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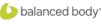
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#### Danstage 2023 Director's Note

Welcome to Danstage 2023. We are celebrating yet another year of beautiful choreography that displays the versatility of our dance program. The concert features the choreography of guest artist and international performer Heather Cornell as well as new works by the UWSP dance faculty. The five works demonstrate the vast range that dance encompasses– in style, intention, feeling, and purpose.

This year's concert is deeply personal. The dances are rich investigations of the questions that we ponder in life and each one reveals, through the moving body, something special and unique.

Act I begins with two stirring premieres by Sarah Olson, Assistant Professor of Dance. *We'll See* is an athletic ensemble work for twelve formidable dancers that explores the complexity of empowerment, connection, identity, and solidarity. The tender duet *Looking Backward/Moving Forward*, set to a delicate yet driving score by Philip Glass, examines a past relationship through a contemplative lens. The act finishes with my new work *A Glimpse Through The Walls Where We Might Find God*. In considering my own relationship to spirituality, I've enjoyed exploring with the dancers, in conversation and movement, the philosopher Thomas Aquinas' five cosmological variants for the existence of God. The result of our musings is this meditation on metaphysics that drifts through a space bending set design by Assistant Professor of Scenic Design Sarah Ross.

Act II shifts in tone and energy rather dramatically by celebrating the symbiotic relationship between live music and dance. The entire act is accompanied by the UWSP Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Professor of Music Mathew Buchman. A maverick of tap dance, our guest artist Heather Cornell created the complex and exciting *Three Takes on Monk* featuring three classic Thelonious Monk tunes – "Misterioso", "In Walked Bud", and "Well, You Needn't". The work highlights the tap dancers as contributing musicians to the sonic environment. Following this, Cornell's newest premiere to Matt Dariau's arrangement of "African Folk Song", is a work she created on our students during her recent residency at UWSP and asks the dancers to connect as a community and communicate with intricate rhythmic discourse.

The concert concludes with Professor of Dance Jeannie Hill's new work *Swing Suite*. It invites the dancers to embody the joyful movement of classic swing dancing. With a full big band on stage, the environment provides an exquisite opportunity for the dancers to shine with individuality and come together with whimsical abandon - experiencing the thrill and delight of dancing vernacular moves from the swing era with a swingin' band. You may find it difficult to stay in your seat!

The dancers' love of performing is visible as they share the fullness of themselves with you – inviting you to think, feel, and respond. I hope you take them up on the offer.

Thank you for joining us, for bearing witness to the creative process, and for supporting the arts in our community. I hope you enjoy the show!

Michael Estanich Professor of Dance Chair, Department of Theatre and Dance The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Department of Theatre & Dance Presents

# Danstage 2023

#### Choreographers

Heather Cornell\*\* Michael Estanich\* Jeannie Hill\* Sarah Olson\*

> \*Theatre & Dance Faculty \*\*Guest Artist

This show will have a **15 minute** intermission

#### 2022-23 Season Production Staff

Technical Director	Ann Warren*
Stage Manager	Tyler Dollevoet
Assistant Stage Managers	Emma Deal, Evaya Gonzalez
Costume, Makeup, and Ha	<b>ir Designers</b> Sam Baxter, Spencer Czajka, Natasha Forrest, Angeline Holtzman-Forbes
Costume/Hair/Makeup Mei	ntorEmily Bustamante*
Costume Shop Assistants	Sam Baxter, Jordan Busse, Jane Koopman, Tierney Detter, Steph Hogan, Angeline Holtzman-Forbes
Wardrobe Crew	Trevor Bohringer, Nikolai Kramer, Justin Lewis, Martha Ruona, Grace Wilkins, Averi Yezek
Lighting Designers	Edgar Berumen, Gary G. Olsen* Jacob Van Asten
Light and Sound Mentor	Gary G. Olsen*
Light Shop Assistants	Rory Eigenberger, Noah Hopfensperger, Charlie Kauth, Katie Kloth, Kaitlin Kopp, Hannah Petersen, Josiah Stevens
Sound Engineer	Christopher Prince
Scenic/Properties Designer	Sarah E. Ross*
Scenic/Paint/Props Mentor	/Prop Shop ManagerSarah E. Ross*
Scene Shop Assistants	Edgar Berumen, Sofie Koska Mark Radtke, Alex Yeiter
Prop Shop Assistant	Kayla Price
Prop Shop Practicum Stude	n <b>ts</b> Ariel Birkel, Cara Langhauser, Nate Ruggles, Charlotte Skibinski, Aidan Sternberg, Brandon Walker
Paint Shop Assistant	Olivia Halle
House Manager	Aiden Betourne
Assistant House Manager	Evaya Gonzalez
ŀ	.Sam Calaway, Scarlett Hildebrand, Hayden Hoffman, Hannah Holterman, Nolan Limones, Kaitlyn Maynard, Emily Odegard, Olivia Rosenberg, Marcella Schneider, Zoe Sella, Cody Smogoleski, Teagan Stager
Theatre & Dance Student C	Dffice AssistantsAlexis Flaten, Hanna Kiel, Ryan Niedenthal, Megan Shields

