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## **SPECTORDANCE'S CHOREOGRAPHERS SHOWCASE** **RE-IMAGINED: DANCE THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**

*Bringing the World of Dance to Monterey County*

In Memory of Wolfgang Baer (1944-2021)



Ramya Harishankar Photo by Prasad

### **Join Us!**

**Workshops** May 17, 18 & 20 (see times below)

**Performances** May 19 & 20 7:30 pm

**Post-Performance Drinks & Discussion** May 20 9:30 pm

Hidden Valley Music Seminars, an Institute for the Arts  
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**FEATURING NEW WORKS BY**

**ANGELA CHAMBERS – SANTA CRUZ, CA**

**SHANY DAGAN – TEL AVIV, ISRAEL**

**CAMRIN E DANNELLY – MONTEREY, CA**

**NATHAN HIRSCHAUT – SANTA CRUZ, CA**

**RAMYA HARISHANKAR – IRVINE, CA**

**TRACY KOFFORD – SANTA BARBARA, CA**

**JONATHAN LIPOW – MONTEREY, CA**

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**ABOUT SPECTORDANCE’S CHOREOGRAPHERS SHOWCASE RE-IMAGINED**

Since 1997, *SpectorDance’s Choreographers Showcase* has offered central coast audiences the chance to experience a variety of original, cutting-edge dance works. To date, we have presented over 450 dancemakers, both live and virtually, from around the state, nation and globe.

We are proud to announce the newest iteration of this exciting event- *SpectorDance’s Choreographers Showcase Re-imagined: Dance That Makes a Difference!* For the first time, our showcase will bring performances to our community that focus on the power of dance to inform, promote dialogue, and be a galvanizing vehicle for change.

We are thrilled to present this event at the scenic and inspiring Hidden Valley Music Seminars, an Institute of the Arts, in Carmel Valley, where participants are welcome to stay for a weekend-long residency. This year’s choreographers showcase will give local dancers the opportunity to take master classes from visiting choreographers.

**WORKSHOPS WITH GUEST ARTISTS**

**Tuesday May 17, 2022 from 4-5:30pm**

**South Asian Classical Dance Workshop & Indian Interpretive Dance**

**With RAMYA HARISHANKAR**

**Ramya Harishankar** is the artistic director of the Arpana Dance Company (ADC), a premier school of Bharata Natyam in California and has taught several hundred students since 1982. Her solo performing career of five decades has taken her to India, Asia, Europe, Australia, and N. America. She received the *Kala Seva Bharathi* (India) award for her contribution to Indian arts abroad. Since 2020, Harishankar has been sharing the intricacies of *abhinaya*, nationally

and internationally online. She also premiered a digital series, Dance Conversations, documenting her four-decade journey in the Diaspora through the 'lens & voice' of her mentors, colleagues, and collaborators. Short 'dance films' [Bhumika](#) & [Aasha](#) have been critically acclaimed. ADC's has performed in the US, Europe, India, and Japan in aid of charities. ADC/Harishankar are recipients of prestigious grants from California Arts Council, Alliance for California Traditional Arts and she is a 2-time NEA's Choreographic Fellow.

**Wednesday May 18, 2022 from 4-5:30**

**Improvisation**

**With NATHAN HIRSCHAUT**

**Nathan Hirschaut** is a performing artist who graduated from The Juilliard School for Dance in 2020. Over the past 15 years, Nathan has studied from the world's best in dance, yoga, and artistic ideology creating the base of his spiritual, unconventionally creative, and wild performance art. His mission is to make and perform in projects that connect people to their Nature and Power, a space beyond the limitations of their minds. Since graduating school, Nathan has been commissioned and independently produced several cross-disciplinary projects, retreats, intensives, workshops, and classes. Nathan's work has been featured in The Washington Times, NPR, and the LA Post as a pioneering artist and thought leader in performance art.

**Friday May 20, 2022 5-6:30**

**Contemporary Dance**

**With TRACY KOFFORD**

**Tracy R. Kofford** holds a BFA in Dance from University of California of Santa Barbara and a MFA from New York University, Tisch School of the Arts. Tracy has performed and choreographed nationally and internationally with his own work and Jennifer Muller/The Works, who he danced with for over 10 years in NYC. He has studied and worked with some of the world's most influential choreographers, performers and dance companies. He also performed with Disney Cruise line, featured as Tarzan. Mr. Kofford was featured in photographer Lois Greenfield: Still Moving. He has received numerous honors include the McCallum Choreography Award in 2016, the ACDA Gala recognition, the Audience Choice award at the Red Rock Dance Festival. His choreography has been presented at Lincoln Center in NYC, Switzerland and has toured nationally and international. He is currently Director of Dance at Santa Barbara City College and Artistic Director of SBCC Dance Company.

### **TICKETS**

**PERFORMANCES** Single \$25/Two \$40/Seniors & children under 12 \$15

**POST-PERFORMANCE DRINKS & DISCUSSION** Friday May 20 \$10

**WORKSHOPS** \$25 for one class/\$40 for two classes/\$50 for three classes

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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