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It feels like we have been talking about this show for some time. Kim was always going to Old Trout shows and noticing how the performers were in a state of dance connected with the puppets, and Pete has been sneaking into the tap classes at DJD for years trying to quench his desire to be a professional dancer–to be able to move in ways that defy the gravity that restricts our ascent toward our true-celestial-selves.

As we talked through what was possible we began to notice how we jumped about as suggestions became exciting, how we grabbed at the nearest object to help us articulate a thought so grand that words alone could not convey our emotional state of mind connected to the idea.

At this point it dawned on us that puppetry and dance must surely be the root of human language, that at some point in the history of human community we didn't use words to communicate, instead we danced and stamped our grubby feet upon the sodden earth of our dank caves, wildly gesticulating with oddly shaped rocks that resembled the great fearful beasts that we heroically brought down.

Something important to most people is to be heard and understood as individuals with original thoughts or ideas that identify us as singular creatures. But puppetry and dance are only representations of something real and in many ways are connected to our unstoppable urge to mimic the world around us. We began to understand the nature of mimicry as a foundation of how we see ourselves in relationship to the natural world. But humans have always strived to elevate themselves above the natural world, which is ironic—we imitate that which we look to separate ourselves from.

When our designer Natalie joined the party, she suggested that this was something that artists were pushing against in the Romantic Period, that through the advancement of science there was a desire to return to the simplistic, albeit violent reality of nature. We began to see our lives as a paradox between the primitive need to hunt and kill something beautiful, to feed our visceral bodies with food, and that of a desire to be more sophisticated, to serve our lofty thoughts and rise above the primal urges of our natural roots.

It's been a crazy ride and we have come a long way now that we can text around the world and look at each other as we connect on our handy mobile devices, but we must always ask ourselves the big question—have we really come so far from our humble beginnings?

Thank you so much for coming, we hope you enjoy the show.

Kim and Pete

Like all our productions, MIMIC is a creative collaboration between many talented and skilled individuals. Watching the initial ideas for a new production morph and unfold, sometimes over the span of several years, is a patient and reflective process. As each group of collaborators is added-designers, builders, choreographers, dancers, musicians, and technicians-the ideas are developed, tested, evolved, and rehearsed. And the process is not complete until the final group of collaborators arrivesyou, the audience.

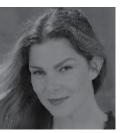
MIMIC is the result of ideas that originated many years ago, and tonight we come together to celebrate this new co-creation that has involved so many. We wouldn't be able to create new productions without strong community support, so we extend our sincere gratitude to all our funders, sponsors, donors, and volunteers. Specifically, we thank our government funders: The City of Calgary through Calgary Arts Development, the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, and the Canada Council for the Arts. Thank you to production sponsors Mawer and Direct Energy, and to our media sponsors Global TV and News Talk 770. We also applaud our Jazz Roots members, the hundreds of corporate and individual donors who support DJD, and the gifts of time and talent by all of our volunteers including the Board of Directors.

Collaboration and partnerships are key to our health and survival. We're all in this together, exploring new ideas, asking important questions, and celebrating our humanity. Thank you for being an important part of our art-making process!



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KIMBERLEY COOPER ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Kimberley Cooper has been dancing and creating dance for most of her life. She joined DJD in 1989 as an apprentice, became Resident Choreographer/Artistic Associate in 2002 and was appointed A.D. in 2013. She has created over 15 full length pieces on DJD and numerous short works. She has had a full independent career as a dancer and choreographer as well and has created work, performed, taught and studied all over the world. She was named Emerging Artist of the Year by Alberta Dance Alliance (2002), was the Artist in Residence at the Calgary Tower in Calgary as Cultural Capital of Canada (2012) and was awarded Dance Victoria's Crystal Dance Prize for research in Brazil (2014). Cooper recently wrote a chapter in the book City of Animals

produced by University of Calgary's Humanities Dept. (2017)