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## We'll See

Choreographer	Sarah Olson*
Stage Manager	Evaya Gonzalez
Dancers	McKayla Blaser, Jordan Busse, Jennifer Grady, Paige Hoover, Hanna Kiel, Taylor Kohlbeck, Aubree Leitermann, Natasha Reorowicz, Izzi Schneider, Megan Shields, Abbi Wasielewski, Morgan Wigman.
	Understudy: Clara Douglas
Costume Designer	Natasha Forrest
Lighting Designer	Gary G. Olsen*
MusicOn Then	and Now (Featuring Jennifer Connelly) by Woodkid

#### Choreographer's Note:

We've seen our lives constricted, our roles defined, our voices stifled, our bodies regulated. We've been asked to speak softly, to take up less space, to follow rules that we didn't create. We've been told that power is a limited resource.

That to find our power, we must take it from others.

But we see each other: we see our potential, our flaws, our complexity.

We see the power that we share.

We see the ties that bind us and the differences that need to exist.

We see ourselves as we are and as we will be.

We will see a future of our own defining.

We'll see.

## Looking Back/Looking Forward

Choreographer	Sarah Olson*
Stage Manager	Evaya Gonzalez
Dancers	Emily Meyer and Jordan Linton (5/05 7:30 pm, 5/06 2 pm) Elizabeth Pischel and Jordan Linton (5/06 7:30 pm, 5/07 2pm)
Costume Designe	<b>r</b> Angeline Holtzman-Forbes
Lighting Designer	Edgar Berumen
Music	

#### Choreographer's Note:

To move forward, one must look back and remember:

"What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us."--Helen Keller

## A Glimpse Through The Walls Where We Might Find God

Choreographer.	Michael Estanich* with movement contributions from the ensemble
Stage Manager.	Emma Deal
Dancers	Ariel Birkel, Sophie Brooks, Jordan Busse, Amber Cronce, Sarah Dickinson, Nyla Eltahir, Kenna Kramer, Kathryn Laird, Jason Lopez, Grace Meyer, Hannah Petersen, Elizabeth Pischel, Megan Shields, Natalie Shrock, Josiah Stevens, Morgan Wigman
Costume Desigr	n <b>er</b> Sam Baxter
Lighting Designe	<b>er</b> Jacob Van Asten
Scenic Designer	Sarah E. Ross*
Music	Arctic Dreams: No. 7, Where The Waves Splash, Hitting Again and Again by John Luther Adams Calling To The Forest by Marion Rampel In The Gale by Anny Clyne Du är den första by Trio Mediaevel and Arve Henriksen Grace by Kay Tempest Peace Piece by Bill Evans Gobaith by Catrin Finch and Seckou Keita Ceffylau by Catrin Finch and Seckou Keita Awaken and Ally by Shannon Lay
	An Early Morning by Michael Estanich In The Forest, There Was A Maiden by Michael Estanich I Arguments for the Existence of God inspired by Thomas Aquinas

#### **Choreographer's Note:**

A Glimpse Through The Walls Where We Might Find God is a subtle variation on the themes that I began exploring last year in On The Edge Of The Fault Line. I imagine the world that scenic designer Sarah Ross, the dancers, and I have created in A Glimpse...is a parallel world or what is on the other side when the dancers 'fall through the crack in the earth' at the end of On The Edge Of The Fault Line. Or perhaps it is the result of a different set of choices made in all the same moments. I've been contemplating how the past, present, and future intertwine; how things we know and things we don't know barrel toward each other and result, for me, in trusting a force greater that myself and that I am being guided down a given path for a reason. I've let this creative process unfold naturally and intuitively and what's resulted is, I feel, this beautiful meditation on the presence of the divine and the nature of existence, spirituality, and my relationship with God.

