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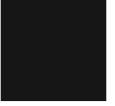


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Choreography: Carly Lucas and Mary Meo, in collaboration with the dancers
 Music: CTRL + ALT + DEL by Rêve; Pynk (feat Grimes) [King Topher Remix] by Janelle
 Monáe, Grimes, and King Topher; Mango Feedback by Four Tet; A Place Like This by
 Majid Jordan; Hair by Lady Gaga; Boys - Black Caviar Remix by Lizzo and Black
 Caviar; On A Roll - DallasK Remix by Ashley O and DallasK; Tongue by Rêve [music
 edits by Jeff Allen]
 Dancers: Katrin Allen, Leah Fry, Hannah John, Cheriyah King, Kevin Lee, Carly Lucas,

Izzy Perry; Understudy: Doline Colenburg

ARROW IN THE ETHER Videography: Jessica Pierce Curation support from Janelle O'Dea

THE ROOT OF PAIN: A DECISION MADE FOR OTHERS

Choreography: Leah Fry, in collaboration with the dancers Music: Luggage by Chapelier Fou, Text To Speech Mp3 Dancers: Callie Bratsch, Kevin Lee, Mary Meo

As you engage with this dance, consider humanity. Regardless of the nature of the surrounding community, every person is forced to make decisions based on their personal experiences and community lens.

There is no need to empathize with our decision maker, but I encourage thought about why a person might come to such violent conclusions on their own accord. As we explore the process of a decision made for everyone else, we must consider what change for the future can we call for in our own communities?

15 MINUTE INTERMISSION

OCTOBER 24 Poet and Performing Artist: Hobie Wolff

To read the entire poem, go to page 11 in the program

SCHOOLTHESE DAYS Choreography: Arica Nyamsi, in collaboration with the dancers Music: Clock Gears by Michael Wall Dancers: Sophie Allingham, Doline Colenburg, Sage Dobbins, Kameron-Samuel Henry, Alex Malone, Alexa Parsons-Mentel, David Stevick and featuring company artist Izzy Perry

Students fear a lot more than test scores and sports tryouts these days.

Thank you Adam Flores, Sumner High School and St. Louis Shakespeare Festival for supporting the creation of this piece.

THE ALARM Choreography: Arica Nyamsi, in collaboration with the dancers Music: From Strings to Springs by Murat Sayginer Dancers of CKDC's Jr Jr Company: Doline Colenburg, Sage Dobbins, Bronwyn Dorsey, Hannah John, Lillan Kluck

Thank you Adam Flores, Sumner High School and St. Louis Shakespeare Festival for supporting the creation of this piece.

WHAT COMES AFTER Choreography and performance: David Stevick

Music: Tired by Cami Petyn

Will we ever be the same, after what happened to us? Can you handle the answer?

N.EVER O.FFER W.ARNING

Choreography: Hannah John, in collaboration with the dancers **Music:** *Beside April* by BADBADNOTGOOD and *Beside April (reprise)* by BADBADNOTGOOD **Dancers:** Callie Bratch, Leah Fry, Kevin Lee, Mary Meo, Izzy Perry

Community is defined as a feeling.

WAKE UP! IT'S REAL.

Choreography: Cheriyah King, in collaboration with the dancers Music: *Pink and White* by Blonde Piano, *A-Flat by* Black Violin Dancers: Kyla Kikkawa, Kevin Lee, Carly Lucas, Tony Marr, Mary Meo, Izzy Perry, Hanna Wyland

Post incident, this piece embodies the *what if*. Namely, a daydream of a survivor where they experience an alternative reality, one where the incident did not happen. As the piece progresses, we start to interpret how things unfold. King draws inspiration from incidents like the Buffalo, NY Supermarket, Charleston Church shooting as well as the incident with Kyle Rittenhouse; all of which are believed to be racially motivated hate crimes.

