle - Mya Johnson
Closing - Hayden Preskitt

SOLOISTS - SEPTEMBER 30 AT 7:30 PM
Opening - Abigail Kutz
Middle - Scarlet Newton & Landon Jenkins
Closing - Anna Scott Thompson

CORPS

Ryan Blattau
Jacob Bower
Madison Criss
Grace England
Emma Frye
Bella Gonzalez
Reagan Himmelwright
Landon Jenkins
Mya Johnson
Abigail Kutz
Ashley Leonard
Emily Neely
Scarlet Newton
Hayden Preskitt
Melissa Ramos Fiche
Vanessa Simmons
Anna Scott Thompson
Owen Vincent
Grace Zommer
FALL DANCE

敬意を表して (In Honor Of...) (13 MIN)

Choreographer: Robert Gosnell
Music: Zen Monk
  Drum (the Zen service)
  John Williams
  Brush on Silk
  Jean-Pierre Rampal
  Hamabe No Uta (Narita)
  Kiyoshi Yoshida
  Forest
  Matsuri
Costume Design: Marissa McCullough
Lighting Design: Trevor Kirschenheiter
Assistant to the Choreographer: Brenda Daniels
Sound Engineer: Jacob Martin

SEPTEMBER 26, 28 & 30 AT 7:30 PM

SOLOIST
Vince Jackson

DUETS
Hayden McCann
  Isa Poteat
  Marius Diaz
  Julianna Stonebridge
  Seth Roberts
  Abigail Dowell
  Anaya Gonzalez
  Camryn Varney

CORPS
Jen Kim
  Mariella Saunders
  Nadia Chudzik
  Caroline Bonnette
  Sophia Schreiber
  Emily Murray

SEPTEMBER 26, 28 & 30 AT 7:30 PM

SOLOIST
Valadie Cammack

DUETS
Caleb Chesson
  Ava Strickland
  Jackson Menard
  Olivia Vorhis
  Spencer Fitzgerald
  Candace Vann
  Madi Schneider
  Angelina Brucculeri

CORPS
Jacy Bartlett
  Mariella Saunders
  Veronica Comelek
  Gloria Li
  Hayden Wright
  Sophie Bennett
FALL DANCE

TURMOIL, ROMANCE & DEBAUCHERY IN D MINOR (16 MIN 29 SEC)

Choreographer: Pearllann Porter
Music: Jean Sibelius
   Violin Concerto in D Minor, Op. 47
Costume Design: Marissa McCullough
Lighting Director: Liz Shekhterman-Baklar
Assistant to the Choreographer: Sean Sullivan
Sound Engineer: Jacob Martin

SEPTEMBER 26, 28 & 30 AT 2 PM
SOLOIST
Sierra-Loren Chapman

SEPTEMBER 27, 29 & 30 AT 7:30 PM
SOLOIST
Tianyu Wang

CORPS
Nick Buynitzky
Jack Cerminaro
Kyriaki Christoforou
Peyton Dawes
Devon Drybread
Reagan Gales
Naya Gonzalez
Addy Harris
Cailee Harvey
Kayla Jackson
Jade Jenkins

Sidni Kennedy
Paisley Kupka
Trisha Mohta
Raea Moorehead
Paris Newman
Julianna Pittman
Gigi Rood
Olivia Tarlton
Aniyah Wilkinson
Traci Angel Woodard
Meleysha Wooten

2023-24 PERFORMANCE SEASON
FALL DANCE

CHILDREN UPRISEN (17 MIN)

Choreographer: Amyia Burrell
Music: Teodor Wolgers & Martin Wirén
Song of the Storm (featuring Bear Garden)
Danny Bensi & Saunder Jurriaans
Worse than Dad
Naughty By Nature
O.P.P (instrumental version)
Danny Bensi & Saunder Jurraains
The Fuse
Divan Gattamorta
Branco
Yusef Lateef
Peace & Love
Louis Armstrong & Sy Oliver and His Orchestra
On the Sunny Side of the Street
Arrested Development
People Everyday
The Five Stairsteps
Violin Concerto in D Minor, Op. 47
Jean Sibelius
O-h-h Child

Costume Design: Marissa McCullough
Lighting Design: Stephen Smart
Assistant to the Choreographer: Ming Yang
Sound Engineer: Jacob Martin

