

KANOPLY DANCE

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The Next Generation of Dance
Kanopy 2 & Academy Showcase
Performances of Iconic Kanopy Works +
Original Choreography by Academy students & Kanopy 2
Saturday, May 20, 2023, 2 & 5PM
Two Performances Only
at the Overture Center for the Arts

May 1, 2023, Madison, WI... Watch the next generation of dancers and choreographers in Kanopy's pre-professional training program, Kanopy 2, and the Kanopy Dance Academy (KDA) ignite the stage with new ideas, new expressions ---and even original choreography and costuming developed and built by the dancers themselves--- on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 2 & 5PM at the Overture Center for the Arts.

KDA, (located at 329 W. Mifflin Street around the corners from the Overture Center) and its 100+ dedicated students are integral to Kanopy's cultural mission, and Kanopy is honored to shine a special light on their hard work, as well as their technical and creative progress.

Nature themes including storms, water, and other natural elements... were a major inspiration for the young KDA dancers in creating their choreography. Students enrolled in KDA's Bharatanatyam Classical Indian Dance, will perform a short selection from the genre in traditional costumes and jewelry.

The Next Generation of Dance is also a special opportunity for members of Kanopy's pre-professional company, Kanopy 2 (along with some Kanopy Company members and KDA students), to perform iconic works by Kanopy's co-artistic directors, Robert E. Cleary, and Lisa Thurrell, who have earned national acclaim for their dancing and their choreography. These dancers have been introduced to an intense vocabulary of classic and modern forms and have studied with leading shapers of modern dance such as **Pascal Rioult, Lloyd Knight, Samantha Geracht, Lone Kjar Larsen, and Luis Gabriel Zaragoza**,

Kanopy 2, offers a pre-professional training program open to exceptional students of dance by audition only. Serious dancers are introduced to an intense vocabulary of classic and modern forms and study with national luminaries shaping the future of modern contemporary dance. Numerous Kanopy 2 alumni have forged professional dance careers or earned success in other creative careers of their choosing. Among them are **Maya Finman- Palmer**, who will be starting her second season as a member of the world-renowned Alvin Ailey II Company in New York City, and **Margaret Mighty Oak Brackey** who is performing in her first season at the noted

Sokolow Dance/Theatre Ensemble, in NYC, that is dedicated to performing the works of social activist and modern dance and theater legend, Anna Sokolow.

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Performing at Overture's Promenade Hall, Reception Following 5pm Performance

SAT May 20, 2 & 5PM

Tickets (reserved seating): \$35

Groups: 4 or more \$30

Ages 18 & under \$20

Students \$20

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About Kanopy Dance Academy

As Kanopy's official dance school, KDA offers a comprehensive program of modern dance, choreography, and ballet as well as rare opportunities for students to learn a repertoire of master works from nationally acclaimed guest artists as well as techniques by underrepresented choreographers whose work has not been widely taught. Kanopy has tapped into some of the best and diverse talent in the country to build its faculty team. Kanopy Dance Academy students have numerous opportunities to perform at outreach events, in live Zoom collaborations with other professional schools of dance nationally, and in mainstage productions at the Overture Center, including Winter Fantasia Reimagined and the Kanopy 2 and Academy Showcase.

About Kanopy Dance

Kanopy Dance is a quintessential modern dance company. While the company "informs" its works through its roots in the Martha Graham tradition, Kanopy has cultivated its own brand, working to forward a new dimension and visual language to advance American dance. Kanopy's artistic directors, Robert E. Cleary, (former principal dancer for Ballet Minnesota and Minnesota Dance Theater) and Lisa Thurrell, (former dancer with the Martha Graham Dance Company, NYC), not only strive to preserve the best of Graham; but also, to cultivate the dynamic growth of American dance by training professional dancers, choreographing new works and collaborating with artists to establish new creative benchmarks. Kanopy is comprised of Kanopy Dance Company, Kanopy 2, (Kanopy's second company and pre-professional training program), and the Kanopy Dance Academy housed at the new Kanopy Center for Modern and Contemporary Dance. Kanopy is a resident company of Overture Center for the Arts. Please visit us at <https://kanopydance.org/>