PETER BALKWILL CO-CREATOR



Peter Balkwill is a co-Artistic Director of the Old Trout Puppet Workshop, Director of Education at the Canadian Academy of Mask and Puppetry, and co-Artistic Director of the Festival of Animated Objects which runs every two years here in Calgary. This is his second show with DJD—last year he was seen loving a gold balloon in *Modern Vaudevillians*, but this is the first time he has co-created a dance show—this is a crazy process. What is most inspiring to Pete is an artist like Kim, and her unbridled creative spirit—it is this kind of energy in people that make Calgary a great place to live and make art. When not in a theatre he is knee deep in the joy that is Nanwalkerjuno and a little dog named Turtle.

NICK FRASER MUSICAL DIRECTOR, COMPOSER, DRUMS AND PERCUSSION



Nick Fraser has been an active and engaging presence in the Toronto new jazz and improvised music community for over 20 years. He has performed with a veritable "who's who" of Canadian jazz and improvised music and has collaborated with such international artists as Tony Malaby, Donny McCaslin, Marilyn Crispell, Anthony Braxton and David Binney. Nick's recorded works as a leader include *Owls in Daylight* (1997), *Nick Fraser and Justin Haynes are faking it* (2004), *Towns and Villages* (2013), *Too Many Continents* (2015) and *Starer* (2016). For 10 years, he co-led the group Drumheller, who released four critically acclaimed recordings. Other projects that occupy him regularly are Peripheral Vision, Eucalyptus, Titanium Riot, Ugly Beauties

(with Marilyn Lerner and Matt Brubeck), and the Lina Allemano Four. Nick has performed on over 70 commercially released recordings.

EVAN CARTWRIGHT PERCUSSION



Evan Cartwright is a Toronto based percussionist and drummer and a graduate of the University of Toronto's Jazz program. Evan tours internationally with bands such as Tassoemancy, U.S. Girls, Andy Shauf and Tim Darcy. He has been a musical guest on the James Corden Show as well as La Bande Passante in France. He has studied drum set privately with Terry Clark, Bob MacLaren, Nick Fraser, Dan Weiss and Ethan Ardelli.

SABRINA COMANESCU DANCER



Sabrina "Naz" Comanescu is a dynamic emerging talent and an energetic supporter of the Calgary dance and Caribbean Community through her work as a dance instructor, performer, and choreographer. Training in urban/funk and Afro-Caribbean dance styles since the age of six, Sabrina dove into her studies of jazz dance at the School of Decidedly Jazz in 2013, in DJD's Professional Training Program. Sabrina is also the current major force behind The Diversity Performing Arts Club of Calgary and created Casa De Naz in 2012, a collective with a mission to "excite and educate art hubs across Canada about the thriving Caribbean community in Calgary and the arts of the Caribbean as a whole through film, fashion and dance." Sabrina has performed in Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver, Halifax, Trinidad

and Tobago, Finland and New York City with such companies as House of Dangerkat, The Bad Girls Club YYC and ILLFX Entertainment. Sabrina is thrilled to be performing for a third season in the DJD company!

JULIA COSENTINO DANCER



Originally from Toronto, Julia received her BFA Honors Degree in Dance from York University in 2012. Since graduating, Julia has had the pleasure of training, collaborating, and performing with companies including Jasmyn Fyffe Dance, Rock Bottom Movement, Frog In Hand, Newton Moraes Dance Theatre, ProArteDanza, Hit and Run Dance Productions, Lady Luck Productions, and emiMOTION. Julia is a founding member of The Garage, a Toronto dance collective established in 2013 to provide emerging artists with the opportunity to share, learn, research and develop different skills and ideas. Additionally, she teaches locally at Danza Academy and Elements Dance Company, and is a dance educator, workshop leader and

choreographer throughout Canada. This is Julia's third season with DJD and she is grateful for the space to deepen her practice and explore new avenues. DJD is a unique style that marries all the things Julia loves most about dance; music, rhythm, physical challenge, artistry and expression.

