The Goldberg Variations

Choreography: Jennifer Owen
Music: Johann Sebastian Bach, interpreted by Kairy Kosheeva (2004 Rachmaninov Gold Medal)
Costume Design: Lily Walker
Lighting Design: Rachael Shair
Number of dancers: 12
Number of musicians: 1
Run time: 80 minutes in two Acts

Premiere: June 8, 2013
White Recital Hall, UMKC Performing Arts Center
Kansas City, MO

The Goldberg Variations is rarely performed in its entirety, even more unusual to be used for dance, and rarer still for the dance to be performed with live music. By presenting this Bach masterpiece with contemporary dance, this production allows audience members to experience the work through new ears and eyes.

“This Goldberg is a remarkable achievement and will probably continue to have a life of its own.”

-Paul Horsley, The Independent

“Owen’s idiosyncratic vocabulary refreshingly deviated from balletic expectations. Phrases turned from graceful to thorny within a beat, and she worked whimsical asides (such as high-fives, shimmies, and jaunty kicks) into otherwise conventional lines.”

-Libby Hanssen, Special to The Kansas City Star