Minneapolis, MN, October 15, 2021 – Threads Dance Project will premiere four new dance works in *Awake. Alive. Anew.*, showing at The Cowles Center on November 6 & 7. Emerging choreographers Gabby Abrams, Jennifer Pray, and Elayna Waxse present live projects developed in Thread’s Tapestries program and Artistic Director Karen L. Charles’ filmed work, *Out of the Ashes* (a work co-commissioned by The Cowles Center and the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts), will also debut. Tickets range from $20-$30; in-person and live options are available for both November 6 & 7 showings.

Co-Director Joseph Bingham shares: “This is the first of our 2021/2022 Season commissions to make it to the Goodale Stage, and there’s a bit of poetry to it, given that both Threads Dance Project and The Cowles Center are celebrating a 10-year anniversary this year. The fact that *Out of the Ashes* was filmed in our Theater adds another layer of nuance.” *Out of the Ashes* comes to the stage thanks to a co-commission between The Cowles Center and the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts.

Charles choreographed *Out of the Ashes* to commemorate the tragedy of 9/11—honoring those who lost their lives; cautioning against prejudice; and looking at how hope and rebuilding intertwine. Originally meant to premiere live in February 2020, the film adaptation will now open just a few months after the event’s 20th anniversary. “Ultimately, this delay has made the creation of this piece even more meaningful,” shares Charles. The film’s cinematography is by Ryan Melling and its original score is by Peter Morrow.

Each emerging choreographer participated in Thread’s Tapestries program, which provides creative, administrative, and financial support for emerging femme-identifying and BIPOC choreographers to set new work on the company. Tapestries is just one of the company’s many community programs. Additional community programs related to *Awake. Alive. Anew.* include an upcoming Open Rehearsal on October 21 and a unique glass blowing and movement workshop called “Out of the Ashes // Memorializing Loss” from October 22 -23. Visit [threadsdance.org/community-events](http://threadsdance.org/community-events) for more info.
"Out of the Ashes" is additionally available as an educational viewing experience. Educators who are interested in participating in a virtual showing can participate with an On Demand viewing from Monday, October 25 – Wednesday, November 3. There will be a livestreamed Q&A with Threads Dance Company members on Thursday, November 4 at 10:00 AM CDT. Tickets range from $50 - $150 depending on number of participating classrooms. To learn more visit www.thecowlescenter.org/student-matinees/threads-dance-project21.

To learn more about "Awake. Alive. Anew." and to reserve tickets, visit thecowlescenter.org/awake-alive-anew.

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ABOUT THREADS DANCE PROJECT

The mission of The Karen L. Charles Threads Dance Project (Threads) is to examine, expose, and celebrate the threads that connect us. Learn more: threadsdance.org.

ABOUT THE COWLES CENTER

The Cowles Center is a dance and performing arts hub that promotes movement and growth for artists through supportive programs and spaces; engages audiences through dynamic performances; and educates learners of all ages through robust and inclusive education initiatives. The Cowles Center is owned and operated by Artspace. Learn more: thecowlescenter.org.

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