MICHAEL DAVIDSON PERCUSSION



Michael Davidson is an in-demand Toronto-based vibraphonist in the improvised, jazz, and creative music scenes. He has collaborated with many of the active jazz and improvised music players in Toronto. Michael leads The Michael Davidson Septet, which is his main compositional outlet. He also co-leads the chamber jazz quartet Hobson's Choice and the duo Clock Radio. You can hear him playing around Toronto with The Michael Davidson Septet, Hobson's Choice, Clock Radio (with Dan Fortin), David Occhipinti's Camera, Monk's Music, The Dan Fortin Quartet, and Andrew Downing's Otterville.

RODNEY DIVERLUS DANCER



Hailing from Toronto, via Haiti, Rodney is a multidisciplinary performer, movement creator, writer, and cultural curator. Rodney has performed throughout Canada, the US, and the Caribbean in dance, theatre, and musical theatre and has worked with DJD for four seasons, and independently with KasheDance, Red Sky Performance, IFT/ Obsidian Theatre, ReActive Dance Theatre, Wind in Leaves Collective, and at the 2015 Pan American Games. As a performer, he has worked with Kimberley Cooper, Kevin Ormsby, Christopher Walker, Tara Cheyenne Friedenberg, Linnea Swan, Hannah Kiel, Marie-Josée Chartier, Gadfly, Mumbi Tindyebwa, Deanne Walsh, Michèle Moss, Sarisa D. Toledo, Mindy Cooper, Patricia Wilcox. Additionally, Rodney has created and developed

solo works presented in a variety of venues in Toronto, and his choreographic works have been presented at festivals across Canada. His writing has been published by the Toronto Star, Globe & Mail, Canadian Theatre Review, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, and as a contributing author for *Artistic Citizenship: Artistry, Social Responsibility and Ethical Praxis*, published by Oxford University Press. He is currently editing *We Will Win*, an anthology on Black activism in Canada to be published by the University of Regina Press. Rodney is a graduate of Ryerson University's Dance Program.

JASON OWIN F. GALEOS APPRENTICE



Born in Norway, Jason Owin F. Galeos is a dance artist based in Calgary. His dance studies are based on Hip Hop, House, Funk styles and Contemporary dance. He has danced for Tara Wilson, Saxon Fraser, Melissa Monteros, Deanne Walsh, Wojciech Mochniej, Michèle Moss, Pamela Tzeng, Zahra Shahab, Sylvie Moquin, Dancing Monkey Laboratories, 49th Parallel Dance Co and Corps Bara Dance Theatre. Since 2007, he's been recognized in the community for his unique movement and cross genre approach. In 2012, He earned his BA at the U of C, majoring in Contemporary Dance. In 2015, Galeos started J-SIK Movements: the spontaneity and immersion in hiphop culture and the choreographic maturity of contemporary dance. He runs classes/

workshops/intensives and has presented work at Soulocentric, MovementwithAMessage, Nextfest, DSW, and Springboard Performance. In 2017, he co-produced his first production in collaboration with Purposely Soulful "Fall of the Leaf | Høsten Bladet." Galeos started a new chapter as an apprentice dancer with DJD in 2018. He will also be presenting an expansion of "Münzwurf. Münzetropfen" in Nextfest Edmonton this upcoming June and will be heading back to Europe for the Henny Jurriëns Amsterdam Intensive (Netherlands) and ImPulsTanz Festival (Austria) for the summer.

