

EMERGENCE DANCE COMPANY
PRESENTS



AWAKEN

Original Production

M E T H E A T R E

(1300 La Quinta Drive, Orlando, Florida 32809)

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Dear Friends and Patrons,

It is with immense joy that Cindy Heen presents the production of "Awaken" at ME Theatre. This performance unfolds a poignant journey through grief, culminating in a powerful and emotional awakening. Through a blend of dance and spoken word, the lead character traverses the stages of loss—denial, anger, bargaining, and ultimately, acceptance. It is Cindy's hope that this narrative resonates with something profound within each of you.

Heartfelt thanks are extended to Judi Siefried for her mentorship and rehearsal space at University Performing Arts Centre. Cindy appreciates the talented choreographers—Jasper and Hannah Arrigo, Anneke Belman, Catherine Linder, Heaven Rosignol, and Lauren Theriault—as well as all the dancers for their dedication. Thanks also go to Mars Powers for their brilliant spoken word, creative input throughout the entire process, and for their deeply moving performance.

Emergence Dance began in San Francisco in 2017, with the mission of connecting and inspiring the community through movement and storytelling. After relocating from California to Orlando, Cindy was eager to share that spirit and creativity with the City Beautiful. That dream flourishes here, alongside all of you.

Thanks are due to the remarkable assistant choreographer, Heaven Rosignol, whose invaluable artistic insights and leadership during rehearsals have been instrumental. Deep appreciation goes to ME Theatre for graciously hosting Emergence Dance in their beautiful venue. Thanks also to Meg Dearmin for making all the marketing happen!

To the wonderful administrative team—Meg Dearmin, Cambria Evans, Toria Gobel, and Catherine Linder—your behind-the-scenes efforts make everything possible. Cindy is so grateful for all your help!

May everyone find the courage to continue on their own paths to awakening. Now, without further ado, please sit back, relax, and enjoy Emergence Dance's original production of "Awaken."

With heartfelt gratitude,
Cindy Heen

Artistic Director & Choreographer

Cindy Heen



Assistant Choreographer

Heaven Rosignol

Guest Choreographers

Hannah and Jasper Arrigo

Anneke Belman

Catherine Linder

Heaven Rosignol

Lauren Theriault

Choreography for Contortion

London and Mia Pacitto

Creative Team

Cindy Heen

Catherine Linder

Mars Powers

Meg Dearmin

Lauren Theriault

and

Emergence Dance Company

Guest Artists



Mars Powers Ringleader and Spoken Word Author

Mars Powers (They/He) is a nonbinary performer who is beyond stoked to be the Spoken Word artist for *Awaken*. Powers is making their writing debut having wrote the script with the intention of showing their philosophy that we cannot achieve a full, complete form. Everyday we are perpetually waking up as new selves. A few more theatrical credits of Powers' include Hedwig U/S in 'Hedwig And The Angry Inch' (American Stage), 'Beauty and the Beast' as Chip/Ensemble (American Stage) Sam in the tour of *The Day You Begin* (American Stage), Little Boy in *Ragtime: The Musical* (American Stage), Jinx in 'Plaid Tidings' * (Straz Center), Spoken Word Artist in 'AI' (Emergence Dance Company), and Will in 'Master of the Revels' (FST). Mars is thankful for all of their mentors whether they know that they see them as that or not and thank you for supporting the arts.

They're grateful for their other half, who plays the role of Explore, Jasper, whose grace and inspiring mind plants flowers in what would otherwise be a plain field. *Outstanding Performance Actor in a Leading Role in a Musical by Theatre Tampa Bay 2023.

London Pacitto Contortionist

11 year old London Pacitto is so happy to be a part of *Awaken*. London is with Smirkus Youth Circus and plans to tour with them, in New England, this

Summer. Her recent work involves guest performing for Bindlestiff Circus NYC, and being a featured performer with DJ Khaled's 'Supposed to Be Loved' music video. She is the Lyra & Silks 8-10

Champion with Viva Fest Las Vegas, and will be competing in the Emerging Pro Category next year.

In order to raise money for travel, London enjoys creating custom choreographed shows for private events. You may have also caught her in ads for Ron Jon Surf Shop, HCA Health, Disney's Hollywood Studios, and more. London is thankful for her mentor and tumbling coach, Shaun, her Mongolian contortion coach, Tsengee Byambadorj, and her mum and choreographer, Mia Pacitto.