## Three Takes on Monk

Original arranger	ment for Three Takes on Monk by Cornell and Leah Reinardy
Choreographer	Heather Cornell**
Stage Manager	
Damaana	Frie Classertick Drott Fredrickson, Abby Harreson
Dancers	Erin Clementich, Brett Fredrickson, Abby Hermans, Kenna Kramer, Kathryn Laird, Jordan Linton,
	Emily Meyer, Megan Shields, Ike Smith
Costume Designer.	Spencer Czajka
Lighting Designer	Comu Oleon*
Lighting Designer	Gary Olsen*
Music	<i>Misterioso</i> by Thelonius Munk (Arr. Cornell/Buchman) In Walked Bud by Thelonius Munk (Arr. Cornell/Buchman)
	Well, You Needn't by Thelonius Monk (Arr. Cornell/Buchman)
Jazz Ensemble	directed by Matthew Buchman
Woodwinds	Jayce Gorski – <i>Piccolo, Soprano, Alto</i> Michael Halvorson – <i>Soprano, Alto</i>
	Jaime Chavez – Soprano, Tenor Nathan Edwards – Piccolo, Clarinet, Soprano, Tenor
	Kelsey Mehlberg – Bari
Trumpets	
	Trevor Hartl Ray Aplin
	Logan Skumatz
Trombones	
	Harrison Sturycz Aydin Abts
	Matt Selenske
Rhythm Section	
	Cole Pecor – <i>Guitar</i> Jessie Crandall – <i>Bass</i>
	Colton Maichle – Drum Set Matthew McEwen – Vibes, Drum Set, Aux. Percussion
	watthew wicewen - vides, Druin set, Aux. Percussion
	*Theatre & Dance Faculty ** UWSP Guest Artist

### Killer Joe (Part One) (band tune - no dancers)

Composer	Benny Golsen (Arr. Javier Arau)
Jazz Ensemble	Directed by Matthew Buchman

## African Folk Song - premiere

Choreographer	Heather Cornell**
DancersErin Cl	ementich, Brett Fredrickson, Abby Hermans, Kenna Kramer, Kathryn Laird, Jordan Linton, Emily Meyer, Megan Shields, Ike Smith
Stage Manager	Tyler Dollevoet
Costume Designer	Spencer Czajka
Lighting Designer	Gary Olsen
Music	Traditional Senegalese (Arr. Matt Darriau)

#### **Choreographer's Note:**

The great jazz icon, Barry Harris said "If you can't dance to it, it ain't jazz". Actually he yelled it, at a room full of young jazz players. Having studied and worked with Barry's generation of dancers and musicians, I have spent much of my career trying to reconnect our indigenous music and dance. Imagine my joy when I was asked to co-create a big band set with long time friend and collaborator, Jeannie Hill. I've enjoyed getting to know the faculty and students at UWSP. We had a whirlwind week to create a new piece and to set the Monk Suite. The dancers worked hard and then they worked harder. I'm so grateful for this opportunity and for the new friends. And with each new collaboration, life gets a little richer.

## Killer Joe (Part Two) (band tune - no dancers)

Composer	Benny Golsen (Arr. Javier Arau)
Jazz Ensemble	Directed by Matthew Buchman

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## Swing Suite

Choreographer	Jeannie Hill*
	Bailey Brockhaus, Maya Dorangrichia, ett Fredrickson, Natasha Forrest, Abby Hermans, Paige Hoover, Jason Lopez, Mandy Matthews, Renee McSherry, Alisha Raflik, Ike Smith, Evan Smolik, Aidan Sternberg, Josiah Stevens
Stage Manager	Tyler Dollevoet
Costume Designer	Angeline Holtzman-Forbes
Lighting Designer	Gary Olsen
	Things Ain't What They Used to Be by Mercer Ellington (Arr. Duke Ellington) Flight fo the Foo Foo Birds by Neal Hefti Ervin Drake, and Juan Tizol (Arr. Duke Ellington) The Kid From Red Bank by Neal Hefti
Jazz Ensemble	directed by Matthew Buchman

#### **Choreographer's Note:**

My exposure to the swing dance scene in New York would not have been possible without a lucky break when I auditioned for Manhattan Tap and met Heather Cornell! She was already performing, choreographing, and hooked into the jazz scene in New York, and I remember the day that James Buster Brown brought the two of us uptown to the Lucky Strike in Harlem. After that, we went on to Wells – a restaurant that housed a 17-piece big band shoved against the windows and a carpeted dance floor where tables were pushed 'out of the way' to provide a small space for the swing dancers. Frankie Manning was a regular, and so were Buster, Scottie, Calvin, Orlando, Ernie...and many others. These kind men welcomed us as partners, and skillfully guided us with a touch of their hand to feel the music and be in the pocket. Their generosity and spirit were infectious – it has been a treat to share great footage with this cast of "game" young dancers and to acknowledge the joy that comes from holding hands and to see them dig into the resilient culture of swing dancing. I'm sure you'll be wishing you were up there dancing too!

