GIORDANO DANCE CHICAGO CLOSES OUT AUDITORIUM THEATRE’S 2016-17 SEASON WITH ITS THIRD “MADE IN CHICAGO” DANCE SERIES PERFORMANCE

Mixed Rep Program Features the Company’s 160th World Premiere, Choreographed by Company Veteran Joshua Blake Carter; Carter Retires from Company Following June 10 Performance

Giordano Dance Chicago (GDC) returns to the Auditorium Theatre for its third appearance in the theatre’s “Made in Chicago” Dance Series on Saturday, June 10, at 7:30PM. This mixed repertory program closes out the Auditorium Theatre’s 2016-17 Season, as well as Giordano Dance Chicago’s 54th season.

“I can’t think of a better way to wrap up an amazing season at the Auditorium Theatre than by featuring one of the city’s most acclaimed dance companies,” says Tania Castroverde Moskalenko, Auditorium Theatre CEO. “We are thrilled to welcome Giordano Dance Chicago back
to our historic stage to present a program that will redefine and expand the definition of American jazz dance.”

“It is a true honor for Giordano Dance Chicago to appear once again on the beautiful Auditorium stage,” says Giordano Dance Chicago Artistic Director Nan Giordano. “We’ll be presenting a fantastic program that captures our trademark energy, passion, and joy. How excited my father, Gus Giordano, would be to see his company perform in the theatre he loved so dearly.”

The two-act program, consisting of six pieces, commemorates two events for Giordano dancers: Joshua Blake Carter’s (pictured above) last performance as a main company member, and Maeghan McHale’s (pictured left) 10th anniversary with GDC.

Carter has danced with GDC for 7 years, and currently serves as the director of Giordano’s second company, Giordano II. In addition to dancing with GDC, he is also a choreographer – his world premiere piece Before My Eyes will be performed by members of Giordano II for this Auditorium Theatre performance. Carter will join GDC’s administrative staff following his final performance as a main company member.

"Choreographer-to-the-stars" Liz Imperio (who has worked with Gloria Estefan, Madonna, and Jennifer Lopez, among others) showcases McHale with Lost in This World, set to music by Ed Sheeran and Lou Rhodes.

The program also features Grusin Suite by Frank Chaves (former Artistic Director for River North Dance Chicago), Israeli choreographer Roni Koresh’s Exit4, Jon Lehrer’s A Ritual Dynamic, and Autumn Eckman’s commonthread (with live accompaniment by composer and violinist Dan Myers).

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About Giordano Dance Chicago

Giordano Dance Chicago is America's original jazz dance company, captivating audiences worldwide with dynamic performances and the diversity and wide appeal of its repertoire. The mission of Giordano Dance Chicago is to create and present new and innovative jazz dance choreography, often redefining and expanding the very definition of jazz dance, and to bring this invaluable American art form to audiences and students of all ages and from all ethnic backgrounds. Whether on the stage or in the classroom, the company, led by Artistic Director Nan Giordano and Executive Director Michael McStraw, strives to enrich lives through dance. Known for its high-energy, high-impact artistry, GDC continually receives critical and audience acclaim worldwide.

Performance Information

Giordano Dance Chicago

Saturday, June 10 | 7:30PM

Tickets start at $29, and are available online at AuditoriumTheatre.org, by phone at 312.341.2300, or in person at the Auditorium Theatre Box Office (50 E Congress Parkway). Discounts available for groups of 10+.

Auditorium Theatre's 2016-17 Season Upcoming Performances

May 19-21: Eifman Ballet of St. Petersburg – Red Giselle

June 10: Giordano Dance Chicago

Auditorium Theatre’s 2017-18 Season Upcoming Performances
September 23-24: Shen Wei Dance Arts

September 30: Kathleen Battle – *Underground Railroad: A Spiritual Journey*

October 6: Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater

November 12: A Golden Celebration of Dance

November 17: Ella & Lena: The Ladies and Their Music

**About The Auditorium Theatre**

The Auditorium Theatre, located at 50 E Congress Pkwy in Chicago, is an Illinois, not-for-profit organization committed to presenting the finest in international, cultural, community, and educational programming to Chicago, and to the continued restoration and preservation of the National Historic Landmark.

The Auditorium Theatre 2016-17 Season is made possible in part with support from the MacArthur Foundation, the Illinois Arts Council and the Palmer House Hilton. For more information about programming, volunteer, and donor opportunities or theatre tours, call 312.341.2310 or visit AuditoriumTheatre.org. For a complete listing of events at the Auditorium Theatre, please click here.

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