SWINGS

Chandler Davidson Camille Pettiford Claire Schiffer
Jarrod Harrell Kenzie Sawyer David Gouldin

SEPTEMBER 26

Rodney ................................................................. Will Meeks
Little Girls .......................................................... Karley Childress & Hikaru Smith
Shop Owner (Everyday People) ............................... Courtney Hodges
Shop Owner ................................................................ Claire Schiffer
Shop Owner .................................................................. Mack Longley
Shop Owner ........................................................................ Chandler Davidson
Shop Owner ........................................................................... David Gouldin
Protestor .............................................................................. Ashtyn Babb
Protestor/Officer ....................................................... Meghan Lensmeyer
Protestor ................................................................................ Grace Bethune
Protestor/Officer ........................................................ Margaret Wilsch
Protestor ................................................................................. Lily Chan
Protestor ................................................................................ Terra Hernandez
Protestor ................................................................................ Camille Pettiford
Protestor ................................................................................. Jarrod Harrell
Protestor/Officer ........................................................ Kenzie Sawyer
Officer .................................................................................. Isabella Campbell
“Cosby Show” Couple ........................................ Jarrod Harrell & Claire Schiffer
“Different World” Couple ........................................ Chandler Davidson & Camille Pettiford
FALL DANCE

CHILDREN UPRISEN continued

SEPTEMBER 27
Rodney/Looter.................................................. Jarrod Harrell
Little Girls.......................................................... Karley Childress & Hikaru Smith
Shop Owner (Everyday People)............................. Courtney Hodges
Shop Owner.......................................................... Elyse Scalia
Shop Owner................................................................ Santina Leone
Shop Owner/Officer............................................... Skylar Tuttle
Protestor.................................................................. Dearion Clyburn
Protestor.................................................................. David Gouldin
Protestor.................................................................. Meghan Lensmeyer
Protestor.................................................................. Grace Bethune
Protestor/Officer...................................................... Will Meeks
Protestor.................................................................. Destiney Daniels
Protestor/Officer...................................................... Isabella Campbell
Officer....................................................................... Sara Goldfarb
“Cosby Show” Couple.......................................... Jarrod Harrell & Elyse Scalia
“Different World” Couple................................. Will Meeks & Kenzie Sawyer

SEPTEMBER 28
Rodney................................................................. Will Meeks
Little Girls.......................................................... Camille Pettiford & Claire Schiffer
Shop Owner (Everyday People)............................. Courtney Hodges
Shop Owner.......................................................... Elyse Scalia
Shop Owner................................................................ Santina Leone
Shop Owner/Officer............................................... Skylar Tuttle
Shop Owner/Officer............................................... Dearion Clyburn
Protestor.................................................................. David Gouldin
Protestor.................................................................. Meghan Lensmeyer
Protestor.................................................................. Sara Goldfarb
Protestor.................................................................. Ashtyn Babb
Protestor.................................................................. Destiney Daniels
Protestor.................................................................. Grace Bethune
Protestor.................................................................. Margaret Wilsch
Protestor/Officer...................................................... Isabella Campbell
Protestor/Officer...................................................... Jarrod Harrell
Protestor.................................................................. Kenzie Sawyer
“Cosby Show” Couple.......................................... Jarrod Harrell & Elyse Scalia
“Different World” Couple................................. David Gould & Kenzie Sawyer
FALL DANCE

CHILDREN UPRISEN continued

SEPTEMBER 29

Rodney/Looter................................................................. Chandler Davidson
Little Girls................................................................. Karley Childress & Hikaru Smith
Shop Owner (Everyday People)................................. Dearion Clyburn
Shop Owner........................................................................ Elyse Scalia
Shop Owner........................................................................ Mack Longley
Shop Owner......................................................................... David Gouldin
Protestor .............................................................................. Ashtyn Babb
Protestor/Officer ............................................................... Kenzie Sawyer
Protestor.............................................................................. Claire Schiffer
Protestor/Officer ................................................................ Margaret Wilsch
Protestor.............................................................................. Lily Chan
Protestor/Officer ............................................................... Terra Hernandez
Protestor/Officer ............................................................... Isabella Campbell
Protestor .............................................................................. Camille Pettiford
Protestor .............................................................................. Grace Bethune
Protestor ............................................................................. Destiney Daniels
Protestor (Everyday People)..................................... Courtney Hodges
“Cosby Show” Couple........................................... Courtney Hodges & Claire Schiffer
“Different World” Couple................................. David Gouldin & Kenzie Sawyer

