

MEDIA RELEASE

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Blitz of Short Performances Online, Celebrating International Dance Day

Dance Blitz runs April 29th at 6 p.m. MST online via Zoom.

Edmonton, AB — Mile Zero Dance (MZD) has decided to take this previously scheduled event online in support of dance and embrace the challenges that live performing arts and artists are experiencing during these strange days.

Dance Blitz is an event that exalts the short dance piece. Originally the event was planned as a live event in Edmonton's historic Chez Pierre Cabaret. In spite of the mass self-isolation happening across the world, dancers will continue to perform live from their own spaces. We invite audiences to join us on Zoom and witness dance artists playing with short format works (3 minutes or less) in a virtual environment. The event will be hosted by **Sue Goberdhan**, and includes **DJ Joses Martin**, with performances by **Justin Calvadores**, **Ivan Ngandjui Touko**, **Lakota Tootoosis**, **Ainsley Hillyard** and many more.

"Mile Zero Dance is a space for togetherness, and in times like this, we need a sense of togetherness more than ever. As we realign ourselves to the new normal, it also gives us a chance to reimagine the potential of the situation before us. Despite everything, MZD is a part of a creative community that is adaptive, nimble, resourceful, and we are working on ways to bring you dance and art, even when we cannot touch, gather, or move in a large space. " - Gerry Morita, Artistic Director MZD

The online event is free, and MZD welcomes donations. For more information, visit: <u>http://milezerodance.com/2017/2019-mzd-salons-dance-blitz/</u>

About Mile Zero Dance

Mile Zero Dance supports the engagement with contemporary dance through education, creation, and the presentation of original, dynamic, interdisciplinary performances.

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