

Muliebrity

Meditation (1)

Choreographer: Zaquia Mahler Salinas

Dancer: Sulijah Learmont

Music: Loscil

There is a life-force within your soul, seek that life.

There is a gem in the mountain of your body, seek that mine.

O traveler, if you are in search of That

Don't look outside, look inside yourself and seek That.

-Mewlana Jalaluddin Rumi

The Occasion of Today

Choreographer: Blythe Barton

Dancers: Cecily Holcombe, Jaime Nixon, Cara Steen, Nicholas Strasburg,

Brittany Taylor, Kate Vigmostad, Chelsea Zeffiro

Music: Holly Williams, Garth Stevenson, Hayden Cahin, Jake Sidwell, Keaton Henson

Be here, now, for this is all that matters. You only have now to live – to take in, to rejoice, to control. Participate with those around you, sharing this moment.

You're here for now – you're alive, your heart still beats, and you still breathe

-Unknown

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Hirudinea and Her Host

Choreographer: Zaquia Mahler Salinas

Collaborators/Dancers: Angelica Lee Bell, Desiree Cuizon, Sarah Navarrete,

Zaquia Mahler Salinas

Music: Xiu Xiu, Brad Mehldau, Mountain Man, John Zorn

Hirudinea and Her Host explores the different ways we give to and take from each other in order to fulfill our needs. Humanity is complex and we walk a fine line- we can suck one another dry, or give of ourselves to the point of emptiness. But what happens when these give and take relationships we engage in are not as we perceive them? Premiered for San Diego Fringe Festival 2014 as part of "Perception and Perseverance" awarded Outstanding Dance Performance.

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Video by Blythe Barton & Zaquia Mahler Salinas

Dancers: Desiree Cuizon, Victoria Hamilton, Sharon Hancock, Rae Irelan, Lavina Rich,

Gina Sorensen, Cara Steen, Brittany Taylor, Kate Vigmostad

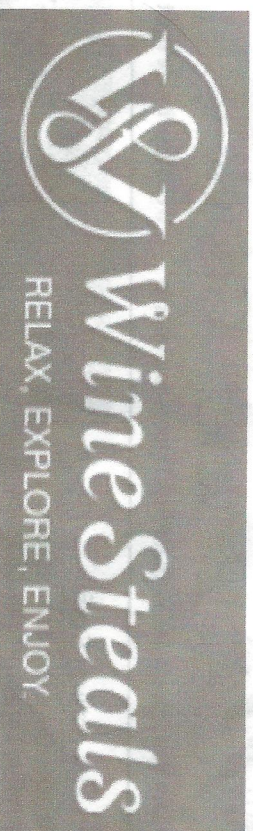
Music: Wolfgang Voigt, The Green Kingdom

The beauty and humanity of the Modern Dance form has thrived because of the generations of tenacious female dance pioneers who broke boundaries and spoke their truth through the moving body. The courage and artistry of brilliant women continues to change the face of dance. In today's world, what are the challenges and the joys of being a female dance artist? Nine local San Diego dancers and choreographers give brief insight into what it's like as women in today's local Modern Dance scene.

Blythe Barton, BFA, MFA. Blythe is currently a company dancer with both San Diego Dance Theater and Malashock Dance. Her own company, Blythe Barton Dance, is in its 6th year and has performed throughout San Diego. Blythe's choreography has been commissioned twice by Chapman University, as well as presented at Trolley Dances, the San Diego Young Choreographers Prize, Ignite, Celebrate Dance Festival, New Voices from SDDT, Backhaus Dance's Platform, San Diego International Fringe Festival (2013, 2014, 2015). She currently teaches in the San Diego Dance Theater School and serves as Administrative Assistant. blythebartondance.com

Zaquia Mahler Salinas, a native San Diegan, enjoys contributing to the vibrant and diverse local dance community. After receiving her BA in Dance with Honors from UC Santa Barbara in 2011, she returned to San Diego and has since been an active member of the dance scene. As a choreographer, Zaquia has received recognitions for dance works she has shared at events such as Emerge, (San Diego), Kinesis (Santa Barbara), the World Cultures Program at SDCC (San Diego), San Diego Dance Theater's Young Choreographers Showcase and Prize, ArtPower! Presents, and the San Diego International Fringe Festival. Her vision for her work is that it be socially and culturally relevant in an effort to inspire compassion and inquiry.

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