



FALL 2024

ADVANCED COMPOSITION SHOWING

November 20-21 | 7:30 PM

Members of the BFA Classes of 2025 and 2026 present a program of original choreography that incorporates experimental elements of light, sound, and design.

Pictured: Tamar Gabelev and Sam Amey (BFA '25) | Photo: Valerie Chen (BFA '24)

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November 20th Performance

Pre show Projection Installation

Who Are You in Private?

Choreographer & Video Editing: Janae Holster

Music: *All is Full of Love* by Björk

Contributions: Cullen Burt Animations

Meadows in Mosh Pits

Choreographer: Cat Cruise

Music: *Human Sadness* by The Voidz; *I'll Try Anything Once (You Only Live Once demo)* by The Strokes

Cast: Ryan Amato, Emmy Berg, Jaelin Born, Travon Carter, Tyler Chang, Emily Fluker, Rob Hoffer, Janae Holster, Belly Laird, Rhaine Marquardt, Ella Melideo, Nina Outlaw, Andrea Rodriguez, Ella Querrey, Lincoln Seymour, Katie Tapalaga, Jayde Woodard, Avery Zerr

Note(s): Thanks, Dad, for introducing me to these pieces of music!

Ex.is.tence.

Choreographer: Angel

Music: *Vibe Out* by Tems

Cast: Ryann Simone

Note(s): Thank you for vulnerability, reciprocity, and the incredible artist Ryann Simone is!

Untitled

Choreographer: Jaelin Born

Cast: Faith Aguilar, Jaelin Born, Tyler Chang, Ammy Cheung, Cat Cruise, Kyson Kai, Stella Wong, Belly Yoshiko, Daniel Young

When We Hold Each Other

Choreographer: Carolina Centenera

Music: *The Hours Suite - Movement I* by Phillip Glass

Cast: Carolina Centenera, Chris Chun, Mia Snape, Covin Washington

Note(s): So much gratitude for my dancers, you guys rock.

The Intersect (excerpt)

Choreographer: Alexander Thomas and Xavier Williams

Music: *The High (Lux Familiar Footwork Edit)* by Kelela

Cast: Shea Hancock, Enzy J'var Martin, Jalen Scriven, Andrea Rodriguez, Nina Outlaw

Note(s): Thankful for Chicago music, the pioneers of Chicago footwork, the amazing cast, and the man above.

INTERMISSION (10 min)

Cluster

Choreographer: Shea Hancock

Cast: Ryan Amato, Emily Fluker, Shea Hancock, Alexander Thomas, Avery Zerr

Note(s): Immense gratitude for my cast for their hard work and patience with me through this process as well as the laughter and joy cultivated in our rehearsal space.

ТРАЭН ЯУОУ ОТ ЯАВHӨИH

Choreographer: Emmy Cheung

Music: ТРАЭН ЯУОУ ОТ ЯАВHӨИH (feat. NATURE)

Cast: Megan Matthieu

Note(s): To Ell: Thank you for the words exchanged and creation offerings. To Megan: Thank you for the vitality you so selflessly poured into this piece in becoming an ethereal wonder

crowning comfort

Choreographer: Ambar Matos Ortiz in collaboration with dancers

Music: *La Combi Versace* by Rosalia; *Pila de Nota* by Bigoblin & JeycitoLM; *Catfish* by Doechii — mixed & mastered by DJ AMO & DJ Slaterrose

Cast: Andrea Rodriguez, Leeann Ross, Janae Holster, Hannah Robertson, Samiyah Norris

Note(s): thank u 2 all the powerful women in my life, ur strength & resilience never goes unnoticed <3

Who helps us love?

Choreographer: Malachi Ashley Stevens and Sadie Grace Shelburne

Music: *two* by Black Decelerant, Contour, Omari Jazz and Water Sound Healing by Chantress Seba

Cast: Malachi Ashley Stevens and Sadie Grace Shelburne

All Of This

Choreographer: Jayde Woodard

Music: *Hyperballad* by Bjork (Jacob Collier Cover)

Cast: Ryan Amato, Emmy Berg, Braylon Browner, Cardin Chung, Cat Cruise, Ellery Donlon, Sam Fine, Belly Laird, Ava La France, Emily Liu, John Ledwith, Julia Lowe, Jasmine Robinson, Anthony Picarello, Mason Walker, Covin Washington

November 21st Performance

All At Once

Choreographer: Ryan Amato

Music: *Q Loop* - Mixed by Basic Channel; *Stomp* by Ben Frost

Cast: Luke Barrett, Braylon Browner, Travon Carter, Austin Diaz, Kyson Kai, Andrew Nash, Anthony Picarello, Mason Walker