SEPTEMBER 30 AT 2 PM

Rodney ....................................................................................... Will Meeks
Little Girls................................................................. Karley Childress & Hikaru Smith
Shop Owner (Everyday People)................................. Dearion Clyburn
Shop Owner........................................................................ Elyse Scalia
Shop Owner......................................................................... Santina Leone
Shop Owner/Officer........................................................... Skylar Tuttle
Shop Owner........................................................................ Sara Goldfarb
Protestor/Officer ............................................................... Ashtyn Babb
Protestor/Officer ............................................................... Meghan Lensmeyer
Protestor.............................................................................. Claire Schiffer
Protestor .............................................................................. Mack Longley
Protestor.............................................................................. Lily Chan
Protestor/Officer ................................................................ Terra Hernandez
Protestor.............................................................................. Camille Pettiford
Protestor (Everyday People)................................... Chandler Davidson
Protestor ............................................................................... Jarrod Harrell
Protestor ............................................................................. Destiney Daniels
“Cosby Show” Couple........................................... Jarrod Harrell & Lily Chan
“Different World” Couple................................. Chandler Davidson & Claire Schiffer
FALL DANCE

CHILDREN UPRISEN continued

SEPTEMBER 30 AT 7:30 PM

Rodney ................................................................. Will Meeks
Little Girls .......................................................... Karley Childress & Hikaru Smith
Shop Owner (Everyday People) ......................... Courtney Hodges
Shop Owner .................................................................. Claire Schiffer
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PRODUCTION STAFF

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Assistant Lighting Designer ...................................................... Lexi Roth
Console Operator .............................................................. Christopher Mendell
Programmer ...................................................................... Christopher Mendell
Electrician ................................................................. Arthur Adcock-Vidouria, Abigail Bouck
......................................................................................... Garrett Deutsch, Noelle Longenberger
........................................................................ Alexander Marshall, Cole Reynolds Muller
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........................................................................ Tatiana Solano, Cameron Toler, Logan Whitten
......................................................................................... Kristen Wright, Qianyu Yu
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KIRA BLAZEK-ZIAII

Kira Blazek-Ziaii is a dance educator, choreographer and filmmaker currently on faculty at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts (UNCSA). She began her professional dance career at HubbardStreet 2 and went on to dance for Douglas Dunn, Anouk van Dijk, Pilobolus, Christopher Williams and Shen Wei Dance Arts, among others. During her performing career, she began making dances and dance films in New York City. Her works have been presented in Sarasota, Austin, Tulsa, Los Angeles and New York City. She received a B.F.A. from the University of Oklahoma and an M.F.A. from California Institute of the Arts. Blazek-Ziaii is a certified Countertechnique instructor and proud mother of two.

FERNANDO CARRILLO

Fernando Carrillo trained at The Ailey School in New York City and completed his M.F.A in dance at Hollins University. Carrillo performed with Ailey II, Ballet Hispanico of New York (AGMA), The Lion King (ACTORS EQUITY) – Broadway’s 1st National Tour, Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines and Chippendales of New York. Carrillo also worked with Hinton Battle in “Louis – The Movie” (SAG-AFTRA) and Bronx Casket – musical workshop. Other performances include Carnegie Hall with soprano, Jessye Norman (Choreography by Milton Myers) and the solo “Ready” from Alvin Ailey’s Revelations for Alicia Alonso in Cuba at the 40th Anniversary of Compañía de Ballet de Cuba.

Carrillo is enthusiastic and delighted to be a faculty member at UNCSA dance department. He has taught at Butler University, Marymount Manhattan College, Adelphi University, University of Iowa NYU’s CAP21 musical theatre department, The Ailey School, The Juilliard School, Kirov Academy of Ballet, JKO School at ABT, Joffrey Ballet School, Feijoo Ballet School, STEPS on Broadway, Peridance Center, to name a few.