BIOGRAPHIES

CATHERINE HAYWARD DANCER



Catherine Hayward has been a dancer with the DJD company since 2007. She was Artistic Director of DJD's dancer-choreographed shows *Velocity* (2017) and *Borderland* (2015). Originally from Winnipeg, Catherine studied at Ryerson. Since moving to Calgary, she has immersed herself in the community as a performer, choreographer and teacher. She is a member of Dancers' Studio West (DSW) Dance Action Group (DAG), a small ensemble of aesthetically diverse performer/choreographers who co-operate to fulfill opportunities for community animation, offer organizational support for DSW and invest in new opportunities for artistic development. Recently, Catherine has pursued choreography with original musical compositions and musicians including a new piece in collaboration with musician Jeremy Gignoux as part of DSW's Dance

Action Lab (2017) and *Tethered*, an original musical composition by Rubim de Toledo (2016). Catherine and fellow DJD company member Shayne Johnson have been working in collaboration on developing new work. The finale of DJD's *Velocity* was their first ensemble collaboration, set on the full company. Their most recent duet, *Polyhedron* premiered at Fluid Festival in 2015. Catherine enjoys teaching, including five seasons as a choreographer with Alberta Dance Theatre for young people (ADT) and mentoring teen dancers as part of DJD's Teen Jazz Advanced program. Catherine is thrilled to complete her 11th season with the DJD company.

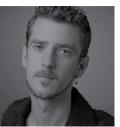
KAJA IRWIN DANCER



Winnipeg-born Kaja Irwin is a performing artist, choreographer and dance educator. Kaja has worked with respected Calgary choreographers Michèle Moss, Deanne Walsh, Alison (Bryan) Stone and Jennifer Mahood as well as Toronto choreographers, Sharon Harvey and Jenn Goodwin. In fall 2017, Kaja premiered new choreographic works for the Annual Alberta Dance Festival and Fluid Festival's Physical Cabaret as well as working with Alberta Dance Theatre. In 2015, she was a juried choreographer at the 60X60 FESTIVAL in Toronto and in 2014 her solo performance MAIM was exhibited in Ottawa and Amsterdam. Kaja has enjoyed collaborating with the Winnipeg-based band Royal Canoe, choreographing music videos for them including, Somersault, Walk Out on the Water and the recently released

video Living A Lie. Kaja is thrilled to be back for her third season with the DJD Company.

SHAYNE JOHNSON DANCER



Shayne began his dance training at age five and at the age of 12, launched his professional career as a guest tap dancer on the *Super Dave Osborne* TV show. Shayne went on to join the Canadian National Tap Team, became a member of the Grizzlies Extreme Dance Team for the NBA and was hired as a dancer and choreographer for Norwegian Cruise Lines. Since moving to Calgary in 2008, Shayne has been an active member of the Arts community. He is a member of Dancers' Studio West's (DSW) Dance Action Group (DAG), a small ensemble who co-operate to fulfill opportunities for community development and offer organizational support for DSW. Shayne presented a new work in DSW's Dance Action Lab in July 2016 and a solo in their Alberta Dance

Festival in September 2017. In addition to focusing on choreography, Shayne is an established tap teacher in the community. Shayne has been with the DJD Company since the spring of 2009.

NATASHA KORNEY DANCER



Natasha began pursuing dance at the age of 13, specifically in the styles of Hip-Hop, Jazz, Modern, Contemporary and African Dance. As part of her training she spent two years as a pre-professional student at the School of Decidedly Jazz, performing in their show *Footprints*. In 2010, she commenced a Bachelor of Arts degree in the Dance Program at the University of Calgary performing in *Mainstage* and other productions. This is Natasha's fifth season with DJD and she looks forward to performing in many more productions with the company.

MARCIA LIBER STAGE MANAGER



Marcia Liber is thrilled to be back for her second show with Decidedly Jazz Danceworks. Previous Stage Management credits include *Velocity* (DJD), *The Leap, Dancing Home, Metamorphosis* and *Mythbehavin'* (Dancers' Studio West), *Satellites* (Dancing Monkey Laboratories, 2013), and *A Little Princess, A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Lost Prince, Village of Idiots, Macbeth* and *Peter Pan* (Calgary Young Peoples' Theatre). When not stage managing, Marcia is the Technical Director for The Shakespeare Company. She would like to thank her family for their continued support, understanding and love.

