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### **Opening Season of Point Park University's Pittsburgh Playhouse Welcomes Fresh Choreographers and Works for the Conservatory Dance Company**

PITTSBURGH (May 30, 2018) – Point Park University's Conservatory Dance Company announces the 2018-2019 season, which features bold pieces and choreographers to mold this stunning, virtuosic and exciting season, with performances in the brand new, state-of-the-art, Pittsburgh Playhouse located in Downtown Pittsburgh. This bold season will feature works by international giants like Nacho Duato, Christopher Wheeldon and Aszure Barton as well as national treasures, maverick and trailblazers Kyle Abraham, Dwight Rhoden and Peter Chu.

"The 2018-2019 dance season will be a bold move for the department," said Garfield Lemonius, Chair of Dance and Associate Artistic Director. "Concerts will feature diverse repertoire by some of the dance world's renowned movers and shakers, and trending, emerging choreographers. Our exceptionally talented Conservatory dancers will delight Pittsburgh audiences like never before as this celebratory season promises to be breathtaking, inspirational, groundbreaking, and 'cool'."

The Conservatory Dance Company 2018-2019 season subscriptions go on sale on Monday, July 2 at 10 a.m. and cost \$74-\$84. Single tickets are \$20-24 and will go on sale at 10 a.m., Tuesday, September 4th online, in person at the Playhouse box office, or by calling 412-392-8000. Student and Senior tickets are \$10.

The 2018-2019 Conservatory Dance Company season:

#### ***Contemporary Choreographers***

**Choreographed by Christopher Huggins, Jae Man Joo, Peter Chu and Mark Burrell**

Thursday, Oct. 11 – Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018

George Rowland White Performance Studio, Point Park University

Experience an unforgettable evening as emerging and established artists push the boundaries of dance and explore new ideas and new movement. Featuring works by Christopher Huggins, Jae Man Joo, Peter Chu and Mark Burrell.

Ronald Allan-Lindblom, Artistic Director | Kim Martin, Producing Director  
[www.pittsburghplayhouse.com](http://www.pittsburghplayhouse.com)

***Student Choreography Project I***

Friday, Nov. 16 – Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018

***Student Choreography Project II***

Friday, April 5 – Sunday, April 7, 2019

George Rowland White Performance Studio, Point Park University

One of the most anticipated traditions on campus, now featuring two presentations of different choreographers and their works in the fall *and* spring, *Student Choreography Project* features works of original choreography by the Conservatory's students. This showcase for a wide range of styles gives dance lovers the opportunity to see new works. Many pieces from past seasons have been selected for national dance festivals.

***Winter Dance Concert***

**Choreographed by Edwaard Liang, Aszure Barton, Tyce Diorio and Nacho Duato**

Friday, Dec. 7 – Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018

PNC Theatre, Pittsburgh Playhouse

Join us for the first production to hit the brand new Pittsburgh Playhouse's, PNC Theatre stage located in Downtown Pittsburgh. The *Winter Dance Concert* is a powerful performance of works by Edwaard Liang, Aszure Barton, Tyce Diorio and Nacho Duato.

***Faculty Dance Concert***

Thursday, Feb. 21 – Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019

George Rowland White Performance Studio, Point Park University

Point Park University's faculty choreographs special works for the Conservatory's gifted dancers. An eclectic and electric selection of pieces range from ballet to contemporary to jazz to shine a spotlight on the versatility and strength of our students. Stay tuned for information about the choreographers.

***Spring Dance Concert***

**Choreographed by Kyle Abraham, Dwight Rhoden, Uri Sand and Christopher Wheeldon**

Thursday, April 18 – Sunday, April 21, 2019

PNC Theatre, Pittsburgh Playhouse

The dance season culminates in a special performance of works by masters of the new and old worlds, including Kyle Abraham, Dwight Rhoden, Uri Sand and Christopher Wheeldon.

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*Point Park University's Pittsburgh Playhouse serves as an artistic laboratory embracing the training, exploration and development of all Point Park students, faculty, staff and guest artists in all the business and performance disciplines of the entertainment industry. The brand new, four-story, state-of-the art facility is located in Downtown Pittsburgh. Visit [www.pittsburghplayhouse.com](http://www.pittsburghplayhouse.com) to learn more.*