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an evening of student-choreographed works

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7:00 PM

Welte Auditorium



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Featuring Choreography by:

Karis Bongiolatti, Liloni Brown, Sydney Champagne,
Amanie Fleeting, Vanessa Fusco, Isabella Galdamez,
Vilmari Gonzalez, Katherine Hodge, Ashley Jones, Caitlyn Noble,
Marilyn Tiul, and guest alumni Tiana Boccuzzi,
Nadia Caso, and Larenz Young

Photography and audio / video recording of performances is strictly prohibited.

Strobe lighting effects will be used during this performance. Patrons that may suffer from epilepsy & other visual light stimulation effects are advised to contact the Front of House staff prior to entering the auditorium.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Dear Friends of Dancentral,

I am so proud of the Dancentral students this semester and their growth through the creation process of *Chapters of Eunoia*. Their varied backgrounds and majors, differences in age and technical abilities couldn't be more diversified, yet their unity through the creation of this program has been an honor to witness. It is clear they all share a common love of dance and artistic exploration.

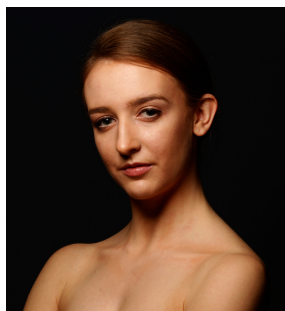
The performers have shown amazing shifts through the semester in their dancing as individuals and as a company. Tonight, they are ready to share their honesty, vulnerabilities and themselves with you through their new original works. It just doesn't get any better or more exciting than that!

I hope you will enjoy this performance as we celebrate the strong work of 11 student choreographers, 3 esteemed alumni and over 37 Dancentral company dancers. We appreciate the chance to share this evening with you and are thankful for your continued support.

With much gratitude,



Erica Nelson
Director, Dancentral



Act 1

Phoenix

Choreographer: Isabella Galdamez

Music: Seraph by DPR IAN

Dancers: Karis Bongiolatti, Liloni Brown, Sydney Champagne, Erin Curry, Vanessa Fusco, Isabella Galdamez, Tiyana Griffiths, Rubie Kollman, Lacie Low, Caitlyn Noble, Marilyn Tiul

Resurge

Choreographer: Amanie Fleeting

Music: The Untold II by Session Studios

Dancer: Amanie Fleeting

Trials of Love

Choreographer: Karis Bongiolatti

Music: Somebody to Love by Queen

Dancers: Keara Bernetich, Emma Boothby, Karis Bongiolatti, Genevieve Buehler, Erin Curry, Vanessa Fusco, Alana Gercic, Vilmari Gonzalez, Danielle Hoague, Caitlyn Noble, Marilyn Tiul

In Her Own Light

Choreographer: Katherine Hodge

Music: Distraction by Kehlani

Dancers: Emma Boothby, Gina Brienza, Katherine Hodge, Kahrisma James, Sifa Kiza, Sophia Pawlack, Taegan Praytor

Ready or Not

Choreographers: Liloni Brown & Amanie Fleeting

Music: Angels In Tibet by Amaarae and Mnike by Tyler ICU & Tumelo.za ft. DJ Maphorisa, Nandipha808, Ceeka RSA & Tyron Dee

Dancers: Keara Bernetich, Liloni Brown, Ariana Dallas, Amanie Fleeting, Neyleannie Franco, Vanessa Fusco, Isabella Galdamez, Vilmari Gonzalez, Danielle Hoague, Caitlyn Noble

"Finally those 11pm dance sessions in the dark in the DEC are coming to life..." -Erica Nelson

