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## **2023 Dance Series at The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College**

*The first performance of the three-show series takes place February 4  
and features Complexions Contemporary Ballet*

**Purchase, New York – January 30, 2023: THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, PURCHASE COLLEGE (The Purchase PAC)** will present a series of three dance performances by professional dance companies in early 2023. The Purchase PAC 2023 Dance Series includes Complexions Contemporary Ballet on February 4, Paul Taylor Dance Company on February 25, and Gibney Company on March 11.

**Complexions Contemporary Ballet** makes their Purchase PAC debut on February 4 at 8pm. Complexions was founded in 1994 by Master Choreographer Dwight Rhoden and the legendary Desmond Richardson with “a singular approach to reinventing dance through a groundbreaking mix of methods, styles and cultures.” The program will include *WOKE* (2019), a bold and galvanizing ballet that examines our humanity in the context of current divisiveness, and *Love Rocks* (2020), a fun and thrilling work with an elegant edge, set to the music of the iconic Lenny Kravitz. Regular price tickets are \$30, \$45, and \$70; discounts are available for seniors, students, children, and Purchase College alumni. A discounted subscription series package is also available.

[Learn more about Complexions Contemporary Ballet](#)

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Purchase tickets online at <https://www.artscenter.org/events/complexions-contemporary-ballet/>

A true icon of American modern dance, the **Paul Taylor Dance Company** has a long-standing relationship with The Purchase PAC. The company has been a cornerstone of The PAC’s dance programming for decades; in addition, PTDC utilizes The PAC’s stages for tech rehearsals and the development of new work. Their program on Saturday, February 25, at 8pm brings together three Taylor choreographies that showcase the athleticism, fearlessness, and unparalleled range of the Taylor Company. New to Purchase audiences is *Taylor’s A Field of Grass*, set to songs sung by Henry Nilsson

that invoke America in the 1960s, where a central character experiences love, drugs, rebellion, and hope through his counterculture community. Also appearing for the first time is *The Word*, one of Taylor's more sinister works where students at a religious prep school conform to a rigid system of beliefs, challenged by a demonic succubus intent on wreaking havoc. Closing the program is *Brandenburgs*, last seen at Purchase 25 years ago. Elegant and virtuosic, this is choreographic grandeur at its finest married flawlessly within the joyous atmosphere of Bach's Brandenburg Concertos. Regular price tickets are \$40, \$65, and \$80; discounts are available for seniors, students, children, and Purchase College alumni. A discounted subscription series package is also available.

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The series closes on Saturday, March 11, at 8pm with a performance by **Gibney Company**. Led by Gibney Founder, Artistic Director, and CEO Gina Gibney and Gibney Company Director Gilbert T Small II, Gibney Company is a creation-based repertory company that commissions work from internationally renowned and emerging choreographers committed to exploring connections between the rigorous physicality of contemporary dance and responsive, humanistic storytelling. On the program: *Oh, Courage!* by Sonya Tayeh (winner of the 2020 Tony Award for Best Choreography for *Moulin Rouge! The Musical*), *A Measurable Existence* by Yin Yue and *Bliss* by Johan Inger. Regular price tickets are \$30, \$45, and \$70; discounts are available for seniors, students, children, and Purchase College alumni. A discounted subscription series package is also available.

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Ian Driver, Interim General Manager of The Performing Arts Center, states, "The Purchase PAC has long been the major presenter of dance in the region, and we are thrilled to be back presenting world-class and cutting edge artists. The interest in this series that we are seeing from the public and on campus has been phenomenal. It is always a thrill to see a theatre full of dance conservatory students at these performances; we are proud to play a part in connecting Purchase's aspiring artists to the professionals on our stages. And the biggest thrill of all is when an alum returns to The PAC to perform as a member of one of these companies."

Tickets to all three events can be purchased individually, or as part of a fixed subscription package. Fixed series subscribers receive a 15% discount off the regular ticket price, the same seat locations for all three performances, and are eligible for subscriber benefits such as ticket exchange privileges. Dance Series subscription inquiries can be sent to [center@purchase.edu](mailto:center@purchase.edu).

All three performances in the Dance Series will take place in The Performing Arts Center's PepsiCo Theatre, which was fully renovated and upgraded in 2017. The Performing Arts Center complex is located on the Purchase College campus at 735 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase, NY 10577. Ample parking is available and is free with ticket purchase.

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## **ABOUT THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, PURCHASE COLLEGE:**

**THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, PURCHASE COLLEGE (The PAC)**, a four-theatre complex located on the campus of Purchase College, SUNY, is the major professional, non-profit arts presenter in the Southeastern New York–Southwestern Connecticut region.

The PAC has long been a hub for highly skilled artists, civic and academic leaders, community activists, and volunteers who recognize the power of investing in the performing arts to spark creativity and connection.

Through Education & Engagement programs, The PAC creates opportunities for over 20,000 local K-12 students and multi-generational learners to participate in the artistic process. The PAC has a collaborative relationship with the campus population, hosting performances for the Conservatories of Music, Dance, and Theatre Arts. Purchase College students can take advantage of master classes, on-site training, internships, job opportunities, and ticket discounts. An active facility rental business focuses on providing space and support to high-quality musical recordings and technical rehearsals.

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**Purchase College**, 735 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase, NY, is located 28 miles northeast of New York City at the Connecticut border. The College, part of the State University of New York (SUNY), is an institution of public higher education encompassing the liberal arts and sciences, professional training in the performing and visual arts, continuing education, the Neuberger Museum of Art, and The Performing Arts Center.

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