

Dance Chicago 2016  
CHOREOGRAPHERS' SHOWCASE 12.3.16  
John Schmitz, Founder & Artistic Director, Curation  
Production Manager: Michael Clayton Stults JR.  
Stage Manager: Mel Daliva  
Lighting Design: David Goodman and  
Megan Wines  
Sound: Andrew Dallas  
Show runner: Sarah Knoke

1. Megan Rhodes  
*All Aflutter* (3/21/15)  
Composer: Electro Swing Italia  
Costume Design: Megan Rhodes  
Dancers: Kaitlin Davis, Sarah Glover, Kelsie Jayne  
Nashley Mattocks, Taylor Raley, Megan Rhodes  
<http://www.meganrhodesdance.com>

2. Heather Carpenter  
Ascendence Dance Chicago  
Heather Carpenter, Artistic Director  
*Painting Pictures of a War* (9/10/16)  
Music Composer: Aquilo  
Dancers: Heather Carpenter, Michael Artrip,  
Dayleen Marerro, Elena Dern, Kelleigh McIntosh,  
Colleen Hudon  
[www.ascendencedancechicago.com](http://www.ascendencedancechicago.com)

3. Trae Turner, Krista Ellensohn  
BOOM CRACK! Dance Company  
Trae Turner, Artistic Director  
*Doll Face* (Premiere)  
Music Composer: Laure Hill mixed by Trae Turner  
Costume Designer: Trae Turner  
Dancers: Krista Ellensohn, Emily Hammerman, Ava  
Wolff, Chantel Turk, Cheryl Okuda, Tricia Brown,  
Gabriella Thomas, Kacey McNamara, Arianna  
Moore, Nina Saenz  
[BOOMCRACK.com](http://BOOMCRACK.com)

4. Abby Williams  
Abby Williams Dance  
*Disconnected* (February 2016)  
Music Composers: Trent Reznor & Atticus Ross,  
Clint Mansell  
Costume Designer: Abby Williams  
Dancers: Caroline Bondurant, Lori Buchanan, Sam  
Fink, Ari Lawson, Jenn McAllister, Rachel Molinaro,  
Christina Reis, and Dani Siegel.  
[AbbyWilliamsDance.com](http://AbbyWilliamsDance.com)

5. Krissie Odegard Geye  
Trifecta Youth Company/Dance and Music  
Academy  
Krissie Odegard Geye, Artistic Director  
*Humanity Rewritten* (Future Stars 11.12.16)  
Music Composers: Vaughan Williams,  
Nobou Uematsu  
Dancers: Avery Arnold, Arantza Bascaran, Macala  
Bartucci, Sophia Bienko, Kaleigh De la Cruz, Sarah  
Eshoo, Grace Fitzpatrick, Delaney Haas, Britt  
Hoover, Peyton Lallas, Gabriella Lujan, Keely  
Miller, Melina Nestos, Julia Novy, Kyra Phelan,  
McKenna Rogers, Sabrina Penepacker, Sophie  
Philbrick, Isabelle Schuerman, Emmaline Schuh,  
Lauren Slaber, Kendall Sorkin, Megan Sullivan,  
Alyssa Yagelski, Sarah Yagelski, Rachel Zlotowicz

6. William Gill  
Noumenon Dance Ensemble  
Alia Montijo, Artistic Director  
*Controlled Chaos* (6/10/16)  
Music Composer: Jim Donovan  
Costume Designer: Alia Montijo  
Dancers: Julie Ferrell, Annalissa Hartsell, Faith  
Koleczek, Kristi Licera, Erin Murphy, Leah Nimmo,  
and Nikki Renfroe [www.noumenondance.com](http://www.noumenondance.com)

7. Victoria Lynn Bunch  
Soleunique Dance Company  
Victoria Lynn Bunch, Artistic Director  
*Passing Time* (Dance Slam 11.5.16)  
Music: "Call" by Julianna Barwick  
Costume Designer: Victoria Lynn Bunch  
Dancers: Hailey Green, Catherine Chorneyko,  
Sydney Tschosik, Julia Huber, Anna Knutson  
[www.soleunique.com](http://www.soleunique.com)