Disconnect

Choreographer: Larenz Young '22

Music: Film Credits by Ólafur Arnalds

Dancers: Sydney Champagne, Erin Curry, Isabella Galdamez, Lacie Low

Fuchsia Forward

Choreographers: Tiana Boccuzzi '23, Nadia Caso '23, Isabella Galdamez

Music: Lucid by Rina Sawayama

Dancers: Keara Bernetich, Karis Bongiolatti, Emma Boothby, Gina Brienza, Liloni Brown, Erin Curry, Ariana Dallas, Paige Dube, Amanie Fleeting, Neyleannie Franco, Isabella Galdamez, Alana Gercic, Katherine Gibson, Vilmari Gonzalez, Tiyana Griffiths, Danielle Hoague, Katherine Hodge, Kahrisma James, Ashley Jones, Rubie Kollman, Alexa Lombardo, Victoria Mazzaferro, Mikalyn Mirisola, Caitlyn Noble, Jenna Paulino, Sophia Pawlak, Harmony Petranek, Matthew Reilly, Marilyn Tiul

- 10 Minute Intermission -

Act 2

Yahweh

Choreographer: Liloni Brown

Music: Mount Everest by Labrinth

Dancers: Keara Bernetich, Liloni Brown, Sydney Champagne, Ariana Dallas,
Amanie Fleeting, Neyleannie Franco, Isabella Galdamez, Alana Gercic, Vilmari Gonzalez,
Tiyana Griffiths, Erica Lavender, Lacie Low

Your Purpose

Choreographers: Vanessa Fusco & Karis Bongiolatti

Music: What Was I Made For by Billie Eilish

Dancers: Emma Boothby, Gina Brienza, Paige Dube, Katherine Gibson,
Katherine Hodge, Kahrisma James, Ashley Jones, Rubie Kollman, Alexa Lombardo,
Victoria Mazzaferro, Mikalyn Mirisola, Jenna Paulino, Sophia Pawlak,
Matthew Reilly, Mandy Young

Lucifer's Waltz

Choreographer: Caitlyn Noble

Music: The Wicked Ones by Secession Studios and Greg Dombrowski

Dancers: Keara Bernetich, Karis Bongiolatti, Amanie Fleeting, Neyleannie Franco,
Vanessa Fusco, Alana Gercic, Vilmari Gonzalez, Danielle Hoague, Rubie Kollman,
Lacie Low, Caitlyn Noble

Two of a Kind

Choreographer: Ashley Jones

Music: Don't Stop Me Now by Queen

Dancers: Ashley Jones, Caitlyn Noble

Conspicuous

Choreographer: Marilyn Tiul

Music: Sing Sing Sing by Benny Goodman

Dancers: Karis Bongiolatti, Emma Boothby, Gina Brienza, Erin Curry, Ariana Dallas,
Vanessa Fusco, Rubie Kollman, Victoria Mazzaferro, Sophia Pawlak

Prima Donna

Choreographer: Vilmari Gonzalez

Music: Diva by Beyoncé

Dancers: Keara Bernetich, Karis Bongiolatti, Ariana Dallas, Amanie Fleeting,
Neyleannie Franco, Alana Gercic, Danielle Hoague, Caitlyn Noble

Party Out of Bounds

Choreographer: Sydney Champagne

Music: Dance This Mess Around by The B52s

Dancers: Keara Bernetich, Liloni Brown, Ariana Dallas, Neyleannie Franco,
Vanessa Fusco, Isabella Galdamez, Alana Gercic, Vilmari Gonzalez, Tiyana Griffiths,
Danielle Hoague, Rubie Kollman, Alexa Lombardo, Lacie Low, Victoria Mazzaferro

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Paige Dube

Amanie Fleeting

Neyleannie Franco

Vanessa Fusco

Isabella Galdamez

Alana Gercic

Katherine Gibson

Vilmari Gonzalez

Tiyana Griffiths

Danielle Hoague

Katherine Hodge

Kahrisma James

Ashley Jones

Sifa Kiza

Rubie Kollman

Erica Lavender

Alexa Lombardo

Lacie Low

Victoria Mazzaferro

Mikalyn Mirisola

Caitlyn Noble

Jenna Paulino

Sophia Pawlak

Harmony Petranek

Taegan Praytor

Matthew Reilly

Marilyn Tiul

Mandy Young

Choreographer Biographies



Tiana Boccuzzi, '23, an alumna of CCSU, graduated in 2023 with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education with a focus on English. During her time at CCSU, she danced with Dancentral for 9 semesters. Throughout that time, she choreographed and served as Public Relations Officer, Vice President, and President. She works in the East Hartford Public School system and Alyce Carella Dance Centre in West Hartford.



