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**30 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO PERFORM IN
THE NATIONAL COLLEGE DANCE FESTIVAL
TERRACE THEATER
THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
WASHINGTON, DC
June 7, 8 and 9, 2018**

Thirty colleges and universities from around the country will perform in the American College Dance Association's National College Dance Festival on June 7, 8 and 9, 2018. The Festival features outstanding college and university dance presented in the Terrace Theater at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. The dances will be performed in three different programs presented at 2:00PM and 7:30PM each day of the three-day Festival. The list of performing schools on each program is included below.

"The Festival provides a unique opportunity to view the extraordinary work being created in dance in higher education throughout the nation," says ACDA Executive Director Diane DeFries. "The three distinct programs offer audiences an opportunity to view the next generation of dancers in performance. Dances created by guest artists, faculty, and students highlight the ongoing American tradition of dance as a medium to investigate a wide range of aesthetic, emotional and social issues. With exciting and varied choreography and ferocious dancing by emerging artists, the Festival reflects the vitality of dance across the country."

The 30 dances to be performed at the National Festival were chosen for their artistic excellence from each of ACDA's 13 regional conferences around the country. Nationally recognized panels of adjudicators selected the works to be presented at the National Festival.

Tickets, including group sales, are available at the Kennedy Center Box Office, charge by phone at (202) 467-4600 and www.kennedy-center.org. Participating schools can be found on the following pages.

The National College Dance Festival is co-sponsored by The George Washington University's Department of Theater and Dance and made possible by the generous support of Dance Media, Dance Magazine, and lifetime members of ACDA and individual donors.

*For further information on the National Festival
or the American College Dance Festival Association,
contact Diane DeFries, Executive Director*

**Participating Schools in Alphabetical Order
by Program, Location, Titles, Choreographers**

Program A: Thursday, June 7, 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Alabama State University (Alabama), *Hearthside*, Michael Medcalf
Columbia College Chicago (Illinois), *Who R U?*, Stephanie Baner
George Mason University (Virginia), *Marrow*, Shelley Cochrane
Kennesaw State University (Georgia), *Suspended Vision*, Lisa K. Lock
MiraCosta College (California), *A Bar in Jerusalem*, Issa Hourani
Orange Coast College (California), *Focus*, Zachary Groenewold
Snow College (Utah), *fleeting things*, Dmitri Peskov
Temple University (Pennsylvania), *[ey-vis]*, Emma Valeria Girandola
University of Massachusetts–Amherst (Massachusetts), *Small Memory*, Kelsey Elizabeth Saulnier
University of Texas, Austin (Texas), *When*, Jenn Freeman

Program B: Friday, June 8, 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Kent State University (Ohio), *Aftermath*, Catherine Meredith
Minnesota State University, Mankato (Minnesota), *Peek*, Daniel Stark and Dancers
Montclair State University (New Jersey), *To Have and To Hold*, Danial Shapiro and Joanie Smith
San Jose State University (California), *Exoskeleton*, Kara Davis
Smith College (Massachusetts), *where the air is light and clear*, Em Papineau & Sofia Engelman
University at Buffalo (New York), *Mine Eyes Have Seen*, Naila Ansari
University of California Irvine (California), *Shikata ga nai*, Vanessa Kanamoto
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Illinois), *where we're going*, Krystal Collins
University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley (Texas), *Corridos Mexicanos*, Rafael Zamarripa; Restaged by Francisco Muñoz III
Virginia Commonwealth University (Virginia), *Dreams*, Marsell Chavarria and Jelani Tayl

Program C: Saturday, June 9, 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Belhaven University (Mississippi), *Imag[(l)n]e*, Erin Scheiwe Rockwell
Connecticut College (Connecticut), *"...and I will never, ever let you down."*, Rachael Lieblein-Jurbala
Macalester College (Minnesota), *Just Her Time*, Wynn Fricke
Northern Illinois University (Illinois), *ENUF*, Paula Frasz
Sam Houston State University (Texas), *Umbilic*, Jared Doster
Scottsdale Community College (Arizona), *Canned*, Kalin Green
Scripps College (California), *Nneka*, Cynthia Irobunda
University of Maryland Baltimore County (Maryland), *Now Elsewhere*, Maia Schechter
University of Montana (Montana), *Every^Man (Alright)*, Tsiambwom Akuchu
University of South Carolina (South Carolina), *Honor and Ash* by Shaun Boyle

**Alphabetical List of All Performing Schools in
The 2018 National College Dance Festival**

Alabama State University
Belhaven University
Columbia College Chicago
Connecticut College
George Mason University
Kennesaw State University
Kent State University
Macalester College
Minnesota State University, Mankato
MiraCosta College
Montclair State University
Northern Illinois University
Orange Coast College
Sam Houston State University
San Jose State University
Scottsdale Community College
Scripps College
Smith College
Snow College
Temple University
University at Buffalo
University of California Irvine
University of Illinois at Urbana--Champaign
University of Maryland Baltimore County
University of Massachusetts - Amherst
University of Montana
University of South Carolina
University of Texas, Austin
University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley
Virginia Commonwealth University