

OWEN COX DANCE

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From: Owen/Cox Dance
3925 Main St. Suite B
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What: *What Keeps Mankind Alive*

Where: Musical Theater Heritage, Crown Center - 2450 Grand, Suite 301, Kansas City, MO 64108, Crown Center Shops, Level 3

When: October 23 and 24 at 8:00 pm, October 25 at 2:00 pm

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Enter into the darkly comic world of Kurt Weill and Bertolt Brecht with Owen/Cox Dance's *What Keeps Mankind Alive*. The production will premiere at Musical Theater Heritage, Crown Center on October 23 and 24 at 8:00 pm, and October 25 at 2:00 pm.

The piece will feature the music and lyrics of Weill and Brecht arranged by Brad Cox, and original choreography by Jennifer Owen. Built on music from Weill's early work in Germany, the piece highlights the more theatrical aspects of Owen's choreographic vocabulary. The program will also feature the world premiere of *Fuga Tanguera*, a 45 minute piece that incorporates the influences of Argentine Tango and contemporary jazz. The title of the work, *Fuga Tanguera*, serves a dual meaning—either *tango fugue* or *fugitive* (or *escaped*) tango dancer, and acts as an appropriate metaphor for Owen and Cox's artistic sensibilities—often combining rigorous compositional structure with ecstatic improvisational outbursts.

The works will be performed by Owen/Cox dancers, musicians of Tango Lorca, and vocalist Lucas Pherigo. Featured musicians will include violinist Christine Brebes (Orquesta El Arranque), bassist Jeff Harshbarger (Jacob Fred Jazz Odyssey), and guitarist Beau Bledsoe (Ensemble Ibérica). Dancers will include William Cannon (Aspen Santa Fe Ballet), Rachel Coats (Kansas City Ballet), and Dimitry Trubchanov (Colorado Ballet).

A free Artist Talk and question & answer period with the dancers, musicians, and Artistic Director will follow each of the performances, giving audience members an inside view of the creative process behind the works.

Performance time is 8:00 pm on October 23 and 24, and 2:00 pm on October 25. Artist Talk to follow each performance at 9:30 pm. Tickets cost \$27-\$54. Tickets are available at the Musical Theater Heritage Box Office (816) 221-6987 (2450 Grand, Suite 301, Kansas City, MO 64108, Crown Center Shops, Level 3), or online at www.owencoxdance.org.

More information is available at www.owencoxdance.org.