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PRESENTS

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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Open Space 2025

Welcome to the Open Space Showing at Dr. Phillips High School, hosted by our own 'Dance in Motion' Travel Company. We are honored to have these marvelous professionals share their artistry and educational insights with each of us this afternoon and appreciate our audience coming early so these student dancers will be able to attend their Homecoming Dance tonight!

Franco, Ariel and Bree have been with us at DPHS since Monday this week, teaching all the students and setting a work on the DPHS Travel Company Dancers, Shadow Ego, along with teaching a master class for the community on Thursday night. Franco even made sure our student dancers could enjoy their very special Balloween Day on Friday, October 31st!

There are people who inspire you from the moment you meet ~ Franco, Ariel and Bree are such people. Their humanity, sense of community, love of teaching, collaborative nature and belief in dance for all bodies aligns so closely with ours at DPHS. After not having Open Space with us last year, it has felt like a reunion to have them back with us again. We first met Franco and Open Space at the Regional High School Dance Festival in Vancouver, WA in the Spring of 2022. We knew right away that we wanted to work together! We are extremely grateful that Franco and his team returned to our high school this fall to help find new opportunities for our dancers to experiment and make discoveries in our Dance Lab this year!

We have loved our time working with all the Open Space dancers and hope this showing gives you insights into our time together this week. May you be as intrigued with these gifted movers as we have been!

ENJOY!!!

Kathy Tollensbee

Dr. Phillips High School Dance Magnet, Dance Director

THE PROGRAM

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MILK EXCERPT Patrick Watson & Sufjan Stevens

Choreographer: Lauren Edson of LED Boise(G)

Ariel Clarke (G), Franco Nieto (G)

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POCKET DANCES EXCERPT Elea

Excerpt from Roots of Loving Us

Choreographers: Holly Johnston (G) with dancers

Olivia Anderson, Claire Atwell, Eva Baez, Noor El-helw, Faith Gant, Lara Goncalves, Yelani Hill, NaKai Jessup, Morgan Marotta, Fabi Ocque, Andre Roche, Sana Williams

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LEC/DEM Various

Choreographers: Franco Nieto (G), Bree Kostechnik (G)

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SHADOW EGO Travis Lake & Ori Lichtik

Choreographer: Franco Nieto (G)

Olivia Anderson, Claire Atwell, Eva Baez, Noor El-helw, Faith Gant, Lara Goncalves, Yelani Hill, NaKai Jessup, Morgan Marotta, Fabi Ocque, Andre Roche, Sana Williams

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UPSTAIRS NEIGHBOR Boban Markovic Orkestar, George Fredrick, Handel, Technohead

Choreographer: Franco Nieto (G)

Ariel Clarke (G), Bree Kostelnik (G)

Q & A

FRANCO NIETO

Princess Grace Award winner Franco Nieto was born and raised in the Pacific Northwest. He made the unconventional switch from football to ballet in his teenage years and has now taught and danced in over 10 different countries and performed with the likes of Lady Gaga and Sir Elton John. Franco spent a decade as a principal with NW Dance Project, performing internationally and collaborating with many of today's leading choreographers. He has choreographed more than 20 original works and performed in over 160 world premieres. His early training came from the Vancouver School of Arts & Academics and Columbia Dance, and his formative line of choreography was born from his mentorship with Tracey Durbin. He has been a 3 time finalist at The Palm Desert Choreographic Festival and has been featured in Artslandia Magazine gracing the cover as a "Portland Icon". He graduated with his BFA in Jazz Dance from Point Park University. Franco, is co-founder and Artistic Director of Portland's newest contemporary dance company, Open Space. As he takes his new leadership role, he takes his new role as an Artistic Director of Open Space Dance, for his visionary generous spirit, he to creating a of creativity, and positive change in the dance world, leading with validation, kindness and



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BRYAUNNA KOSTELNIK

An Oregon native, Bryaunna Kostelnik began studying dance, developing choreography, and observing pedagogy at a young age. Post-graduation from Oregon State University in June of 2021, Kostelnik has continued to work professionally throughout the Pacific Northwest with OPEN SPACE, push/FOLD, ProLAB Dance, and Southern Oregon Dance Collective, performing work by Franco Nieto, Victor Quijada, Noelle Kayser, Ching Ching Wong, Keelan Whitmore, Megan Doheny, Ilya Nikurov, Wes Veldink, and Greg Russell. Currently, Kostelnik living in to New York City as a freelance artist and architect. Their practice is rooted in building new worlds while honoring those that came before - an act of remembering living histories and imagining bold, generative futures. They value collective authorship, where process and performance are shared modes of

discovery,
giving
voice to the
unseen and
inviting us
to intimately
dream
new ways of
belonging.

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ARIEL CLARKE

Ariel Clarke is a dancer, educator, model, and most recently a member of Open Space and a 2023 Ballare Carmel Inaugural Fellow and dancer under the direction of Lillian Barbeito. Through an unconventional path, she has accumulated a wide range of educational and performative experiences through national and international programs, most predominantly Springboard Danse Montreal's 20th edition in 2022, alongside her own creative endeavors both in live performances and films. She finds great joy in sharing her passions for dance and has taught for many years to a variety of different ages and levels at numerous institutions. Drawing inspiration from all aspects of her life, her hunger and curiosity for new information and understanding propel her to constantly question and step beyond her own boundaries within her pursuits and explorations.

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AGES 14+

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session two
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AGES 18+

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