8. Cesar Salinas  
Definition Dance Academy/Encore Dance Company  
Kate Louer & Meredith Schultz, Artistic Directors  
*Bird Set Free* (Premiere)  
Music Composer: Sia  
Dancers: Angela Beltchenko, Cheryl Hanson,  
Jennifer Cooper, Whitney Robinette

9. Jade O'Connor  
Christine Rich Dance Theater  
Christine Rich, Artistic Director  
*Roots* (Future Stars 11.12.16)  
Music Composer- Oshun and Algiers  
Dancers- Jade O'Connor, Maya Kesan, Sara Kesan  
[www.christinerichstudio.com](http://www.christinerichstudio.com)

10. Nick Pupillo  
Visceral Studio Company  
Nick Pupillo, Artistic Director  
*Depart* (Premiere)  
Music Composer: Max Richter  
Dancers - Leah Emanuel, Lauren Katchem,  
Michelle Kies, Samantha Krachtus, Francesca  
Levita, Ally McGuire, Gianna O'Connor, Sasha  
Olevsky, Maggie Sablich, Emma Thesing  
[visceraldance.com](http://visceraldance.com)

11. Joey Claeysen  
On Broadway Dancers, Senior Company  
Kim Scerine, Artistic Director  
*MOVE YOUR BODY* (Dance Slam 11.5.16)  
This work won this year's Dance Slam  
Music: Sia  
Natalie Benson, Hannah Best, Jada Frazier, Joe  
Giordano, Karen Gonski, Alison Hall, Sophia  
Jakubowski, Lily Kilpatrick, Madison Lander, Grace  
Lardi, Maggie McCollough, Jessica Meyer, Jessica  
Murphy, Ariana Pullara, Jake Scerine, Macey  
Spencer  
[www.onbroadwaydancers.com](http://www.onbroadwaydancers.com)

#### INTERMISSION

12. Melinda Wilson  
Curie Advanced Dance Touring Company  
Melinda Wilson, Artistic Director  
*Diminishing Vision* (Dance Slam 11.07.15)  
Music: Sam Spiegel & Ape Drums  
Dancers: Victoria Herrera, Cameron Gunder, Angel  
Robinson, Tyree Shanklin, Takiya Barnes, Na'eema  
Spencer, Angelica Gurumendi, Jennifer, Tiffany  
Godines, & Angel Craig.  
[www.curiehs.org](http://www.curiehs.org)

13. Kaitlyn Vega  
Starr Dance Studio  
Windi Bergstrom, Artistic Director  
*Hold On To What You Believe*  
(Dance Slam 11.5.16)  
Music: Mumford & Sons  
Dancers: Stephanie Pragit, Ilse Magaña, Olivia  
Arriaga, Marissa Marinelli, Sophia Sadler, Bryana  
Gomez, Karli O'Connell, Lili Guzman  
[www.starrdance.com](http://www.starrdance.com)

14. Ahmad Simmons  
Forum Dance Theatre  
Kimberly Fletcher-Stibal, Artistic Director  
*Lost and Found* (2016)

Music Composers- Pro Modern, Beach Blanket  
Blammo, Empty Set, Twisted Sister, Johann  
Johannson  
Dancers: Meredith Cashman, Jenna Cochran,  
Denae Eldridge, Kayla Fiore, Tessa Kauppila,  
Mandy Krebs, Shannon Leahy, Amanda Mudd,  
Parker O'Neill, Annie Obereiner, Brynne Reeder,  
Olivia Ruby  
[www.forumdancetheatre.net](http://www.forumdancetheatre.net)

15. Gauri Jog  
Indian Dance School  
Gauri Jog, Artistic Director  
*Kathak Medley*  
(sargam, paran and Thumri)  
<http://www.gaurijog.com>

16. Catie Deitz-Griffith  
Elevations Studio Company  
Catie Deitz-Griffith, Artistic Director  
*Between The Lines* (1/30/16)  
Music Composer: Zoe Keating, John Dreamer  
Costume Designer: Julianne Deitz  
Dancers: Megan Andrzejewski, Ellie Daley, Danielle  
Denning, Sara Harris, Zoe Krachtus, Mia Kuchar,  
Katie McCumber, Kennedy O'Connor, Saegel  
Quintanilla, Megan Weber, Janelle Weiberg  
[www.elevationsdance.com](http://www.elevationsdance.com)

