

NANCY KARP + DANCERS

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Photo by John Hefti; Dancer Sonsherée Giles

Nancy Karp + Dancers Presents: *On Beauty*
Produced in collaboration with the David Brower Center

February 9 - 11, 2018
Friday, 8:00pm; Saturday and Sunday, 6:00pm and 7:30pm

The David Brower Center
2150 Allston Way
Berkeley, CA 94704

nancykarp.org

"... resounding focus and visual purity....a potent mixture of contrasts that the audience found captivating."

Marilyn Tucker, *The Contra Costa Times*

"If anything can save the world, I'd put my money on beauty."

- Douglas R. Tompkins

Emeryville, CA, October 19, 2017 – Next year, Nancy Karp + Dancers will premiere a new dance work, *On Beauty*, to be created and performed at the David Brower Center, in downtown Berkeley. Inspired by the Brower Center’s current exhibition, Douglas R Tompkins: *On Beauty*, which celebrates the life and work of the late conservationist Doug Tompkins, Karp will make a new site specific performance work for the company.

Rehearsals are open to the public on Monday afternoons at the Brower Center.

Since forming Nancy Karp + Dancers in 1980, Karp has choreographed more than 75 works, over 20 of which are site-specific works. For *On Beauty*, Karp will create and rehearse the work entirely at the Brower Center, interacting directly with the exhibition and gallery visitors. By seamlessly weaving rehearsal, creative process, and public engagement, *On Beauty* challenges Karp, the dancers, and gallery visitors to consider the fluidity of boundaries between creating artists and an experiencing public.

The act of seeking beauty, in art and in the natural world, honors ongoing change and diversity. As both a creative process and as a performance, *On Beauty* explores how beauty is not a fixed ideal but rather an ever-evolving concept. In this way, Karp’s devoted pursuit of beauty as a conscious action to combat discord in the world aligns with the mission of the Brower Center: to provide a home for the environmental movement by advocating for the beauty, diversity, and ecological integrity of the Earth. Karp states, “*On Beauty* will reference imagery from the natural world in the choreography, exploring concepts of stasis and movement, darkness and light, a solid foundation and liquid motion over it, and how the boundaries between these opposites aren’t as rigid as they appear.”

On Beauty features music by composer Charles Amirkhanian and dancers Sonsherée Giles, Sebastian Grubb, Amy Lewis, Megan Lowe, and Charles Slender-White.

For more information, visit nancykarp.org.

About Nancy Karp + Dancers

Since forming Nancy Karp + Dancers in 1980, artistic director Nancy Karp has choreographed more than 75 works. She and company members have performed together in many distinguished venues, here and abroad including The Washington Project for the Arts in Washington D.C., The Kitchen in New York, The Walker Art Center in Minneapolis, the Broadway Performance Hall in Seattle, the Für Augen und Ohren and Sprachen der Künste Festivals at the Akademie der Künste in Berlin, Kyoto College of Art in Japan, and the Zagreb Experimental Theater Festival. The company has remained committed to interdisciplinary collaboration, commissioning numerous composers, visual artists and designers in the creation of new dances each season. Among these collaborators are Charles Amirkhanian, Alvin Curran, Paul Dresher, Kui Dong, Robert Honstein, Jack Carpenter, Ingram Marshall, Sandra Woodall, Carol Law, Bill Fontana, Lutz Bacher, and Wolfram Erber.

The premiere of *On Beauty* is made possible with generous support from the David Brower Center; and many individual contributors.

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WHAT

On Beauty, co-presented by Nancy Karp + Dancers and the David Brower Center, is inspired by their current exhibition, Douglas R Tompkins: *On Beauty*, which celebrates the life and work of the late conservationist Doug Tompkins.

Choreographer: Nancy Karp

Composer: Charles Amirkhanian

Dancers: Sonsheree Giles, Sebastian Grubb, Amy Lewis, Megan Lowe, and Charles Slender-White

WHEN

Performances

February 9 – 11, 2018

Friday, 8:00pm; Saturday and Sunday, 6:00pm and 7:30pm

Rehearsals

Mondays, 1:30-4:00pm

Times subject to change. Please check for updates: <http://www.nancykarp.org/page4>

WHERE

The David Brower Center

2150 Allston Way

Berkeley, CA 94704

5-minute walk from Downtown Berkeley BART Station

TICKETS

\$35/\$20 General Admission

Tickets go on sale December 1, 2017.

To purchase tickets online visit <https://nancykarponbeauty.bpt.me>.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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