

ACADEMY LIVE NIGHT

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STREAMING LIVE • SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2021



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PROGRAM

Theatre Department

Selections from *She Kills Monsters* By Qui Nguyen

Directed by Ben Dicke

Production Manager - Buck Blue

Violence and Intimacy Designer - Alison Dornheggen

Virtual Background Designer - Sarah Grant

Original Costume Concept by Sasha Hildebrand

Costume, Props, and Monster Designer - Emily Luhrs

Sound Designer - Jack Murray

Cast: Natalee Hapaniewski, Jack Henning-Sepkoski, Nick Spallone, Madelaine Steffen, Gabbie Cannon, Mia Nadborne, Lila Napientek, Elena Quandt, Izzy Contreras, Leni Morr, Anna Volk, Martin Collins, Hans Furr, Tvesha Gupta

Music Department

Academy Night Live! Theme Song

The Academy Night Live Band

Jeff He, Alto Sax

Sammy Fodor, Guitar

Nolan Trotter, Bass

Bazyli Siwek, Piano

Amachi Smith-Hill, Drums

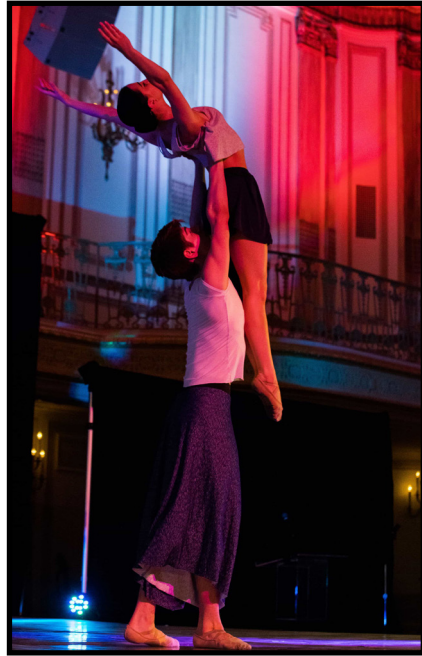
Dance Department

White swan pas de deux from *Swan Lake*

Music- Tchaikovsky

Staging- Patrick Simoniello

Dancers: Rudolph Davis, Abigail Pieper



PROGRAM CONTINUED



Music Department

“Bird Alone” by Abbey Lincoln

Dexter Birkenbeuel, Piano
Sloane Dyer, Voice
Sammy Fodor, Guitar
Jeff He, Alto Saxophone
Amachi Smith-Hill, Drums
Nolan Trotter, Bass

Media Arts Department

Wayward Blade

Animation by Dominic Turan

“bird’s nest in a deer skull”
Poem by Easton Cluck

Visual Arts Department

Art Gallery Live Presentation

Karen Duncan, DeeDee Kinzie,
Hanna Knowles, Lea Mira, Mizali Moreno,
James Murphy, Isabel Weiss

Music Department

“June” op. 51, no. 3 by Amy Beach

Bianca Burz, Voice
Ella Herman, Violin
Bazyli Siwek, Piano

Revolutionary Etude, op 10 no 12 by Frederic Chopin

Bazyli Siwek, Piano

PROGRAM CONTINUED

Dance Department

Depth of Light

Choreography - Randy Duncan

Music - Andy Mitran

Costumes - Dancer generated

Lighting - Margaret Nelson

Dancers: Briley Boersma, Mary Campbell, Nina Chrusfield, Julia Foley, Dyani Gandarilla, Jacob Kaiser, Quinn Kuch, Eden Magana, Demetra Mutz, Brianna North, Mia Peterson, Abigail Pieper, Hayley Pieper, Lincoln Seymour, Sadie Straub, Mateo Tirres

Media Arts Department

"Connection Issues"

An exquisite corpse

Music by Malcolm Lynas

Edited by Jessi Meliza

Sound Design - Amber Payne

Media Artists:

Gabriel Bell, Easton Cluck, Addison Jurecko, Miguel Lucero, Malcolm Lynas, Olivia Manno, Amber Payne, Elijah Pines, Jacob Shevitz, Kellan Sims, Dominic Turan



Musical Theatre Department

"No One Is Alone"

From the musical *Into the Woods*

Music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim

Directed by Andy Robinson

Musical Director/Accompaniment: Charlie Yokom

Ethan Alonzo, Ben Eble, Abbie Jacobson, Jodie Lloyd, Isabel Newman, Austin Peyton, Asher Ramaly, Izzie Contreras, Kendel Graham, India Renteria

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