



Aether



UNEARTHED

Saturday, September 19th

3:00pm

Westbrook Performing Arts Center

www.mainedancecompany.com

LETTER *from the* DIRECTORS

Dear Friends,

There is something remarkable about watching an idea become a tradition.

When we founded Maine Dance Company, we dreamed of creating a place where Maine artists could come together, create meaningful work, and perform for audiences who believe that dance belongs here. Tonight, as *Unearthed* returns alongside the premiere of *Æther*, we are overwhelmed by how quickly that dream has grown.

Our dancers are the heartbeat of this company. They bring extraordinary talent, vulnerability, and heart to the stage, and it is a privilege to create alongside them.

And to all of you—thank you. You filled our theater last season. You cheered, shared, volunteered, donated, and continued to show up for the arts in Maine. Your support gives us the courage to keep dreaming bigger.

We are building something we hope will last for generations, and we are so grateful you are here to be part of it.

The best is still ahead.

With love and gratitude,

Adrienne Pelletier & Rhiannon Pelletier-Guerrette
Co-Founders & Directors
Maine Dance Company



Aether & UNEARTHED

ORIGINAL PRODUCTION CURATED, DIRECTED, AND
CHOREOGRAPHED BY THE ARTISTS OF MAINE DANCE COMPANY

Director
ADRIENNE PELLETIER

Dance Captains
MADISON MITCHELL
KRISTIN PEOPLES
HANNAH RANCO

Costuming
NICOLE ANDERSON
BETH PELLETIER

Marketing Assistant
KELSIE PAPPALARDO

Director
RHIANNON PELLETIER

Company Manager
BETH PELLETIER

Lighting Design
REMY DICKINSON
NATHANIEL DOMBEK
ADRIENNE PELLETIER

Technical Director
NATHANIEL DOMBEK

THE COMPANY

Aubrey Bailey, Jessica Bartlett, Olivia Bartlett, Catherine Bartshe, Geoffrey Burr, Elizabeth Chadbourne, Lucy Denton, Zoe Derosby, Shannon Dunbar, Emma Dyer, London Ferre, Emily Gagne, Olivia Gurney, Rebecca Harrigan, Dylan Jackson, Liz Lester, MacKenzie Lewis, Kirsten Mains, Niola McNamara, Madison Mitchell, Emily Murray, Kelsie Pappalardo, Emma Parslow, Adrienne Pelletier, Rhiannon Pelletier, Kristin Peoples, Hannah Ranco, Kaitlyn Russell, MacKenzie Stansfield, Mackenzie Sutter, Luke Tucker, Cameron Turgeon

FEATURED STUDENTS

of Maine Dance Center

Ayla Allen, Vivian Allen, Ensley Anderson, Lia Chase, Aleya Duarte, Emma Fletcher, Aja Freyre, Margo Gaudet, Alexandra Lessard, Ava MacMillan, Alora Murray, Katrina Murray, Cora Quinn, Page Robbins, Sienna Ruth, Lennon Smart-Damen, Elina Sotiropoulos

Understudies

Aubrey Bartlett, Addison Desjardins



SCAN TO
READ THE
STORIES IN
TODAY'S
SHOW

Æther

Æther is an original contemporary dance work exploring the invisible forces that connect us—to one another, to the world around us, and to something beyond ourselves. Through movement, music, and theatrical storytelling, Æther moves between the earthly and the ethereal, examining the moments that shape us, pull us together, and remind us that even what cannot be seen can be deeply felt. At once powerful and intimate, Æther invites audiences into a world suspended somewhere between what we know and what we feel—where movement becomes language and connection becomes something tangible.

UNEARTHED

Set to the soul-stirring music of Hozier, Unearthed unfolds in a picturesque field framed by mountains. Here, a unique group of souls — individuals who once lived their human lives and have since passed on — are brought back to life for twenty-four hours. In this time, they have a choice to make: whether to return to earth and live their exact human lives all over again or remain beyond. Through a series of intimate vignettes, each character revisits memories of love, grief, joy, and longing, ultimately confronting the impossible choice they have been given. The work becomes a meditation on memory, leaving audiences to reflect on the same question: what would you choose?



THE USE OF ANY RECORDING DEVICE, EITHER AUDIO OR VIDEO, AND THE TAKING OF PHOTOGRAPHS, EITHER WITH OR WITHOUT FLASH, IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. PLEASE TURN OFF ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES SUCH AS PHONES, BEEPERS, AND WATCHES.

