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GUILD HALL AND HAMPTONS DANCE PROJECT ANNOUNCE AUGUST 2022 PERFORMANCES AT FIREPLACE LODGE, SPRINGS



Members of Hamptons Dance Project on Gardiners Bay. Pictured L to R: Tyler Maloney, Michael de la Nuez, Isadora Loyola, Thomas Forster, Catherine Hurlin, Carlos Gonzalez, and Jose Sebastian. Photo: Amber Gregory

July 21, 2022—East Hampton, NY — Guild Hall (158 Main Street, East Hampton) and Hamptons Dance Project (HDP) have announced the 2022 performances will take place from **Friday, August 12 through Sunday, August 14 at 6PM** at **Fireplace Lodge in Springs, East Hampton**. Under the guidance of Artistic Director Jose Sebastian, this highly anticipated event, co-produced by Guild Hall, is celebrating its fourth season.

Once again, the event will take place on a stunning 20-acre farm overlooking Gardiner's Bay. "I discovered the stage at Fireplace Lodge during our inaugural season in 2019," explained Jose Sebastian. "I knew it would provide an exquisite setting for dance." In deference to pandemic safety, HDP first took the opportunity to perform at this scenic outdoor venue in 2021. "To experience the beauty of dance with the bay as a backdrop in the natural evening light was incredible." Sebastian noted. "We are thrilled to be performing at Fireplace Lodge again this year."

Hamptons Dance Project IV will feature world premiere performances by Houston Thomas and Luke Hickey along with pieces by Adriana Pierce and Jorma Elo. Sebastian is especially happy to also have choreographers Christopher Wheeldon and Justin Peck returning this year. "We explored Justin's ballet, 'CHUTES AND LADDERS' through Guild Hall's William P. Rayner Residency earlier this year. We are looking forward to coming full circle as we present it as part of our 2022 season," said Sebastian.

This year's company of dancers includes Jose Sebastian along with ABT dancers Skylar Brandt, Catherine Hurlin, Isadora Loyola, Lauren Bonfiglio, Ingrid Thoms, Sierra Armstrong, and Michael de la Nuez*.

"Hamptons Dance Project has quickly become one of the highlights of Guild Hall's summer season," said Andrea Grover, Guild Hall's Executive Director. "It adds something new and vital to our programming and is an audience favorite."

With explosive audience growth and sold-out performances HDP has taken major strides in its mission to promote dance in the East End. "The area is a hotbed of culture and creativity, but it hasn't had much dance programming up to now," Sebastian said. "We've been able to accomplish a lot, and we're only just getting started. We're so grateful to our audiences for their overwhelmingly positive response, and to Guild Hall and our donors and supporters for making HDP possible."

Jose Sebastian & Hamptons Dance Project were in residence in January 2022 as the inaugural participants in the Guild Hall William P. Rayner Artists-in-Residence program. The program offers artist collectives the time & space to research, experiment, and develop new ideas and projects. Artists are provided with creative mentorships and administrative support, a commissioning fee, living space, and a purpose-built studio on an exclusive property.

Tickets range from \$200 for VIP preferred seating and a pre-show cocktail party to \$125 for general admission where attendees provide their own chairs/blankets, and can be purchased at guildhall.org.

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ABOUT THE HAMPTONS DANCE PROJECT

The Hamptons Dance Project pairs dancers from American Ballet Theatre and beyond with master choreographers in fresh, dynamic works—including world premieres—that explore a wide spectrum of ballet from contemporary to classical.

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