

# SMUIN

CONTEMPORARY BALLET

CELIA FUSHILLE / ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

## SMUIN CANCELS REMAINING PERFORMANCES OF “DANCE SERIES 2” AND ANNOUNCES VIRTUAL OPENING NIGHT

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (29 April 2020) — Following the extension of the Shelter-in-Place order, **Smuin Contemporary Ballet** regrettably announces the further cancellation of all performances of its spring program, *Dance Series 2*. Originally scheduled to tour the Bay Area April 24-June 6, Smuin previously announced the cancellation of its San Francisco performances (April 24-May 2), and is now also cancelling performances in Walnut Creek (May 15-16), Mountain View (May 21-24), and Carmel (June 5-6). “Although we are disappointed to be unable to perform for our audiences this spring, we hope to continue engaging with our wonderful patrons through new initiatives such as our ‘Hump Day Ballets’ series and virtual dance classes, which were recently extended due to popular demand,” said Smuin Artistic Director Celia Fushille. “Smuin is also planning to hold a Virtual Opening Night for *Dance Series 2* on Thursday, May 14. We hope our patrons will make a night of it and stay in with us!”

Patrons will receive instructions to join the exclusive Virtual Opening Night, including a link to view a recording of the Company’s 2017 performance of Annabelle Lopez Ochoa’s *Requiem for a Rose*. Lopez Ochoa was inspired by her reflection on the meaning of true love and fleeting romance in creating this sublime work, set to one of Schubert’s most romantic adagios, which the *San Francisco Classical Voice* declared “perfection!” The Virtual Opening Night will also provide patrons with special recipes for a pre-show cocktail and post-show dinner.

Ticketholders will be contacted individually and offered options including donating their tickets or requesting a refund. Smuin has committed to paying its dancers through the end of its current season despite performance cancellations, and proceeds from donated tickets will go towards this initiative. As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, all donations to Smuin are fully tax-deductible. Any questions can be directed to [boxoffice@smuinballet.org](mailto:boxoffice@smuinballet.org).

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For more than 25 years Smuin has pushed the boundaries of contemporary ballet by presenting works that engage and delight audiences with their uncommon physicality and expression. Founded in San Francisco in 1994 by Tony and Emmy award-winning choreographer Michael Smuin, the company is committed to creating work that merges the diverse vocabularies of classical ballet and contemporary dance. Since 2007, Artistic Director Celia Fushille has built on Michael Smuin's legacy by creating her own vision and expanding the company's repertoire. Fushille has invited numerous choreographers to create works that highlight the Smuin artists' extraordinary versatility, presenting pieces that are unique, joyful, athletic, and inventive.

### For Calendar Editors

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**SHOWS:**

<b>SAN FRANCISCO:</b> <i>April 24 – May 2 - CANCELLED</i>	<i>Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, 901 Howard St. San Francisco - CANCELLED</i>
<b>WALNUT CREEK:</b> <i>May 15-16, 2020 - CANCELLED</i>	<i>Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek - CANCELLED</i>
<b>MOUNTAIN VIEW:</b> <i>May 21-24, 2020 - CANCELLED</i>	<i>Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street, Mountain View - CANCELLED</i>
<b>CARMEL:</b> <i>June 5-6, 2020 - CANCELLED</i>	<i>Sunset Center, San Carlos Street (between 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>), Carmel - CANCELLED</i>

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