

GARTH FAGAN DANCE: HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

2018 Home Season is Dec. 5 – 9 at Nazareth College Arts Center

Rochester's world-renowned Garth Fagan Dance presents its exciting 2018 Home Season just in time for the holidays this year: December 5–9 at Nazareth College Arts Center's Callahan Theatre (4245 East Avenue) for six exciting performances.

"We know that Rochester is proud of our success and views us as global ambassadors, and we appreciate that so very much," says Garth Fagan, Dance Executive Artistic Liaison and former GFD

celebration of the life of 19th-century abolitionist, orator, author, and Rochester icon Frederick Douglass on the bicentennial of his birth. Featuring a brilliant score by veteran Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra saxophonist Walter Blanding, the work received rave reviews for its recent world premiere at the company's annual season at The Joyce Theatre in New York City.

"I have read so much of

Frederick Douglass that I allowed The North Star to lead me," explains the much-awarded Fagan, who founded the company in 1970. "The work received roaring ovations in New York, and I hope that it will also move and inspire Rochester audiences."

Each performance will also feature the Rochester premiere of Distant Kim, an impressionist work choreographed by Bessie Award-winner/GFD Rehearsal Director Norwood Pennewell. In this, his ninth piece created for the company, seven dancers perform to the electronic music of "Gold Town" and

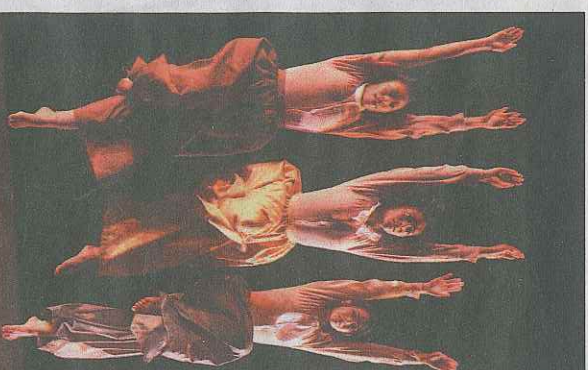
"Ghajar" by Stavroz, and "Für die Liebe" by Matthew Dekay and Lee Burridge.

The six performances will take place: Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. (Program A*); Thursday, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. (Program A); Friday, Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. (Program B*); Saturday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. (Program A*); Saturday, Dec. 8 at 8 p.m. (Program A*); and Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. (Program C*).

A meet-and-greet in the lobby with the entire company follows each performance. The current Garth Fagan Dance company includes long-time Fagan stars and Bessie Award-winners Norwood Pennewell, Steve Humphrey, and Natalie Rogers-Cropper, as well as Vitoio Jeanne, Guy Thorne, Adrienne B. Hodge, Wynton Rice, An-

drew David, Davente Gilreath, Sarah Herbert, Le Tiger Walker, Rishell Maxwell, Anna Lee, Justus Alicea, and J'royce Jata.

Tickets are \$40 (Orchestra), \$43 (Orchestra Aisle), and \$55 (Premium), and are available at the Nazareth College Arts Center Box Office in person at 4245 East Ave., by phone at 585-389-2170, or by visiting <https://www.w2.naz.edu/events/3051/>. Discounts available via Box Office only: \$15 tickets for children/students under 18 as well as college students with ID, a 20% senior discount, and a 20% discount for groups of 10 more. To further entice the home-



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