The Essence of Womanhood

Choreographer: Onye Stevenson

Music: *Woman* by Rhye

Cast: Sam Amey, Emmy Cheung, Onye Stevenson

Note(s): to all of the amazing & beautiful women in the world...you are not alone and I love you!!! Thank you for your strength, resilience, inspiration!

experiment #9

Choreographer: Brenan Gonzalez

Music: Original Score composed and produced by Mercer Meeks; *A Face Without Eyes* by Nmesh (Mixed by DJ Slaterrose)

Projections: Brenan Gonzalez

Cast: Cardin Chung, Tamar Gabelev, Brenan Gonzalez, Wyatt Florin, Julia Lowe

In Retrospect

Choreographer: Emily Fluker

Music: *Fratres* by Juho Vartiainen, Tapiola Sinfonietta, and Jean-Jacques Kantorow

Cast: Kali Knewitz and Sam Fine

Note(s): Kali and Sam, thank you for being so consistent and collaborative. I am constantly in awe of y'all and filled with so much joy.

November Ends

Choreographer: Keira Osborne

Music: *Wake Me Up When September Ends* by Green Day; *Homecoming* by Green Day

Cast: Keira Osborne, Shea Hancock, Arjun Kochhar, Avery Zerr

Note(s): I want to thank my mom, who hasn't been with us since November 22nd, 2013, for nurturing my love of dance at a young age. This piece is dedicated to her on this day, as tomorrow marks eleven years without her. I love you, Mom.

Idling Time

Choreographer: Emmy Berg

Music: *Doomed (Live at Blackalachia)* by Moses Sumney

Cast: Faith Aguilar, Emmy Berg, Sam Cool, Rob Hoffer, Anthony Picarello, Stella Wong

Note(s): Thank you to my cast for reminding me of why dance is fun and goofy!

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Generally (miserable) Happy

Choreographer: Rhaine Marquardt

Music: Original composition by Gabriel Griswold

Cast: Emmy Cheung, Julia Lowe, Sadie Grace Shelburne, Ella Querrey, Summer Vu

Note(s): To my cast, thank you for breathing life into a vision, for your dedication, and your endless support. Thank you dad for inspiring me to create this piece and for your guitar skills.

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Choreographer: Wyatt Florin

Music: *Birdsong* by Alex Heffes, Regina Spector; *2003 Toyota Corolla* by 2003 Toyota Corolla; *Hashahar Ha'ole* by Charlie Megira. Mix composed by DJ Slaterose

Cast: Sam Amey and Jonah Tran

Photos: Wyatt Florin

INTERMISSION (10 min)

... to lead with love

Choreographer: Ryann Simone

Music: *Let Me Go* by Daniel Caesar; *Colouour* by Moses Sumney; Poem Narrated by Ariel West Jr.; Mix composed by DJ Ninabutterfly

Cast: Austin Diaz, Ryann Simone, Julia Lowe

Note(s): Thank you Ariel for inspiring me. Your words were a catalyst for this process. And forever grateful to you, Julia and Austin for bringing this to life.

Fingers Crossed

Choreographer: Ella Melideo

Music: Original Composition by Gabriel Jon Griswold

Cast: Luke Barrett, Emmy Cheung, Sam Fine, Andrew Nash, Ella Melideo

Note(s): Huge thank you to Gabe, Luke, Andrew, Emmy, and Sam for all the hard work and commitment to bring my vision to life! Also thank you to my lovely family!

[IN-BETWEEN]

Choreographer: Irena Yin

Music: *Kulmamomentti* - Jimi Tenor Edit by Ø, Mika Vainio, Jimi Tenor; *Pile Up* by Demdike Stare

Cast: Chris Chun, Ellery Donlon, Irena Yin, Covin Washington

Sync

Choreographer: Lincoln Seymour

Music: *Flukey* - Lincoln Seymour

Cast: Cardin Chung, Emily Fluker, Rob Hoffer, Lincoln Seymour, Daniel Young

Note(s): Thank you to my dancers!

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when he was a little boy

Choreographer: Arjun Kochhar

Music: *Father: Vision of the Floating World* by Vincenzo Lamagna and Sohini Alam;

The Song of the White Wolf by Giona Ostinelli and Sonya Belousova

Cast: Tyler Chang, Emmy Cheung, Julia Lowe, Rhaine Marquardt, Stella Wong

Note(s): to our childhood memories

Meet The Griffins

Choreographer: Avery Zerr

Music: *O Superman* by Laurie Anderson

Cast: Ellery Donlon, Brenan Gonzalez, Rob Hoffer, Shea Hancock, Anthony Picarello

Note(s): Thank you to my cast! Thank you for taking on this story.

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Julia M. Ritter, Dean

Faculty Member and Director: Amy O'Neal

Production Manager: Callen Gosselin

Stage Manager: Erin Newsom

Lighting Designer: Minerva Josiff

Sound Technician: Dora Ramos and Florence Montgomery



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