ROBERT GOSNELL

Robert Gosnell began his training with the High Point Ballet (RDA/SE) in his home state of North Carolina, where he also continued to study at the UNCSA from 1993-1998. In addition, Gosnell has expanded his dance studies with The School of American Ballet and The Rock School of Pennsylvania Ballet.

He began his dance career with Hubbard Street Dance Chicago and The Atlanta Ballet. Gosnell joined the Nashville Ballet in 1999, where he danced until 2007. Gosnell was featured in ballets by David Allan, Salvatore Aiello, Sir Frederick Ashton, Winthrop Corey and Paul Vasterling. He has additionally performed with several regional companies such as Atlanta Dance Theatre, where he also served as an associate director/resident from 2010-13, Roswell Dance Theatre and High Point Ballet. He has also has served as the youth cast rehearsal master for Nashville Ballet’s “Nutcracker.” From 2004-2006, Gosnell participated in the National Choreographers Initiative in Irvine, California, where he worked with Val Canavaroli, Anne Marie DeAngelo,
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Gina Patterson, Peter Pucci, Luca Vegetti and Molly Lynch. He was also a featured artist at the 2004 and 2008 Southeastern Regional Ballet Association’s annual festival.

In summer 2007 and summer 2008, Gosnell had the honor to return to UNCSA, along with other alumni, to be a part of UNCSA performance series in Manteo, North Carolina. In summer 2009, he had the opportunity to perform in Arezzo, Italy with Amaranth Contemporary Dance based in Richmond, Virginia. Gosnell is now working more on his choreography. His work has been shown at Denver School of the Arts, RDA/Northeast Festival, RDA/Southeast Festival, and the National Regional Dance America Festival’s and UNC Greensboro. Gosnell continues to be on staff with the Commercial Dance Intensive under the direction of Casey Noblett. Gosnell proudly serves as a guest faculty/staff member at the UNCSA. He is the Summer Dance assistant director and the Festival of Dance co-director. Gosnell is the ballet master and guest artist for Roswell Dance Theatre and is a past president for the Regional Dance America/Southeast.

PEARLANN PORTER

Pearlann Porter is an improvisational performing artist, visual-conductor, physical-poet, experimental fashion designer and dance filmmaker. She is a passionate instigator of new ideas in jazz and an investigator of physical expression.

Porter is the founding artistic director of the improvisational-based dance company The Pillow Project (est. 2004) and the founding director of The Space Upstairs (est. 2006), where she and her partner, John Lambert, are the permanent full-time resident artists and regular hosts/creators of the long-running monthly Second Saturdays jazz-happenings.

Through The Pillow Project at The Space Upstairs, Porter often creates performances without the formal division of a traditional stage so that intimate, inclusive interactions can occur with her audiences, helping her in building a creative community in all directions. “Postmodern-Jazz Dance,” to her, is a verb and creation method. The Space Upstairs is both her laboratory for navigating artistic risks and her forum for innovating new audience experiences.

Porter continues to represent herself as a contemporary artist of a new American modern-jazz dance driven by the concept that jazz is a partnering of music with dancers as physical musicians: Dancers articulate sound into visual motion to share another live dimension of “jazzing the music.”

Porter has been teaching and creating from her own postmodern-jazz dance philosophy and improvisational language — The Ellipsis Condition™ — for over 20 years. Through The Pillow Project, she has extensive creation and self-production experience, having entirely self-organized and produced large-scale performance events in military armories, abandoned steel blast furnaces, warehouse-lofts, and the recurring performance series on the public streets. Her work with The Pillow Project has been performed in Pittsburgh, New York City, Paris, London and Dublin. She has also autodidactically created two original video projection methods to illuminate her dance — “Luminography” and “Light-Specific Projection” — both which are simultaneously low-tech and visually unusual applications to lighting design for dance.
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She holds a B.F.A. in dance from Point Park University ('99) where she has also been on dance faculty for 24 years teaching postmodern-jazz improvisation, modern dance and dance composition. She has held artist residencies and/or created original work for GroundWorks Dance Theater, The Dance Alloy Theater, August Wilson Center Dance Ensemble, Xpressions Dance Company, University of Southern Mississippi, University of Pittsburgh, Slippery Rock University, Dance Conservatory of Pittsburgh, Point Park University, LABCO Dance and TEDxGrandviewAve.


