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HAMPTONS DANCE PROJECT RETURNS FOR THE FIFTH YEAR FOR A CO-PRESENTATION WITH GUILD HALL AT FIREPLACE LODGE

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Lauren Bonfiglio and Jose Sebastian, Hamptons Dance Project IV, 2022. Photo: Erin Baiano

July 17, 2023 — East Hampton, NY: Hamptons Dance Project (HDP) returns to East Hampton on **August 18, 19, and 20** for an eclectic program of new commissions and classic works reimagined, presented in partnership with **Guild Hall** (158 Main Street, East Hampton).

Once again, performances will take at the idyllic **Fireplace Lodge in Springs**, a 20-acre farm overlooking Gardiner's Bay on the Northeast shore of East Hampton. "Fireplace Lodge is one of my favorite places in the world," said Jose Sebastian, HDP's Artistic Director and one of its

dancers. “We’re so grateful to Oliver and Max Ryan for hosting us for a third time. It’s such a beautiful setting, and it’s come to feel like home to us.”

Hamptons Dance Project V will feature the work of choreographers **Justin Peck, Gemma Bond, Gregory Dolbashian, Jorma Elo, Melanie Hamrick, Adriana Pierce** and others, along with ABT dancers Joo Won Ahn, Sierra Armstrong, Aran Bell, Lauren Bonfiglio, Carlos Gonzalez, Catherine Hurlin, Erica Lall, Tyler Maloney, Chloe Misseldine, Kento Sumitani, and Jose Sebastian.*

Hamptons Dance Project Season V will premiere "Glow By Glow" by the choreographer Jorma Elo, commissioned by the Guild Hall William P. Rayner Artist-in-Residence program.

“We’re excited to welcome new artists; we’re also thrilled that so many choreographers and dancers are back with us again this year,” said Sebastian. He added that, as always, HDP V has a few surprises in store.

“Guild Hall is the cultural heart of the East End, and Hamptons Dance Project has become integral to our programming,” said Andrea Grover, Guild Hall’s Executive Director. “HDP fits perfectly with our mission to invite audiences to experience the endless possibilities of the arts.”

Jose Sebastian and Hamptons Dance Project are 2023 Guild Hall William P. Rayner artists-in-residence, rehearsing and developing new works from May 8-20 and August 13-23. The residency, sponsored by Kathy Rayner in memory of her husband Billy is now in its second year, and supports artists with a commissioning fee, creative mentorships and administrative support, living space, and a rehearsal studio. “The Rayner Residency gives us a wonderful opportunity to explore new work,” said Sebastian. “It’s an ideal environment to foster experimentation and creativity, and we’re so glad to have had this opportunity once again.”

This season marks Hamptons Dance Project’s five-year anniversary, a milestone for any new organization. “I could never have guessed how far we would come in such a short time,” said Sebastian. “Each year builds on the last as we expand our relationships, grow our audiences, and provide opportunities for our artists to stretch themselves in new and exciting directions.”

Tickets for **Hamptons Dance Project V** are \$125 or \$200 (the \$200 ticket includes a pre-show cocktail reception) and can be purchased at guildhall.org.

**Program and dancers are subject to change.*

*Hamptons Dance Project V Principal Sponsor:
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Guild Hall William P. Rayner Artist-in-Residence

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ABOUT THE HAMPTONS DANCE PROJECT

The Hamptons Dance Project (HDP) pairs premiere dancers from the worlds of ballet and modern dance with master choreographers to present the classical repertoire reimagined alongside innovative new works with a modern sensibility. HDP promotes dance as a part of the cultural landscape of Long Island's East End; encourages artists to take risks and stretch their talents in new directions; and connects with outside communities that have minimal exposure to ballet and classical dance performance.

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ABOUT GUILD HALL

Guild Hall is the cultural heart of the East End: a museum, performing arts, and education center, founded in 1931. We invite everyone to experience the endless possibilities of the arts: to open minds to what art can be; inspire creativity and conversation; and have fun.

Guild Hall has served four generations and introduced audiences to the most storied artists and performers of our time. Now as we approach our centennial, we have embarked on a state-of-the-art renovation to match the caliber of our artistry for twenty-first-century audiences. The facility-wide Capital Improvements Project & Campaign includes top-of-the-line physical and technological enhancements to better deliver on our mission as an artist-driven, interdisciplinary institution.

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