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**BACKHAUSDANCE NAMED RESIDENT DANCE COMPANY FOR TEMECULA PRESENTS,
CELEBRATING 20th ANNIVERSARY SEASON, 2022-2023**

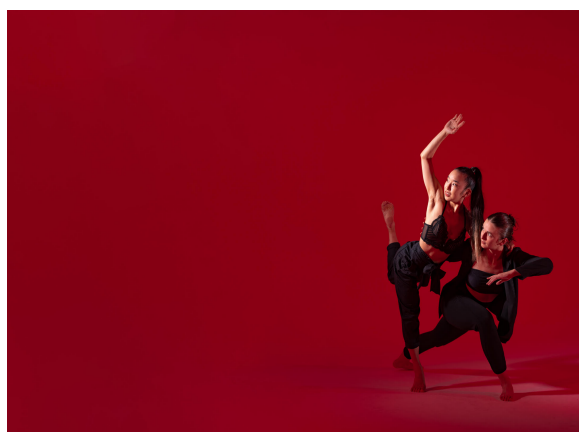


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May 25, 2022 (Orange, CA) - Backhausdance, Orange County's award-winning contemporary dance company, has been named the residence dance company for *Temecula Presents*, the premier performing arts destination in the Temecula Valley, beginning in the 2022 - 2023 season.

As the *Temecula Presents* resident dance company, Backhausdance will create and premiere works of company and guest choreographers, hold open rehearsals, present master classes, K-12 and college/university level education programs, workshops for all ages, and special pop-up performances, engaging audiences throughout the community. Additionally, Jennifer Backhaus, founder and artistic director, and dance faculty member at Chapman University, will present periodic lectures and related academic programs in areas of dance, performing arts, and production to educators, students, professionals, and all arts enthusiasts in the community and throughout the region.

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Backhausdance will open the *Temecula Presents* dance season with a performance on Saturday, November 19, 2022 at the Old Town Temecula Community Theater. The dynamic program will feature world premieres of work designed for the company by renowned guest choreographers Ching Ching Wong and Tommie-Waheed Evans, as well as pieces by Jennifer Backhaus and Amanda Kay White, Backhausdance associate artistic director. Master classes and workshops will be held in schools and the community during the week of November 14th, prior to rehearsals and technical production for the Saturday night performance. Details to be announced.



"We're so inspired and thrilled to have this opportunity to choreograph, perform new work and engage with the entire community. It's a dream come true as we begin our 20th season," remarked Jennifer Backhaus.

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Founding dancer and associate artistic director Amanda Kay White added, "As artists and educators, we are looking forward to connecting to audiences of all ages and abilities through this immersive experience. The company is currently working on our innovative program now and is enthused about moving our collaboration forward!!"



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Chariss Turner, manager of the Old Town Temecula Community Theater commented, "As a vast arts education advocate, I am excited to welcome Backhausdance to expand dance opportunities in our community. Backhausdance's performance in November 2021, which opened our 17th season, was nearly

sold-out, and their master class filled the dance studio!" The arts give us the power to explore, challenge our minds, and expand our imagination. I can't wait to see the growth of our community through this partnership. *Let's Dance Temecula!*

As a preview to launching the fall residency, Backhausdance and *Temecula Presents* are collaborating to hold a **Summer Pop-Up Weekend Workshop, August 20-21, 2022**, with classes for multiple levels, including experienced dancers, families/multigenerational and all-abilities. Classes will be held at the Old Town Temecula Community Theater and the dance studio. For information and to register:

<http://www.backhausdance.org/weekend-workshops>



About Backhausdance

Backhausdance, Orange County's critically acclaimed contemporary dance company, has performed extensively nationwide as well as internationally. Founded in 2003 by Jennifer Backhaus, award-winning choreographer and Chapman University faculty member, the company will be celebrating its 20th anniversary season in 2022-2023. Backhausdance is the recipient of 10 Lester Horton Awards from the Dance Resource Center of Los Angeles for achievements in choreography, design and performance, quickly propelling the company to the forefront of contemporary dance in Southern California. In 2012 Backhausdance was honored by Arts Orange County with the Outstanding Arts Organization Award.

The company is committed to engaging and educating the community about the relevance and vitality of contemporary concert dance, both as a valuable art form and as a tool for learning, creative expression, healing and overall well-being. Backhausdance is particularly interested in responding to new locations and collaborating with other organizations. The company provides extensive education programs in schools and the community for all ages and is dedicated to cultivating the next generation of artists. Teens through college/university and professional level participate in Backhausdance's annual Summer Dance Intensive program, a life-changing training, creative and mentoring experience. Scholarships are provided to over half of the participants in the annual Summer Dance Intensive. Woven into the fabric and soul of Backhausdance is advocacy for inclusivity, equity and celebration of all perspectives and ideas.

Visit www.backhausdance.org to learn more.

About *Temecula Presents*'

Temecula Presents continues to present live performances and arts education opportunities in a wide range of genres for all ages on multiple stages, reflecting the diversity and inclusivity of our growing community by showcasing established legends and rising stars.

For further information:

<https://temeculaca.gov/561/Temecula-Presents---Performances-Program>

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