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Jenn Freeman/Sonya Tayeh Dec 8-23 Tendayi Kuumba, Annie-B Parson, Donna Uchizono Dec. 10-16 Perelman Performing Arts Center

Jenn Freeman (Is İt Thursday Yet?) photo: Mike Esperanza. Hsiao-Jou Tang, devika wickremesinghe, Brooke Rucker (The March) photo: Jai Lennard.

Is It Thursday Yet? co-created,

co-choreographed, and performed by Jenn Freeman, co-created, co-choreographed, and directed by Sonya Tayeh and composed and performed by Holland Andrews, is a mix of dance, live music and home video footage that invites audiences into the "...unique complexities of dancer and choreographer Freeman's life following her Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnosis at age 33. Since then, she has navigated an endless sea of epiphanies, examining childhood memories through this new lens.

The March, by Big Dance Theater, with choreography by Tendayi Kuumba, Annie-B Parson and Donna Uchizono, is an intergenerational coming together with Kuumba, Parson and Uchizono who join forces to create an evening of contemporary dance in three parts, presented in-the-round. In Uchizono's Big small feat, Kuumba's NYSea and Parson's The Oath, the trio "interrogate our very human compulsion to move together in time. How does it change us, shape us, deepen us, and lift us? How has it been used, weaponized, sexualized, and politicized? What is the power of moving in precise unison? What happens when we dance together? And what happens when we don't?," according to the release. Find out more here and here

Limón Dance Company New York Live Arts Dec. 7-9

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Sidra Bell and Derek Fordjour

Nov. 11–Dec. 16 Petzel Gallery

From a series of collaborative conversations between choreographer Bell and vusual artist Fordjour, they created Arena, an ensemble movement piece. The collaborative team also includes musical accompaniment from Hannah Mayree performed by LaJeromeny Brown, Morgan Amirah Burns, Quaba Venza Ernest, Waverly Fredericks and Robenson Mathurin atop a dirt floor. Arena is "Informed by the artist's oeuvre, costuming, lighting design, a custom tent and a sculptural seating structure combine to form completely original staging. Informed by a mutual interest in African-American cultural traditions and practices, [and] takes inspiration from sources as far ranging as vaudeville, voguing, hip hop culture and expressions of identity," according to the release. Find out more here

Germaine Acogny/Malou Airaudo + a cast of 36 dancers from 14 African countries

Nov. 29-Dec 14

Park Avenue Armory

The New York premiere of The Rite of Spring/common ground[s], a homage to the late choreographer Pina Bausch's The Rite of Spring (1975). Senegalese performer and choreographer Acogny ("the mother of contemporary African dance) who brings this work to life with the dancers from 13 African countries, is also on the program in the new duet, common ground[s], created, performed, and inspired by the lives of Acogny and Malou Airaudo, who performed leading roles in many of Bausch's early works. Find out more here

Various Artists Nov. 28-Dec. 10 The Joyce

The series of five choreographic sequences titled "Dancing with Glass – The Piano Etudes" set to selections from Phillip Glass' signature work will be presented by guest performers, musicians, and innovators including Maki Namekawa, Lucinda Childs, Chanon Judson, Justin Peck, Leonardo Sandoval, Bobbi Jene Smith, and Or Schraiber. Find out more here

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (AAADT)

Nov. 29-Dec. 31

New York City Center

For their 65th anniversary AAADT will feature premieres by former company member Elizabeth Roxas-Dobrish and Amy Hall Garner, plus new productions of Ronald K. Brown's Dancing Spirit, Alonzo King's Following the Subtle Current Upstream, Jamar Roberts' Ode, and Hans van Manen's Solo. Also part of the season are Ailey classics including Revelations and much more. Find out more here

Various Artists

Harlem Stage

Dec. 9

The 2023 WaterWorks Emerging Artists cohort including choreographer and dancer Bobby Morgan; singer/songwriter Hannah Lemmons aka LEMMONS; pianist Mary Prescott; composer and trumpeter, Kalí Rodríguez-Peña, and interdisciplinary performing artist and painter Shantelle Courvoisier Jackson, offers a culminating work-in-progress showcase.. Find out more here

Jim Neu with Deborah Auer and Harry Mann + Jennifer Miller + Owen Prum + video by Cathy Weis

WeisAcres

Dec. 10

"Sundays on Broadway," an ongoing series of performances, film screenings, and discussions continues with works by Neu, Auer, Mann, Miller, Prum and Weis. Find out more here

Sergei Prokofiev with Isaac Mizrahi

The Guggenheim

Dec. 10

Mizrahi narrates and directs Prokofiev's children's classic, *Peter & the Wolf*, accompanied by Carnegie Hall's Ensemble Connect, conducted by Michael P. Atkinson. Find out more here

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