17. Tré Dumas  
Jus'LiTeN  
*Lamento* (No Morro) (Premiere)  
Music: Sergio Mendes [feat. Maogani Quartet]  
Dancers: Nico Rubio & Tré Dumas  
*This piece started off as a solo for a really gifted young  
lady in Vancouver BC, Canada late last year. I've loved  
this song since I first heard it about 10 years ago. So,  
when I arrived home from my residency, I decided to  
teach it to Jus'LiTeN since the young lady it was created  
for would only be performing it at shows and  
competitions in Canada and the Northwest of the United  
States I also reinstalled the verse I'd taken out after the  
intro (to make it short enough for competitions) so I  
could have a short improvised conversation w/my young  
brother in rhythm. We hope you enjoy Lamento (No  
Morro)*  
*P.S. This is dedicated to our third member Jessica  
Chapuis, the J' in Jus'LiTeN who is due in about two  
weeks and can't rock with us this time out. Blessings on  
you, Marty and on your impending addition. We miss you  
girl! TAP IS MUSIC... Jus'LiTeN*  
Facebook: Martin Dumas III , Nico Rubio ,  
Jus'LiTeN  
Twitter: @TREDumas; Instagram: @tretaps  
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18. Robert McKee  
Inaside Chicago Dance  
Richard Smith, Artistic Director  
*Fighting Tides* (4/28/16)  
Music: Pentaphobe  
Ostume Designer: Maggie Diavnovsky  
Dancers: Sarah Baker, Sarah Ford Hardy, Danielle Johnson, Meghan Medsker, Sarah Owens, Cora Schimke  
InasideChicagoDance.org

19. Kate Jablonski  
The Kate Jablonski Statement  
Kate Jablonski, Artistic Director-  
*Foolish Games* (10/29/16)  
Music Composer- Jewel  
Dancers- Cassie Biggane, Diana Corral, Antonella Di Benedetto, Nicole Flores, Miranda Gentile, Jennifer Hong, Leshay Mathis, Rachel Nash, Megan Rhodes  
KateJablonskiStatement.com

The focus of this program is the best new professional individual choreographer, not the company exhibiting the work. A company may have multiple works on this program, providing each choreographer is different. Usually the Choreographer of the Year is exhibited on this program. The Choreographer of the Year is awarded \$1,000 supported by the Cliff Dwellers Arts Foundation.

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**DANCE CHICAGO 2017**  
On Athenaeum Main Stage

For Valentines Day:  
***Dances from the Heart***  
The essence of Dance Chicago  
An inspiring and romantic affair with our audience!  
Saturday, February 11, 2017 @ 8 pm  
Tuesday, February 14, 2017 @ 8 pm

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***Dances from the Heart*** is the pinnacle exhibition of the best of Dance Chicago. This show is frequently toured to Fermilab and other venues. This showcase is not a duet-only show and is not based merely on human romance, but encourages works with a high emotional transformative purpose. The works represent the best works from the festival, curated from all the previous shows plus specially invited guests.

Go to [dancechicago.com](http://dancechicago.com) schedule to find out rosters on each show.

***Duke it Out!***  
DANCE CHICAGO HOLIDAY SHOW  
Music Institute of Chicago  
Nichols Concert Hall  
1490 Chicago Avenue  
Evanston, IL 60201  
12.10.16 at 10 am and 2 pm

This is our touring event for the season. This is a return of a sold-out show we created in collaboration with the Music Institute of Chicago in 2009. It involves multiple dance forms: ballet, pointe, contemporary, jazz, tap, hip-hop, ethnic. Two scores: Tchaikovsky and Ellington are presented by live ensembles in a unique exposition of dance and live music. John Schmitz and Altin Naska are directing the event.

***Duke it Out!*** Tickets:  
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Saturday, December 3, 2016  
THE 23<sup>RD</sup> SEASON



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