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#### Guest Choreographer Heather Cornell



Heather Cornell creates visual music ensembles where she functions as the percussionist. As artistic director for Manhattan Tap, one of the busiest music/dance companies in the world in the 80's and 90's, she is known as a mover and shaker of the tap dance renaissance. She has toured worldwide with her shows "Finding Synesthesia", "CanTap" and "Conversations" and as a soloist. She was recently commissioned to create an evening for the Distinguished Artist Series at Bergen Community College. She is co-director of "Walk to the Beat" and co-founder of Making Music Dance, a tap, flamenco and world music ensemble, releasing their first CD this spring.

A pioneer of concert tap and of working with world music, Heather trained directly with the first generation tap masters, and has taught and inspired three generations of tap dancers, musicians and actors internationally. Called "the Oscar Peterson of hoofing" (Globe and Maill), she was the sole tap dancer mentored by the infamous bassist, Ray Brown. TapMotif in Lefkada, Greece was her laboratory for 8 seasons, where she trained free-thinking "bilingual" artists in music and dance. This year she celebrates the 25th Anniversary of her NYC Rhythm Tap Intensive with live music.

Her TV, radio and film credits include: "Thinking on Their Feet, Women of the Tap Renaissance" (Jenai Cutcher), "Gotta Move, Women in Tap" (Lynn Daly), "KQED special with Honi Coles and the Jazz Tap Ensemble; "Gregory Hines' Tap Dance in America" for PBS; featured MT special on "Sounds Impressive"; and, WYNC's live radio show, "Around New York" for 5 years. She choreographed "The Play What I Wrote" for Broadway and "Three Penny Opera" for Atalaya in Sevilla, Spain. She is the recipient of numerous awards for her excellence in tap dance and in leading the international tap community.

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- Blaser, McKayla (Dancer, She/Her) Sophomore Nursing major and Dance minor from Wisconsin Rapids, WI.
- **Brockhaus, Bailey** (*Dancer, She/Her*) Senior Dance and Arts Management major from Medford, WI. Recipient of the Kathryn Bukolt Memorial Dance Scholarship.
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- **Busse, Jordan** (*Dancer, She/Her*) Senior Dance and Studio Arts major from Green Bay, WI. Recipient of the Kathryn Bukolt Memorial Dance Scholarship.
- **Clementich, Erin** (*Dancer, She/Her*) First-year Dance major and Arts Management minor from Devils Lake, ND. Recipient of the Theatre & Dance Talent Award.
- **Cronce, Amber** (*Dancer, She/Her*) Sophomore Dance major from Appleton, WI.
- **Deal, Emma** (Stage Manager, She/Her) Junior Drama and Physics major and math minor from West Salem, WI. Recipient of the Theatre in London Scholarship, Theatre & Dance Talent Award, and the Presidential Purple Scholarship.
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- Leitermann, Aubree (Dancer, She/Her) First-year Dance and Athletic Training major from Kimberly, WI. Recipient of the Susan Gingrasso Dance Education Scholarship.
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- **Lopez Martinez, Jason** (*Dancer, He/Him*) Junior Health Sciences Pre-Physical Therapy Major and Dance Minor from Rio Grande, Oaxaca, Mexico.
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- Meyer, Emily (Dancer, She/Her) Junior Dance, Drama, Arts Management, and Media Studies major from River Falls, WI. Recipient of the First-Year Theatre Arts Scholarship in Drama. the Arts Bash Scholarship, and the Kathryn Bukolt Memorial Scholarship.
- Meyer, Grace (Dancer, She/Her) First-year Dance and Elementary Education major from Caledonia, MN. Recipient of the First Year Theatre Arts Scholarship in Dance, Invest in Your Purpose Scholarship, Pointer Promise Scholarship, and the Presidential Gold Scholarship.
- **Petersen, Hannah** (Dancer, She/Her) First-year Dance and Pre-Physical Therapy mejor from Crystal Lake, IL. Recipient of the Invest in your Purpose Scholarship, Destination Wisconsin Scholarship, and the Susan Gingrasso Dance Education Scholarship.
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- Wasielewski, Abbi (Dancer, She/Her) Senior Dance major and Creative Writing minor from Fox Crossing, WI. Recipient of the Kathryn Bukolt Memorial Scholarship.
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