THE WEIGHT OF SURVIVAL

Staged by Arica Nyamsi with choreographic components by Arica and Leah Fry **Music:** *Infinity* by Yann Tiersen **Dancers:** Solo by Leah Fry featuring the entire company

Concessions for Desensitized are provided by Karuna and the CKDC Board Members







OCTOBER 24TH

WRITTEN BY HOBIE WOLFF

We learned about guns in 10th grade world history We learned about how they revolutionized war We learned that after 1914 War would never look the same again Maybe war could mean something new

I always wondered how news outlets got their stories so fast That only 5 minutes after something happened, every seemed to know already That only ten minutes after something happened, they already had a catchy headline I wondered if they had someone waiting for the sound of a siren Ready to chase those flashing lights to the next story Ready to boil everything down into one or two sentences It seems unimaginable to have your life reduced to a headline

I never thought I could lose you until 100 shots went off in the next room 100 shots shattering doors and glass with 100 instagram stories filled with prayers I never thought I could lose you until I got a text saying you were ok

Who knew that lesson never stopped that we'd continue to learn about guns all through high school

That we'd learn 3 bullets can kill someone our age

That we'd learn what blood looks like spilled across the floor and that we could keep running. Who knew we'd learn fear would make us keep running

Maybe war looks like a highschool

With 3 metal detectors, security guards

And students running to get out of it

Maybe war looks like freshman wondering if their friend is alive

Maybe war looks like a gym teacher who won't get to teach tomorrow

Maybe war, today, is all around us

I remember the first time I had to do a lockdown drill I was in preschool

In pigtails with bangs straight across my face I asked my teacher "Why are we hiding under the desks? What are we hiding from?" She told me we were hiding in case a dog got into the building I was 15 when I realized: We were preparing for an active shooter

Since 2018 there have been been 132 school shootings 121 people have been injured in this year 34 people have been killed A modern rifle carries an average of 30 rounds Only 29% of Americans have never shot a gun before 28 children have been killed in school shooting this year 24 states have had a school shooting occur in the past year The standard handgun carries 17 rounds And the average american owns 5 guns

We used to be statistics It seemed further away when it was numbers on a page How could it be us When it was a face we'd never seen before How could it be us? When it happened a state over I never thought it could be us until 100 shots went off in the next room

"What are we hiding from"

I asked

Cause I don't think we're hiding from dogs anymore

Maybe war is all around us today

Maybe war is becoming a statistic

Maybe war is 100 shots going off next to a room of people who never thought it would be them

Maybe war is realizing, maybe all along you were hiding from animals, just not the ones you thought

Maybe war is thinking we should still be hiding

And maybe, that lesson never ends

Maybe everyday we're still learning what a gun can really do

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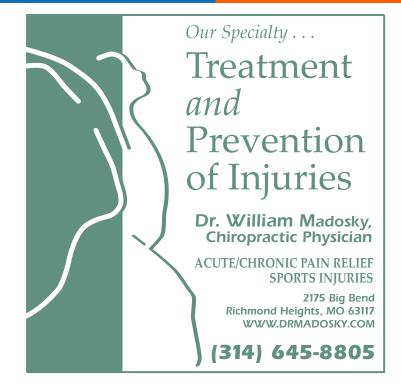
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UPCOMING EVENTS

STUDENT DANCE CONCERT MAY 5 - 7 | THE MARCELLE

COMPANY AUDITIONS MAY 13 | CKDC

ST. LOUIS BARRE CRAWL MAY 26 - 28 | VARIOUS LOCATIONS

SUMMER DANCE INTENSIVE JULY 6 - 12

KIDS DANCE AND ART CAMP JULY 24 - AUG. 4

BEAT KILL JAM SEPT. 16 **Our mission** is to make dance accessible to all and expose the healing art of movement to our communities.

Our vision is to use our unlimited passion for movement to build a diverse and welcoming community rooted in wellness and equity.

CKDC is an arts community that reflects the diverse identities of the residents of St. Louis and its surrounding region. We demonstrate and practice a commitment to racial and cultural equity through the dance styles we offer, by fusing different dance styles into our works, and by centering diversity in hiring teaching artists and company members. We are committed to using dance to incubate a compassionate shared experience with creative practices that center and celebrate diverse cultures, and to make classes and performances accessible to those who are marginalized by systemic economic oppression and neglect.

Through both our concerts and through our organizational mission and vision, CKDC hopes to model how every single person has the power to create change, even when it doesn't seem possible. More importantly, we seek to continue using dance and performance arts as vehicles for community organizing, culture-shifting, and public activism. We believe that not only is dance a catalyst for life in motion, but that dance can cultivate change on a larger scale, impact business practices, and encourage community members of all backgrounds and experiences towards social action.

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