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HUBBARD STREET DANCE CHICAGO ANNOUNCES FREE 24-HOUR STREAMING PERIOD FOR *BUSK* BY ASZURE BARTON ON SATURDAY APRIL 23

Chicago's Premier Contemporary Dance Company Offers a Free 24-Hour Stream of the Acclaimed Work to Launch Digital Series of Professionally Filmed Dance Performances

CHICAGO – Hubbard Street Dance Chicago (HSDC) has announced a free 24-hour period for audiences all over the world to stream ***BUSK*** by **Aszure Barton**. Filmed live at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance during its premiere with HSDC in November, 2021, the limited-time online viewing opportunity is the first of several free streams of professionally filmed pieces from Season 44. The filmed performance will be available starting at 12 a.m. on **Saturday, April 23**, and expire at 11:59 p.m. on Saturday April 23.

Starting today, patrons can sign up to receive a link to view *BUSK* by visiting <https://hfdc-busk.eventbrite.com>, or by entering “Hubbard Street Dance Chicago” into the search bar on [Eventbrite](#)'s homepage. Interested audience members must register for this free 24-hour streaming period on Eventbrite to access the film. *BUSK* was extremely well-received as the finale of Fall Series: *RE/TURN* in 2021, called “nothing short of phenomenal” by *WTTW* while the *Chicago Reader* proclaimed it had “never been more brilliantly manifested than this moment.”

From Executive Director **David McDermott**: “When the onset of COVID-19 forced us to go virtual in 2020, we felt a great responsibility to bring arts and culture to our community that we so dearly missed. We decided, for the first time ever, to offer a whole season of world-class digital dance films and workshops - completely free of charge. While it was no substitute for the live, in-person experience, it introduced Hubbard Street to a global audience - passionate about amazing dance - at a large-scale level of accessibility. We are so happy to be able to offer this special opportunity for folks to enjoy a Hubbard Street performance together while apart, this time with Aszure Barton's remarkable showstopper *BUSK*.”

Artistic Director **Linda-Denise Fisher-Harrell** adds, “*BUSK* hit the Harris Theater stage with a bang back in November 2021, and we are thrilled to offer this 24-hour period for anyone with an internet connection to enjoy the piece - for free! We're so grateful to the dancers, Aszure, and the whole creative team for making this worldwide digital dance event happen. This performance deserves a global stage, and we look forward to seeing how dance lovers everywhere engage with this collective viewing experience, fostering connection and community.”

This free stream of *BUSK* is the first in a series of recent high-quality filmed performances from Hubbard Street to be released for streaming. The company plans to release other highlights from Season 44: *RE/CHARGE* for streaming, captured during Fall Series: *RE/TURN* at the Harris Theater, Spring Series: *RE/CONNECT* at the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, and the upcoming Summer Series: *RE/UNION* at the Harris. Production company **Motion/Pictures**

Dance Project, founded and led by Talia Koylass, produced multi-camera shoots at each series which were then edited with the collaboration of the choreographers and Hubbard Street's artistic team. Motion/Pictures Dance Project also produced HSDC's *Inside the Studio* episodes this season, featuring behind-the-scenes footage and interviews with choreographers, dancers, and HSDC staff members. Aszure Barton's 5-minute episode of *Inside the Studio* will precede the presentation of *BUSK*.

BUSK will also be featured live as part of HSDC's upcoming **Summer Series: RE/UNION**, Program B, on May 14 & 15, along with the Chicago premiere of *Ne Me Quitte Pas* by **Spenser Theberge**, *George & Zalman* by **Ohad Naharin**, and **Amy Hall Garner's** latest work for Hubbard Street, *As the Wind Blows*. Tickets for Summer Series: *RE/UNION* at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance (205 E Randolph St) are now on sale via the Harris Theater Box Office. They can be purchased at harristheaterchicago.org or by calling 312-334-7777, and range from \$15 to \$110. The Harris Theater Box Office is open from 12-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Please visit harristheaterchicago.org/faqs for the theater's up to date COVID-19 safety protocols.

Hubbard Street is grateful to Liza Yntema for her support of female leadership in dance. Athletico Physical Therapy, Chicago Athletic Clubs, and the Illinois Arts Council Agency are Season 44: *RE/CHARGE* Season Partners.

About the Choreographer

ASZURE BARTON

Artist and choreographer Aszure Barton has collaborated with celebrated dancers and companies including Mikhail Baryshnikov, Misty Copeland, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, American Ballet Theatre, English National Ballet, Martha Graham Dance Company, National Ballet of Canada, Nederlands Dans Theater, Sydney Dance Company, and Teatro alla Scala, among many others. She is a Bessie Award Honoree and has received numerous honors including the prestigious Arts & Letters Award, joining the ranks of Oscar Peterson, Karen Kain, and Margaret Atwood. She was the first Martha Duffy resident artist at the Baryshnikov Arts Center and is an official ambassador of contemporary dance in Canada. She is the founder of Aszure Barton & Artists, an inter-disciplinary international dance project.

About Hubbard Street Dance Chicago

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago's mission is to bring artists, art and audiences together to enrich, engage, educate and change lives through the experience of dance. HSDC is committed to keeping its dancers creating and finding innovative ways to share exceptional contemporary dance with the community. Hubbard Street Dance Chicago grew out of the Lou Conte Dance Studio in 1977, and Conte served as Artistic Director for 23 years. Linda-Denise Fisher-Harrell began her tenure at the company in March 2021. In January 2022, HSDC moved to their new home in Water Tower Place on Michigan Avenue.

Hubbard Street offers extensive Education and Adaptive Dance Programs to ensure that residents in every neighborhood of Chicago have access to the benefits of dance. Visit hubbardstreetdance.com for more information.

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