BRIAN MACNEIL LIGHTING DESIGNER



Since attending Grant MacEwan Community College three decades ago, Brian has served live performance arts as a lighting designer and technical director for premieres, repetoire, and touring. Specializing in dance, he worked with the Brian Webb Dance Company in Edmonton, which brought him to Calgary to associate with Elaine Bowman and Dancers' Studio West. He worked at DSW for many years through its artistic developments, festivals, and residencies acquainting him with dancers and choreographers in Calgary and across the country. He also participates with local off-beat theatre productions such as Theatre Encounter's Caligula, Medea, and Heart of Darkness. He was also in a Banff Centre residency for the development of Making

Treaty 7. Brian is a member of IATSE and works with scenic elements for the film industry. Recent movies include The Revenant, Dead Again in Tombstone, Hard Powder, and Alpha. Past productions for DJD include Better Get Hit in Your Soul, New Universe, Juliet & Romeo, and Modern Vaudevillians.

FRANK RADER MASK DESIGNER



Frank Rader is a mask-maker, puppet-maker and educator of over 40 years of experience. He has had the opportunity to work with many talented performers, teachers and other artists, including Donato Sartori in Padua, Italy. Theatre educators across North America and Europe have been utilizing Frank's masks for decades, noted for their wide range of playability and expression, allowing the actor to explore an extensive variety of physical and emotional characteristics. His masks have proven to be extremely durable and able to withstand the rigors of international touring. They are held in numerous private and public collections. Frank has been designing puppets for over 15 years for a variety of companies including Axis Theatre and Mortal Coil

Performance Society, both of Vancouver. His puppet designs for the acclaimed children's show The *Little Old Man* were nominated for a 2009 Jessie Richardson award and last year his Mr. Hatch puppet for Axis Theatre's production of *Somebody Loves You Mr. Hatch* won a Jessie Award for Outstanding Design for Puppet Creation.

SCOTT REID SET DESIGNER



Scott is happy to be back at DJD. Some selected design credits for DJD are Modern Vaudevillians, Spontaneous Combustion, The Great Jazz History Mystery, Wilds, Perched on the Edge of a Quarter Note, Evanescence, New Universe and Juliet & Romeo. Scott has also designed Class Acts, Fumbling Towards Ecstasy, The Seven Deadly Sins, Songs of a Wayfarer, Requiem (Alberta Ballet); several playRites Festivals, Last Wife, Half Life (ATP); Mom's the Word, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, A Raisin in the Sun (Theatre Calgary); Die Tote Stadt, Otello (set and projections), The Inventor (projections), Little Women (set and projections), Faust (co-design), Dead Man Walking (co-design) (Calgary Opera); The Cunning Little Vixen, A Midsummer Night's Dream

(The Banff Centre), and In the Farewell My Lovely, Back Before Midnight, Heat of the Night, Rebecca, Blood Relations (Vertigo).

KALEB TEKESTE DANCER



Kaleb is a Calgary-based dancer, choreographer and teacher. In 2004, he joined DJD's Professional Training Program and in 2006 he understudied Kimberley Cooper's in *Charcoal and Crimson*. As fate would have it, he found himself jumping into a role a few days before opening night thus marking his debut with DJD. Kaleb has choreographed for Slammenberry Jam, Dance Montage, Alberta Dance Explosions, Calgary Cares and several of DJD's bi-annual dancer-choreographed evenings. In addition to performing with crews the Original Rudes and ILLFX, in 2010 he danced in a short film/commercial in conjunction with the Vancouver Winter Olympics and has performed with artists such as the Black Eyes Peas, Snoop Dogg and Jully Black.

