

Felice Lesser Dance Theater

2017 Season to Feature

World Premiere of *Lightning*



February 8-12, 2017

At The Duke on 42nd Street, a New 42nd Street® Project

New York, NY (December 7, 2016): **Felice Lesser Dance Theater's** 2017 season will feature the world premiere of *Lightning*, a multi-media dance set to a score by the contemporary Slovenian composer **Borut Krzisnik**. The season will run for six performances, February 8 – 12, 2017 at The Duke on 42nd Street, 229 W. 42nd Street (between 7th and 8th Avenues).

The Felice Lesser Dance Theater (FLDT), founded in 1975 by choreographer, playwright, filmmaker and animator, **Felice Lesser**, creates and performs her contemporary dance works, which are mixed with theater and technology. Lesser's "moving sets" of simultaneous projected video and computer animation are featured as a visual background to what is happening onstage, where live dancers interact with filmed ones, or distorted images appear as counterpoint. *Lightning* will reflect on some of today's most important issues: borders, global warming, inclusion, terrorism, technology, and artificial intelligence.

In its 41-year history, FLDT has produced over sixty dance works, two full-length plays about dance and dancers, video/dance works, original television broadcasts, and many contemporary music and art

collaborations performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Lincoln Center Out-of-Doors, Baryshnikov Arts Center, Joyce SoHo, the Sarasota Ballet, and the 1991 Tokyo International Choreography Competition. FLDT is committed to education as well as performance and has an extensive array of lecture-demonstrations, classes, residencies and workshops to develop audiences and bring the general public and students into the creative process. The company feels strongly that dance should be available and accessible to all, and provides outreach and free ticket programs to special and underserved populations, and will do so again during these performances.

Borut Krzisnik is a Slovenian composer based in Ljubljana. He has released seven albums, including *Lightning*, *Valse Brutal*, *Sacre du Temps* and *A Life in Suitcases* (film and soundtrack). His music has been featured in many films, dance and theater productions, including Peter Greenaway's multi-media trilogy *Tulse Luper Suitcases* and *A Life in Suitcases*.

Built as part of the New 42nd Street Studios to support performing artists in the creation of their work, **The Duke on 42nd Street** is a premier venue in the heart of the theater district. Along with the New 42nd Street Studios and The New Victory Theater, The Duke on 42nd Street is a project of The New 42nd Street, the independent nonprofit organization charged with the continuous cultural revival of 42nd Street between 7th and 8th Avenues. Committed to the transformational power of the arts, the dedicated Board and Staff of The New 42nd Street build on the foundation of seven historic theaters to make extraordinary performing arts and cultural engagement part of everyone's life.

Felice Lesser Dance Theater will present six performances, February 8 – 12, 2017 at The Duke on 42nd Street, a NEW 42ND STREET® project. Complete details, season schedule and ticket information will be announced shortly. For updates and further information, visit www.FLDT.org

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