Choreography: Adrienne Pelletier

Choreography Assistants: Shannon Dunbar, Madison Mitchell, Rhiannon Pelletier

ACT 1

Ether

Movement 1 - Air

Elizabeth Chadbourne with Lucy Denton and Shannon Dunbar

Jessica Bartlett, Olivia Bartlett, Catherine Bartshe, London Ferre, Emma Fletcher, Aja Freyre, Olivia Gurney, Ali Lessard, Adrienne Pelletier, Rhiannon Pelletier, Page Robbins, Kaitlyn Russell, Lennon Smart-Damen, Mackenzie Sutter, Luke Tucker

Movement 2 - Fire

**Choreography by Madison Mitchell & Adrienne Pelletier*

Madison Mitchell and Emma Parslow

Ayla Allen, Aubrey Bailey, Geoffrey Burr, Lia Chase, Aleya Duarte, Emily Gagne, Kirsten Mains, Niola McNamara, Emily Murray, Kelsie Pappalardo, Kristin Peoples, Elina Sotiropoulos, Cam Turgeon

Movement 3 - Water

Emma Fletcher with Ayla Allen and Aleya Duarte

Vivian Allen, Jessica Bartlett, Olivia Bartlett, Elizabeth Chadbourne, Lucy Denton, Shannon Dunbar, London Ferre, Aja Freyre, Margo Gaudet, Olivia Gurney, Rebecca Harrigan, Ali Lessard, Ava MacMillan, Alora Murray, Katrina Murray, Page Robbins, Kaitlyn Russell, Sienna Ruth, Lennon Smart-Damen

Movement 4 - Earth

Section 1

Adrienne Pelletier & Dylan Jackson

Ensley Anderson, Aubrey Bailey, Lia Chase, Margo Gaudet, Ava MacMillan, Kirsten Mains, Alora Murray, Katrina Murray, Cora Quinn, Sienna Ruth

Section 2
Vivian Allen

Ensley Anderson, Aubrey Bailey, Lia Chase, Margo Gaudet, Ava MacMillan,
Kirsten Mains, Alora Murray, Katrina Murray, Cora Quinn, Sienna Ruth
(Understudies: Addison Desjardins and Elina Sotiropolous)

Movement 5 - Æther
FULL CAST

~20 MINUTE INTERMISSION~

ACT 2

UNEARTHED

First Movement - Awakening

First Light
FULL CAST

De Selby
Hannah Ranco

Aubrey Bailey, Emma Dyer, Emily Gagne, Olivia Gurney,
Kirsten Mains, Sienna Ruth

Butchered Tongue
Cameron Turgeon

Jessica Bartlett, Olivia Bartlett, Geoffrey Burr, Elizabeth Chadbourne,
Lucy Denton, Shannon Dunbar, London Ferre, Rebecca Harrigan,
Adrienne Pelletier, MacKenzie Stansfield, Mackenzie Sutter

Hymn to Virgil
Kristin Peoples

Aubrey Bailey, Aja Freyre, Emily Gagne, Olivia Gurney, Dylan Jackson,
MacKenzie Lewis, Kirsten Mains, Niola McNamara, Madison Mitchell,
Emily Murray, Kelsie Pappalardo, Emma Parslow, Kaitlyn Russell

Second Movement - Reckoning

Swan Upon Leda

The Swan: Luke Tucker

Leda: Adrienne Pelletier

Jessica Bartlett, Olivia Bartlett, Elizabeth Chadbourne,
Lucy Denton, Shannon Dunbar, London Ferre

Abstract

Dylan Jackson

Aubrey Bailey, Aja Freyre, Emily Gagne, Olivia Gurney, MacKenzie Lewis,
Kirsten Mains, Niola McNamara, Madison Mitchell, Emily Murray, Emma
Parslow, Kristin Peoples, Kaitlyn Russell, Cameron Turgeon

To Someone From a Warm Climate

Zoe Derosby & Dylan Jackson

Who We Are

Aubrey Bailey, Olivia Bartlett, Geoffrey Burr, Elizabeth Chadbourne, Zoe
Derosby, Emily Gagne, Olivia Gurney, Dylan Jackson, Liz Lester, MacKenzie
Lewis, Kirsten Mains, Niola McNamara, Madison Mitchell, Emily Murray,
Kelsie Pappalardo, Emma Parslow, Adrienne Pelletier, Rhiannon Pelletier,
Kristin Peoples, Hannah Ranco, Kaitlyn Russell, Lennon Smart-Damen,
Mackenzie Sutter, Cameron Turgeon

Third Movement - Transcendence

Empire Now

Rhiannon Pelletier & Emma Parslow

Aubrey Bailey, Olivia Bartlett, Geoffrey Burr, Dylan Jackson, Liz Lester,
MacKenzie Lewis, Kirsten Mains, Niola McNamara, Madison Mitchell, Emily
Murray, Kelsie Pappalardo, Adrienne Pelletier, Kristin Peoples,
Kaitlyn Russell, Cameron Turgeon

Through Me

MacKenzie Lewis and Emily Murray

Aubrey Bailey, Lucy Denton, Shannon Dunbar, Emily Gagne, Olivia Gurney,
Rebecca Harrigan, Liz Lester, Kirsten Mains, Niola McNamara, Emma
Parslow, Adrienne Pelletier, Rhiannon Pelletier, Kristin Peoples, Page
Robbins, Kaitlyn Russell, Mackenzie Sutter, Cameron Turgeon

Unknown

Olivia Bartlett & Madison Mitchell

Rùn (Francesca)

FULL CAST

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**Students: 4:00-6:00 PM
Adults: 6:00-7:00 PM**

Christmas
AT THE
Castle
AUDITIONS

The Sugarplum Fairy is hosting a holiday ball, and she's inviting all your favorite fairytale friends.