Kaleb recently co-starred in the documentary film *Made in Vietnam* which premiered at the Calgary International film festival. This is Kaleb's ninth season with the company and he is thrilled to be a part of this incredible show and new experience of exploring the magical world of puppetry.

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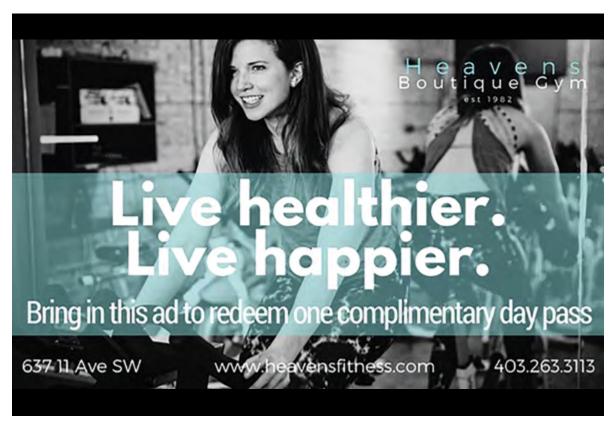
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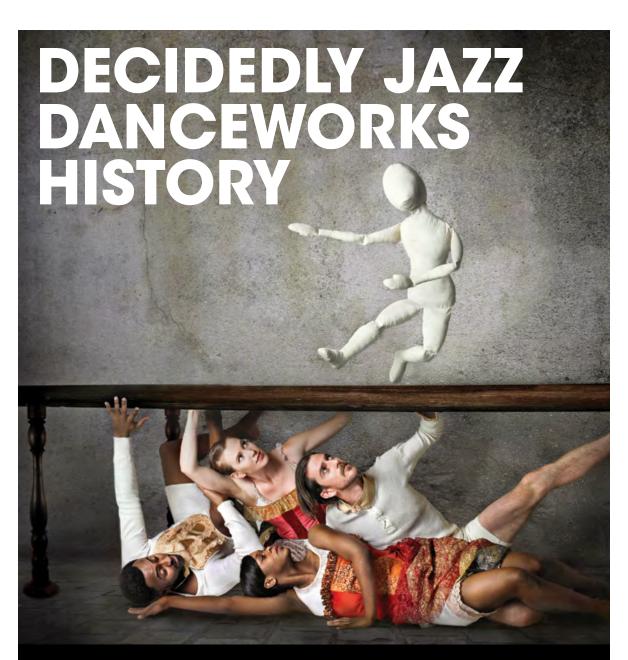
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The Calgary-based company has toured extensively throughout Canada as well as to Chicago, Japan, the Turks and Caicos Islands and Cuba.

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The PTP is an eight-month program designed for dancers who feel a passion for both jazz and the work of DJD. The PTP was developed to train dancers in the DJD style, as they are introduced to the rich history of jazz music and dance, develop an ear for jazz music, and discover the joy of jazz improvisation. The program trains dancers at a level that bridges the gap between student and professional and encourages dancers to explore their own personal expression and find honest performance.

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FEATURED DANCER: KAJA IRWIN

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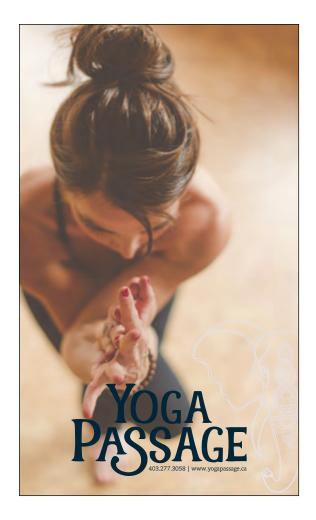
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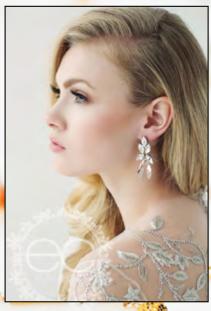
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