AMYIA BURRELL

Amyia Burrell is currently the head of the young dancer division at Orlando Ballet Company and School, where she also works with Pre-Professional, Academy, Trainee and Second Company Members. Originally from the Los Angeles area, Burrell has trained with dance legends such as Debbie Allen, Tina Landon, LuLa Washington, Ana Marie Forsythe and Diane Maroney Grisby.

Her career has included roles as a dancer with Disney’s “The Lion King” National Tour (2006-2017), Tokyo Disney, Walt Disney World and more. While performing, she taught regular masterclasses across the country for Broadway Connection and Disney Theatrical Educational Program, now Disney Musicals in Schools. She began with Orlando Ballet in 2018 and has since been honored with numerous awards including Outstanding Teacher and Outstanding Choreographer 2022 at Youth America Grand Prix. Her students have won top prizes at Youth America Grand Prix and Universal Ballet Competition. Burrell is also honored to have trained dancers who have been accepted into programs with The Royal Ballet of London, Princess Grace Academy, San Francisco Ballet, English National Ballet, UNCSA, Alvin Ailey BFA, and so many more. She has successfully coached several Prix de Lausanne candidates, including two prize winners.

Other guest choreographic projects have included Valencia College Summer Repertoire, “Chicago” and “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum” at the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts and Florida Dance Educators Annual Dance Concert. She has served as an adjudicator and choreographer for the 2020-2023 Applause Awards and has been a Disney Musicals in Schools teaching artist since 2018. Burrell holds certifications from American Ballet Theater (Level 5), Balanced Body Pilates and Progressing Ballet Technique.

She is so blessed for the opportunity to work with such amazing artists and is extremely thankful to God, her family and all who have helped her arrive at this moment.
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The Dean’s Circles support each of the five arts schools at UNCSA — Dance, Design & Production, Drama, Filmmaking and Music. Dean’s Circle members support the school of their choosing with an annual gift of $5,000 or more in support of discretionary funds, scholarships, or other fundraising priorities. Members enjoy special events and opportunities to interact with the school’s dean, faculty and students. If you are interested in joining one or more UNCSA Dean’s Circles, please contact Shannon Wright, Director of Development for Leadership Annual & Family Giving, at wrights@uncsa.edu or 336-770-1427.

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As one of the world’s premier dance schools, the School of Dance offers a rigorous yet nurturing approach to developing talented young performers into technically sound, artistically sensitive, and stylistically versatile professional dancers. A world-class, resident faculty is complemented by visiting guest artists, choreographers, and company residencies that bring current trends from the field. Students concentrate in either classical ballet or contemporary dance, but train and perform in both. Numerous performance opportunities allow students to explore a diverse repertory.

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Lydia by Octavio Solis  
Sept. 28-30, Oct 3-5 at 7:30 p.m.  
Oct. 1 at 2 p.m.  
PATRONS THEATRE

The 1970s El Paso setting of Octavio Solis’s “Lydia” along the Texas-Mexico border forecasts a drama where reality and unreality flow freely into each other. The illegal-immigrant maid of the title, hired to take care of Ceci—a girl on the eve of her quinceañera but left unable to communicate because of a car crash injury—provides the key to unlocking shattering family secrets.

Solis pointedly raises issues of immigration, disabilities, race, sexual awakening, homophobia, and forbidden love, illuminating, as he describes it, “dark and light, life and death, one country and another, between one consciousness and another.” The Denver Post praised the 2008 play, saying it is “an astonishing, expertly crafted tragedy that seduces and tempts you with its pulsing rhythms and evocative language until it has you fully under its spell.”

Imani Winds in Concert  
Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m.  
WATSON HALL

Universally hailed as one of the finest and most innovative wind quintets on the music scene today, Imani Winds presents a program that shows off their dynamic playing, adventurous programming, and commitment to presenting exciting new voices along with classical masters of the jazz world.

A special highlight will be Carlos Simon’s “Giants,” an homage to great women and men of color, like poet Maya Angelou, astronaut Ronald McNair, “Empress of the Blues” Bessie Smith, and iconic pianist Herbie Hancock. NPR said: “If it’s possible for a classically trained wind quintet to rock the house, Imani Winds blows the roof off.”