

# OWEN / COX

## DANCE GROUP

### **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **Owen/Cox Dance Group celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> season**

*Owen/Cox Dance Group is excited to announce its 10<sup>th</sup> Season, featuring five world premieres, innovative music and dance collaborations, and a favorite returning by popular demand.*

#### ***Milestones***

October 27, 2016; Owen/Cox Dance Group will present the world premiere of “Anniversary Moves” in collaboration with Kansas City Chamber Orchestra. The program, in celebration of Owen/Cox Dance Group’s 10<sup>th</sup> season and the Chamber Orchestras 30<sup>th</sup> season, will feature 5 world premiere dance works to music by J.S. Bach, Dmitry Shostakovich, Peter Warlock, Charles Ives, and Samuel Barber, choreographed by Jennifer Owen. The works will be performed by 6 dancers of OCDG and 20 musicians of KC Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Bruce Sorrell. Polsky Theatre, Johnson County Community College, 7:30 pm.

#### ***The Nutcracker and the Mouse King***

December 10-11, 2016; Almost everyone is familiar with the traditional version of the holiday story *The Nutcracker*. Far fewer are aware of the original and notably darker inspiration for this beloved ballet--E.T.A Hoffman’s 1816 story *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King*. This modern jazz adaptation of *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King* features both original music and radical rearrangements of Tchaikovsky melodies created by a host of innovative Kansas City jazz musicians. This production features nine dancers of Owen/Cox Dance Group, sixteen musicians of The People’s Liberation Big Band of Greater Kansas City, horn sculptor Mark Southerland, costume design by Peggy Noland and Peregrine Honig, a child soprano, and local dance students. This Polsky Theatre, Johnson County Community College, December 10 at 8:00pm, and December 11 at 2:00pm.

#### ***Inland Roads***

May 6-7, 2017; Owen/Cox Dance Group was honored to be selected as the Resident Company for the Great Friends Dance Festival in Newport, Rhode Island in the July of 2016. Don’t miss the Kansas City premiere of the piece that was created at the Festival and performed in the historic Great Friends Meeting House. Join Owen/Cox Dance Group as they welcome the Island Moving Company to Kansas City, Missouri in this can’t miss performance. 1900 Building Event Space--Karbark, 8:00pm.

### ***The Goldberg Variations***

June 10-11, 2016; Owen/Cox Dance Group and pianist Kairy Koshoeva will present a contemporary dance work set to J. S. Bach's the *Goldberg Variations*. The entire *Goldberg Variations* is rarely performed in its entirety in concert. It is even more unusual that the piece is used for dance, and rarer still that the dance would be performed to live music rather than a recording. The choreography will carefully reflect the structure of the music, thereby enhancing the listeners' experience of the intricate patterns and counterpoint of Bach's work. By presenting this Bach masterpiece with contemporary dance, this performance will allow audience members to experience the *Goldberg Variations* through new ears and eyes. White Recital Hall (UMKC), June 10 at 8:00pm, and June 11 at 2:00pm.

### **About Owen/Cox Dance Group**

Owen/Cox Dance Group is a contemporary dance company located in Kansas City, Missouri. The company is committed to creating new music and dance collaborations, presenting high-quality contemporary dance performances with live music, and engaging as wide an audience as possible through affordable live performances and education and outreach programs.

For more information on the 10<sup>th</sup> season and tickets, please visit [www.owencoxdance.org](http://www.owencoxdance.org)