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**LA-Based BODYTRAFFIC  
Kicks Off The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College  
2023-2024 Dance Series on November 4**

**Purchase, New York – October 17, 2023:** The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College 2023-2024 Dance Series will begin on Saturday, November 4 with a performance by LA-based contemporary dance company BODYTRAFFIC.

Led by Artistic Director Tina Finkelman Berkett, BODYTRAFFIC has conquered the contemporary dance world with its stunning performers, technical mastery, and commitment to the most challenging repertoire. Bursting with cutting-edge “vivid theatricality,” BODYTRAFFIC takes the stage with compelling works that embody the company’s energy, sophistication, and sheer joy in dancing.

A forward-thinking company, BODYTRAFFIC is not one driven by a single choreographic voice. It aims to endorse established and new voices and be a home for an eclectic range of styles and perspectives that tell vital stories. By commissioning renowned choreographers, including Kyle Abraham, Ohad Naharin, Hofesh Shechter, Victor Quijada, Arthur Pita, Fernando Magadan, and Micaela Taylor, it cultivates opportunities for artists to fully embody their creative practice and conceive new, contemporary pieces. Connecting individuals of vastly different life experiences through dance, BODYTRAFFIC has toured the world and continues to deepen its investment in its home city of Los Angeles.

The program on November 4 will feature four works by four contemporary choreographers: *A Million Voices* choreographed by Matthew Neenan; *SNAP* by Micaela Taylor; *The One to Stay With* by Baye & Asa, and *PACOPEPEPLUTO* by Alejandro Cerrudo.

"I think this program represents the best of BODYTRAFFIC," says BODYTRAFFIC Artistic Director Tina Finkelman Berkett. "It showcases the virtuosity and versatility of our dancers. Like all BODYTRAFFIC programs, it communicates a love for dance and a deep commitment to sharing it. I hope audiences leave feeling more alive and more connected. In my opinion, there's nothing quite like witnessing live performing arts in a theater, and I hope our impact lasts and encourages people to go out and see more. I also love the idea of bringing a bit of our vibrant LA energy out into the world."

Dancing with the company will be Alana Jones, a Purchase College Conservatory of Dance alum. Ian Driver, Interim General Manager of The Performing Arts Center, comments, "The Purchase PAC has long been the major presenter of dance in the region, bringing world-class and cutting edge artists to our audiences. Our dance performances are always well attended and we expect that BODYTRAFFIC will be

no different. It is always a thrill to see a theatre full of community members alongside 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."

"Returning to campus is surreal, it's truly a full circle moment and I'm honored to be back," says dancer Alana Jones. "I'm a testament to what happens when you follow your dream and block out negativity. Keep learning and soaking up information and keep fine tuning your voice. The rest will follow."

The BODYTRAFFIC performance at The Purchase PAC will begin at 8pm on Saturday, November 4. Regular price tickets range from \$35 - \$55. Discounts are available for seniors, veterans, students, children, and Purchase College faculty, staff, and alumni. Tickets are available online at <https://www.artscenter.org/events/bodytraffic/>

More information about BODYTRAFFIC is available on their website: <https://www.bodytraffic.com/company/about>

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**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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