

HAMMER THEATRE CENTER PRESENTS
HAMMER PLAZA CELEBRATION
A FREE EVENT FEATURING AERIAL DANCE, LIVE
PERFORMANCES, FOOD TRUCKS AND MORE
7pm-10pm, September 28 & 29, 2018

SAN JOSE, CA (9 August 2018) ô Hammer Theatre Center kicks off an exciting lineup of arts and cultural events this fall with **Hammer Plaza Celebration**ô a FREE, family-friendly event in downtown San Jose featuring live performances by high-flying aerial dance troupe **BANDALOO** scaling the face of the theatre and New York's innovative **Bridgman|Packer Dance**, presenting its thrilling blend of video and movement inside a box truck stage. Performances will begin at twilight and occur hourly, with interactive activities between shows. The Hammer lobby and concessions will be open to the public, serving a variety of snacks and both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages to be enjoyed on the outdoor patio. Food trucks will also be on location. Hammer Theatre Center is located at 101 Paseo De San Antonio, San Jose. For more information, the public may visit www.hammertheatre.com or call (408) 924-8501.

BANDALOO is an innovative troupe known for its vertical dance performances and the activating of public space through perspective-bending dance, as well as creating in a wide variety of contexts. Founded in Oakland by Artistic Director Amelia Rudolph, **BANDALOO** has created works in theatres and museums, and on skyscrapers, bridges, billboards, and even UNESCO World Heritage sites. Combining climbing technology with intricate choreography and astonishing physicality, **BANDALOO** performances have inspired awe around the world. The company has danced for millions of people in over 22 countries including Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. In 2017, the troupe performed with pop superstar P!nk at the American Music Awards in a show called "the most insane performance of all time" by *Entertainment Tonight*. Earlier this year, the company also announced its content partnership with GoPro in a mind-bending

Budapest performance filmed using GoPro's HERO6 and Fusion 360-degree cameras.

Video: <http://bit.ly/danceonbudapest>

The acclaimed **Bridgman|Packer Dance** will bring its extraordinary *Truck* to the Hammer Plaza Celebration. Performed inside of a 17-foot box truck, this wildly-entertaining piece integrates live performance and video technology, to create a micro-world of magical visions. Vivid imagery, constantly shifting in context and scale, transforms the bed of a U-Haul into a house of a thousand rooms, an aquarium, and even a leafy hideaway. Bridgman|Packer Dance's innovative performance art in non-traditional public spaces has been hailed by *The New York Times* as "ingenious, magical, and fascinating." The company has wowed audiences throughout the USA, at festivals and art centers including Spoleto Festival USA, Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, and Philadelphia's Annenberg Center, and they have also appeared abroad in Europe, Asia, The Middle East, and Central America, in festivals such as Beirut Spring Festival, Munich International Dance Festival, Festival Internacional de Artes Escenicas (Panama), Kintetsu Theater (Osaka, Japan), Festival Internacional Chihuahua (Mexico), New Baltic Dance Festival (Lithuania), and Tancforum (Budapest).

The **Hammer Theatre Center** is a distinctive, state-of-the-art performance venue in the heart of downtown San Jose. Owned by the City of San Jose and operated by San Jose State University (SJSU) since 2016, the Hammer Theatre's mission is to serve the community through artistically and educationally excellent programming that is expressive of the unique characteristics and diverse cultures that comprise Silicon Valley. The broader vision of the Hammer includes arts, innovation, and technology programming on the Paseo de San Antonio, creating a vibrant pathway between SJSU and the Tech Museum and bridging the urban spaces from Saint James Park down to the South of First Avenue cultural district. The Hammer also aims to connect SJSU's more than 37,000 faculty, students, and staff within the downtown cultural and economic corridors.

For Calendar Editors

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101 Paseo De San Antonio, San Jose
(Between 2nd and 3rd Streets)

WHEN: **7pm-10pm, Friday, September 28, 2018**
7pm-10pm, Saturday, September 29, 2018

COST: FREE

INFO: For more information the public may visit www.hammertheatre.com or call **(408) 924-8501**.

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