Karis Bongiolatti is a Junior majoring in Dance Education. She has been with Dancentral for 5 semesters, and this will be her second choreographing. Karis began her dance journey dancing at her Aunt's dance studio, Dori's Dance Academy until she was 9 years old. She then began competing at Sparkle and Shine Dance, winning many regional and national awards. She also has the opportunity to perform through many different programs and at many different venues. She is now a teacher at Sparkle and Shine Dance and Deborah's Dance Workshop, teaching their recreational and competitive students. Earlier this year, Karis had the honor of receiving the Demetra Daniel Perrelli Scholarship. Karis found a passion for dance at a very young age and is forever grateful for all her dance experiences. Karis would like to thank her family and friends for all of their support.



Liloni Brown is a Dance Education Major who has been dancing for about 10 years. Her love for dance originated from Hip-Hop, but over her years of dancing, she became interested in other styles such as Ballet, Contemporary, and Jazz. She is excited and honored to be allowed to show her works in this year's showcase. Liloni would like to thank all her dancers for their hard work and for helping her make her dreams a reality!



Nadia Caso, '23 is a Dancentral Alumna and is excited and honored to be back choreographing with her closest friends! Nadia graduated in the spring of 2023 with a Bachelor of Science in Dance Education Entrepreneurship. During her four years of college, she served as Dancentral Treasurer and was also a member of the National Honor Society for Dance Arts. Nadia has been dancing for 21 years and continues to share her love and passion for dance through coaching and teaching. Nadia is so proud of all the hard work the dancers put into this semester and cannot wait for everyone to see the show!



Sydney Champagne is a junior studying Dance Education with a specialization in Entrepreneurship. She has been dancing for about 18 years and is joining Dancentral for her fifth semester after receiving most of her previous training from D.A.N.C.E. By Kristin. This is her second time choreographing for Dancentral, and she is excited to debut this funky, fun jazz extravaganza and nod to the fabulous B52s called "Party Out of Bounds" She is extremely proud of her dancers for pushing themselves out of their comfort zones and exploring their own unique characters. When she is not dancing at CCSU, Sydney can be found teaching ballet and contemporary at the Alyce Carella Dance Centre and dancing as a professional member of the contemporary company Gareth&Co. She is grateful for this opportunity to explore her passion for choreography and to share the stage with her amazing friends.



Vanessa Fusco is a sophomore majoring in Early Childhood Education at CCSU. This will be her third semester being a part of Dancentral. Vanessa began her dance training at The Dance Connection in East Haven, CT where she was a competitive dancer and dance instructor. During her 16 years there she has competed in competitions and has gotten opportunities to take classes with professional dancers who have exposed her to many styles of dance. Her love for dance started when she

was just 2 years old and it never stopped since then. She has now been dancing for about 18 years and plans to continue. She is so excited to be co-choreographing for the first time this semester and cannot wait to see her dancers take the stage. She is so proud of all the hard work her dancers put into the lyrical piece entitled "Your Purpose". Vanessa would like to thank her parents for always supporting her through her dance journey since she was a child and is even more excited to be able to perform for them.



Amanie Fleeting is a Dance Education major. This is her fifth semester with Dancentral. She is thankful to be a part of this company and has broadened her dance styles. Amanie is excited to showcase her dances in this semester's showcase! She is forever grateful for everyone that has helped her during this process to get to where she is today.



Isabella Galdamez, president of Dancentral, is a senior majoring in Exercise Science with a minor in Dance. This is her 9th semester with Dancentral and will be debuting two choreographed works. This includes her second contemporary piece titled "Phoenix" and her first co-choreographed jazz and tap piece titled "Fuchsia Forward" with alumni, and closest friends, Tiana Boccuzzi and Nadia Caso. She is eternally grateful for the hard work and dedication her cast put into making her vision come to

life! This is Isabella's last time dancing on the Welte Stage before she graduates this semester. She is beyond grateful for the learning experiences, memories, and lifelong friendships she's made along the way. She would like to give a big thank you to all the dance educators who helped her through her dance journey at CCSU and her fellow dancers who pushed her along the way. Overall, she is excited for the audience to see the show and to dance with her Dancentral family one last time!



