# DANISH DANCE THEATRE



COPENHAGEN SUMMER DANCE is the open-air contemporary dance festival at Ofelia Plads in the heart of Copenhagen. Complementing this year's program are free open-air dance film screenings.

PRESS RELEASE FROM DANISH DANCE THEATRE
JULY 7-10 2022 AT OFELIA PLADS, COPENHAGEN

DANISH DANCE THEATRE is excited to welcome you to Copenhagen Summer Dance, one of the great summer traditions at Ofelia Plads pier in the heart of Copenhagen. Over the years, Copenhagen Summer Dance has established itself as a must-see event of contemporary dance with the harbor, the Opera House and passing boats as backdrop. This joyous and life-affirming event draws people from all over the world to experience and be inspired by dance. This summer's program will give the audience a multitude of impressions, including some of the world's finest ballet dancers guesting from Miami City Ballet. As something completely new, we're offering two, free open-air dance film screenings, featuring local artists from Denmark, and highlighting this unique and sometimes overlooked genre.

### Guests from near and far

This year, the program will consist of three works, performed by three different companies and choreographed by three different artists. Dancers from world-renowned Miami City Ballet will perform a new piece by Pontus Lidberg. Andrea Spiridonakos: a former soloist with the company and now a much in demand fashion designer, has created the

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costumes. They symbolize the energy of this cross-Atlantic collaboration and reflect her personal insight into the energetic spirit of the dancers.

Second, a much anticipated visit from our sister company Skånes Dansteater, in a work by Copenhagen-based choreographer and former dancer at Danish Dance Theatre, Fabio Liberti. Fabio is an up-and-coming choreographer known to create genre-mixing performances. His award-winning piece "Don't, Kiss" has a specific challenge for the performers: To maintain lip to lip contact throughout the piece.

Finally, we present "The Hollow Men"; a new work for Danish Dance Theatre by internationally recognized choreographer Ina Christel Johannesen, inspired by T. S. Elliot's famous poem. Lack of will to change is a recurring theme in Johannessen's often political works. During the performance, the dancers explore changes the world is currently confronted with, inspired by the dark and dream-like 1925 poem.

### **Open Air Dance Film Nights**

A new initiative to complement this year's program are two, free, open-air dance film screenings, curated by Maia Sørensen and Pontus Lidberg. All selected short films are created by local artist and/or artists with Danish affiliations.

### THE FILM PROGRAM INCLUDES:

Fast Feed (2020) - AdeY and Ira Mandela Siobhan As You Were (2022) - Frederik Valentin Dear Tree, Please Don't Spill On Our Grave (2020) - Jonne Covers Maji Claire (2018) - Sara Jordan Teller (2022) - Kristin Bjerkestrand

The film screenings are free and do not require a ticket for Copenhagen Summer Dance. The films will be presented after the dance performances on Friday and Saturday at Ofelia Plads around 10.45 - 11.45pm. (There are a limited number of seats).

#### **CREDITS**

PERFORMERS Danish Dance Theatre, Skånes Dansteater, dancers from Miami City Ballet

CHOREOGRAPHERS Pontus Lidberg, Ina Christel Johannesen, Fabio Liberti ASSISTANT TO FABIO LIBERTI Jernej Bizjak

MUSIC Philip Glass, Per-Henrik Mäenpää, Tommy Jansen

LIGHT Andreas Buhl, Raphael Frisenvænge Solholm

COSTUME DESIGN Bregje Van Balen, Jernej Bizjak, Fabio Liberti, Andrea Spiridonakou TAILOR Maria Ipsen

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### **TICKETS & FREE SEATS**

This year there's three categories of seats to Copenhagen Summer Dance.

#### All tickets are numbered.

A-seats: 200 DKK, refundable in case of rain.
B-seats: 80 DKK, not refundable in case of rain.
C-seats: free seats. not refundable in case of rain.

There will be 144 free seats which cannot be reserved, but are given on a first come, first

serve basis. Free tickets will be seated on the back rows.

Buy your ticket HERE

### **INFORMATION**

WHERE: Ofelia Plads, Kvæsthusbroen, 1250 Copenhagen

WHEN: July 7 - 10 2022, at 5:00pm and 9:00pm.

Doors open at either. 4:00pm or 8.00PM. **DURATION:** About 1 hour without break

FILM SCREENINGS: Only Friday and Saturday at 10.45-11.35pm

## FOR MORE INFORMATION CHECK OUR WEBSITE HERE

### PICTURES FOR PRESS

Pictures for press can be downloaded HERE

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