Support her on instagram! @littlelondonlife



Featured Artist

Jasper Arrigo

Soloist and Lead Character



Jasper Arrigo (They/He) is a dancer and choreographer who has had a love for the arts as long as they can remember. They attended Troy University and the University of Central Florida with a primary focus in Dance. This is their third season performing with Emergence and they couldn't be more grateful to perform alongside their talented company members.

Meet the Cast



Hannah Arrigo
Lead Lust/Ensemble



Jasper Arrigo
Lead Character



Arianna Fleischman
Lead Protector/Magician



Catherine Linder
Lead Rage/Ensemble



Mikayla Mauree
Departed/Ensemble



Megan Noonan
Lead Clown/Ensemble



Heaven Rosignol
Mime/Ensemble



Lauren Theriault
Lead Manipulation/Ensemble



Kailey Baez
Ensemble



Cambria Evans
Ensemble



Toria Gobel
Ensemble



Joanna Kupiszewski
Ensemble



Rebecca Leonard
Ensemble



Anna Molinari
Ensemble



Rachel Osucha
Ensemble



Rebecca Poulos
Ensemble



Izabella Valdez
Ensemble



Bryleigh Willett
Ensemble

Show Description

Awaken is a contemporary dance production that embodies the stages of grief through powerful choreography and spoken word. Led by the Ringleader, the Lead Character journeys through grief's manifestations—denial, anger, bargaining (the circus), and ultimately, acceptance—each brought to life through expressive, physically charged performances. *Awaken* immerses audiences in a raw and deeply human exploration of loss, resilience, and transformation.

Act 1

Tragedy

Denial

Mime

Lead Solo

Manipulation

Rage and Fire Dancers

Protector

Bargaining and Circus Clowns

– 10 Minute Intermission –

Act 2

Viola

Contortion

Magician

Temptation

Overwhelm

Depression

Cracked Mirror

Acceptance

Awakening

Music and Additional Choreographer Credits

Act 1

“Narrow” – Steinbruchel

“8:58” – Paul Hartnoll

“Smile” – Jon Batiste

(Choreography by Anneke Belman, in collaboration with Cindy Heen)

“A Summer by the Sea (Solo Piano)” – Library Tapes

“Paint It Black (feat. Ranya) [Epic Trailer Version]” – Hidden Citizens

(Choreography by Heaven Rosignol)

“Suspended Time” – Christof Dejean

“Fire Hunt” – 2WEI & Ali Christenhusz

“Vladimir’s Blues” – Max Richter

“Eye in the Wall” – Perfume Genius

(Choreography by Hannah and Jasper Arrigo)

Act 2

“Voilà” – Barbara Pravi

(Choreography by Lauren Theriault)

“Querer” – Cirque du Soleil

(Choreography by Mia Pacitto)

“Queen of Hearts” – Saxon

(Magic by Arianna Fleischman)

“Carousel” – Melanie Martinez

(Choreography by Catherine Linder)

“Claire de Lune (Pied au Piano) [feat. Chris Pattishall]” – Son Lux

“Lovely (Ring and Portrait Remix)” – Billie Eilish & Khalid

(Choreography by Heaven Rosignol in collaboration with Cindy Heen)

“Outro” – M83

“Time (Alan Walker Remix)” – Alan Walker & Hans Zimmer







“Step right up to this tale where we emerge from sleep!
Tucked in tight sight will be challenged to believe that to
be the darkness and to be in it are not the same thing.

To be alive is to be a storyteller
and I’ll be your giver of words.”

-Mars Powers

THANK YOU

To the dancers and incredible choreographers — thank you for being a part of this event!

A special thank you to Marshall and Alex Ellis at ME Theatre for your unwavering support, technical expertise, and for sharing your beautiful space with us.

Production Credits

Executive Director: Cindy Heen

Artistic Director: Cindy Heen

Lighting Designer: Marshall Ellis

Stage Manager: Mk Leslie

Costume Designer: Sonja Rosignol

Marketing Director: Meg Dearmin

Program Designer: Cindy Heen

Program Designer & Editor: Kailey Baez

Photographer: Adrian (Acalte Photography)

Hospitality: Cambria Evans

Historian: Toria Gobel

Front of House: Catherine Linder

Rehearsal Space: University Performing Arts Centre

Performance Space: ME Theatre

Special Thanks

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