Vilmarí Gonzalez is a senior majoring in Dance Education. This is her third semester with Dancentral and her first time as a choreographer for the show. She has been dancing for 16 years but it wasn't until she got to Central that she truly took her talents to the next level. Vilmarí now has a new love for various styles such as hip-hop, heels, jazz, and contemporary. This semester, she is showcased in half of the performances in the show and is excited to perform in some of her favorite styles of dance. She is glad to be able to put her piece "Prima Donna" on stage and hopes the audience enjoys her hip-hop piece!



Katherine Hodge is an Elementary Education major specializing in history and has a minor in dance. She has been dancing for 18 years. She thanks Main Street Ballet and Finline Theatre Arts in CT, for her training. She would also love to acknowledge Jeri Kansas, who is a former Radio City Rockette, for her private training in the Rockette dance style as well. Katherine also studied at the Joffrey Ballet for two summers for their summer intensives. Katherine has also attended the Rockette winter workshop.

Her dream is to audition for the Rockettes in the near future. Her favorite styles of dance are Ballet and Contemporary. This will be her fourth semester dancing with Dancentral. She is excited to premier her first-ever piece of choreography on stage. The piece will focus on women's empowerment, self-worth, and knowing that it's okay to have your own independence. She hopes everyone will enjoy it!



Ashley Jones is a junior majoring in Dance Education with a specialization in Entrepreneurship. This is her fourth semester with Dancentral and her second semester choreographing a piece for the company. She has been dancing for 19 years and continues with teaching at Grossi Dance and Performing Arts Academy in Vernon, CT. As well as being a coach for their competitive team. She was also a guest instructor for the National Association of Dance and Affiliated Arts convention for tap class. Ashley

would like to say a special thank you to her family, friends, and teachers for supporting her throughout her dance journey. She is excited to showcase her passion for tap through her tap duet with her best friend. She is grateful for the opportunities Dancentral has offered her and for everyone to her all the hard work we have put into this show!



Caitlyn Noble - This is Caitlyn Noble's third year here at CCSU and her fifth semester being a member of Dancentral. This is her second time choreographing for Dancentral. Caitlyn is majoring in Dance Education with a specialization in Entrepreneurship. She is going on 19 years that she has been dancing and is beyond excited to show what she has created for this semester's showcase.



Marilyn Tiul is a senior pursuing a degree in Dance Education with PK-12 Certification, in her 5th semester with Dancentral, where she serves on the executive board as the National Honors Society for Dance Arts officer. In her time at CCSU, Marilyn is honored to have received the Catherine J. Fellows Award Scholarship this past spring and to have recently been selected as one of two 2023 CTAHPERD Outstanding Future Professionals from CCSU. In addition to her studies, Marilyn is a

committed dance instructor and choreographer for both competitive and recreational students at Papermoon Performing Arts in Litchfield, CT, where she also serves as the marketing coordinator. Marilyn is excited to premiere her second original work for Dancentral, a classical jazz piece entitled, "Conspicuous." She is so grateful to her talented cast for their dedication to her stylized piece, shared rehearsal laughs, and for bringing her vision to life. Marilyn is also forever grateful for her family for their ongoing support, as well as for her Dancentral friends who she is honored to dance side by side with!



Larenz Young, '22 is a CCSU alumnus. He graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Management and a minor in Dance. Throughout his time in Dancentral, Larenz has made many great connections and expanded on his passion for movement. He is very grateful for the opportunity to work with the company again, as this is his second time choreographing for a Dancentral showcase. Larenz is very proud to present his piece tonight and is appreciative of his dancers for their consistent effort in the creation of it.

Please check out our lobby display for photos of all our wonderful company members!

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