

**BRKFST Dance Company Presents** 

### **STORMCLUTTER**

and

## Dancers, Dreamers and Presidents



John Michael Kohler Arts Center

#### The John Michael Kohler Arts Center and BRKFST Dance Company Present

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#### November 14, 2024

STORMCLUTTER is originally commissioned by The Cowles Center,
Northrop, Princeton University's Lewis Center for the Arts' Caroline Hearst
Choreographer-In-Residence Program and is a National Performance Network (NPN)
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Arts Center, National Center for Choreography at The University of Akron, Bates
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#### **PERFORMANCE**

#### 1. STORMCLUTTER

Choreography and Performance by BRKFST members: Lisa 'MonaLisa' Berman, Joseph 'MN' Joe Tran, Marie Thayer,

Azaria 'AZ' Evans-Parham, Travis 'Seqal' Johnson

Music by: Renée Copeland

Dramaturge/Stage Manager: Emma Marlar

Costume Designer: Sarah Bahr

Costume Assistants: Caroline A. Zaltron and Nat Koch

**Lighting Designer:** Karin Olson

Run Time: 41 minutes and 25 seconds

There will be a five-minute break between pieces. This is not an intermission; please remain seated.

#### 2. Dancers, Dreamers and Presidents (Movements 2 and 3)

Choreography: Lisa 'MonaLisa' Berman, Joseph 'MN' Joe Tran, Marie

Thayer, Azaria 'AZ' Evans-Parham, Travis 'Seqal' Johnson

**Performance:** Lisa 'MonaLisa' Berman, Joseph 'MN' Joe Tran, Marie Thayer, Azaria 'AZ' Evans-Parham, Travis 'Seqal' Johnson

and Cecil Neal

Music by: Daniel Bernard Roumain

Dramaturge/Stage Manager: Emma Marlar

Costume Design: Rhiannon Fiskradatz with custom dye by Sarah Bahr

Lighting Design: Karin Olson

Run Time: 11 minutes and 15 seconds

#### **About BRKFST Dance Company**

BRKFST Dance Company (Saint Paul, MN) utilizes breaking, hip hop's first dance form, to create works that are both intellectually stimulating and physically rigorous. In combining breaking with abstraction and contemporary dance vernacular, the company seeks original modes of artistic expression. BRKFST's egalitarian and choreographic collaboration is rooted in the hip-hop adage, "Each One Teach One". Regardless of class, race, experience, age or gender, everyone remains both teacher and student. BRKFST's lineage stems from breaking and hip-hop culture: earning respect from battles and embodying inclusivity by passing down their knowledge to the new generation. The lived experiences of this collective of artists, who identify as working class, queer and BIPOC, inform their compositions.

Consider donating to BRKFST Dance Company's fundraising campaign. Your donation will:

- 1. Strengthen the Minnesota dance community through creative practice, collaboration and dialogue
- 2. Expand BRKFST's outreach, community engagement and exposure to new audiences
- 3. Help BRKFST dancers and choreographers earn a living wage

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#### **About the John Michael Kohler Arts Center**

Founded in 1967, the John Michael Kohler Arts Center is dedicated to generating creative exchanges between an international community of artists and a diverse public. Central to its mission is promoting understanding and appreciation of the work of self-taught and contemporary artists through original exhibitions, commissioned works of art, performing arts, community arts initiatives, and publications.

Visitors can enjoy eight galleries featuring original exhibitions, a café, and a retail shop. Among the programs offered are classes, workshops, performances of music and dance, and special events such as Midsummer Festival of the Arts. It is also home to an on-site licensed preschool. The Arts Center's collection focuses primarily on works by artist-environment builders, self-taught and folk artists, and works created in the Arts/Industry residency program. JMKAC is the world's leading center for research and presentation of artist-built environments.

In 2021, the Arts Center opened the Art Preserve, the only museum dedicated to the presentation, preservation and study of artist-built environments. Located just a few miles from the Arts Center, this satellite campus highlights the John Michael Kohler Arts Center's collection of 30,000+ individual works of art by 40 art-environment builders. The Art Preserve features immersive displays of art environments and curated visible storage of environment components. It also serves as a resource for research on art environments and the artists who create them.

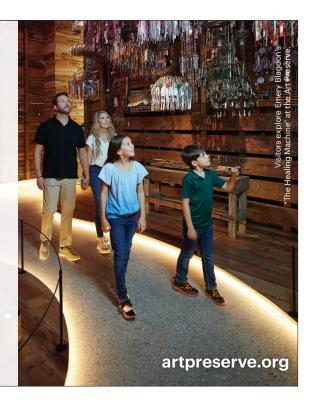
Admission to the Arts Center and Art Preserve is free. For more information, call 920-458-6144, or visit jmkac.org.

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