

INASIDE
CHICAGO DANCE 

SUMMER CONCERT

***JULY 24TH, 2020
@ 5 PM & 8 PM***

***INTEGRITY, PASSION,
AND PRIDE***

Athenaeum Theatre
2936 N Southport Ave
Chicago, IL 60657

The Theatre will social distance
patrons accordingly.



INASIDE CHICAGO DANCE

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR: ROBERT MCKEE

SUMMER INTENSIVE DIRECTOR: SARAH BAKER

REHEARSAL DIRECTORS: KENNA JOHNSON AND JULIE SENFT

YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAM DIRECTORS: JULIE SENFT AND KENNA JOHNSON

ACCOUNT MANAGER: AMANCAY KUGLER

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: MITCHELL HALEY

COMPANY MEMBERS: MICHAEL ARTRIP, SARAH BAKER, KENNA JOHNSON,
SARAH OWENS, CORA SCHIMKE, JULIE SENFT, HAILEY WOOD

PERFORMING APPRENTICES: RILEY BLISS, ALYSSA DECKER, HANNAH EICHERL,
SYDNEY MARKERT, KATIE ZALE

LIGHTING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES: STONE WOLF STUDIOS

CAMERA OPERATOR: MICHAEL TAYLOR

ABOUT US

INASIDE CHICAGO DANCE ADVANCES INNOVATIVE ARTISTRY
THROUGH CHOREOGRAPHY, PERFORMANCES, AND
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO HEIGHTEN THE STATE OF THE ART
IN THE MIDWEST.

THE VISION OF INASIDE CHICAGO DANCE IS TO ENRICH THE
ART FORM OF DANCE BY NURTURING THE DANCER AS A
PERFORMER, CHOREOGRAPHER AND TEACHER AND BY MAKING
DANCE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL AGES THROUGH PERFORMANCES,
WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH.

HISTORY

FOUNDED IN THE FALL OF 2003, INASIDE CHICAGO DANCE IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT JAZZ DANCE COMPANY THAT BUILDS OFF THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE ART FORM, WHILE LEADING THE WAY FOR CONTEMPORARY JAZZ DANCE IN THE PRESENT AND FUTURE.

NEW ARTISTIC DIRECTOR ROBERT MCKEE STRIVES TO MAKE INASIDE A SUPREME OUTLET OF ARTISTRY, KNOWLEDGE, AND GROWTH FOR EACH DANCER AND CHOREOGRAPHER WHO COMES THROUGH THE COMPANY'S PRESENCE.

INASIDE EMPLOYS A HIGHLY TRAINED DIVERSE ENSEMBLE OF MALE AND FEMALE DANCERS, AS WELL AS INSTRUCTORS FROM ACROSS THE US AND VARIOUS CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS.

THE COMPANY'S REPERTOIRE HAS EVOLVED SINCE ITS INCEPTION WITH WORKS FROM DIVERSE CHOREOGRAPHERS RANGING THE SPECTRUM OF JAZZ.

INASIDE IS A DYNAMIC RESOURCE FOR THE DISCIPLINE. KNOWN FOR THEIR HIGHLY ENTERTAINING ANNUAL PERFORMANCES, INASIDE DANCE PROJECT, INASIDE DANCE PROMOTES EXCELLENCE IN THE PERFORMING ARTS ON AND OFF THE STAGE.

THE IDEALS OF INTEGRITY, PASSION, AND PRIDE ALLOW INASIDE TO ADVANCE INNOVATIVE ARTISTRY THROUGH CHOREOGRAPHY, PERFORMANCES, AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS; AND HEIGHTEN THE STATE OF THE ART WITHIN THE MIDWEST.

INASIDE CHICAGO DANCE

5:00 PM SHOW

CAPSULE

CHOREOGRAPHER: SINEAD GILDEA

MUSIC: AHN TRIO, OLIVER TANK

DANCERS: MICHAEL ARTRIP, SARAH BAKER, ALYSSA DECKER, HANNAH EICHERL, KENNA JOHNSON, SYDNEY MARKERT, SARAH OWENS, CORA SCHIMKE, HAILEY WOOD, KATIE ZALE

FORGE THE FLAME

CHOREOGRAPHER: MARISA BIANAN

MUSIC: THOM YORK

DANCERS: MICHAEL ARTRIP, KENNA JOHNSON, SARAH OWENS

FIGHTING TIDES

CHOREOGRAPHER: ROBERT MCKEE

MUSIC: PENTAPHOBE

DANCERS: SARAH BAKER, KENNA JOHNSON, SYDNEY MARKERT, SARAH OWENS, CORA SCHIMKE, HAILEY WOOD

EL BOSQUE

CHOREOGRAPHER: ALBERTO ARIAS

MUSIC: GOTAN PROJECT

DANCERS: MICHAEL ARTRIP, SARAH BAKER, RILEY BLISS, ALYSSA DECKER, KENNA JOHNSON, SYDNEY MARKERT, SARAH OWENS, CORA SCHIMKE, HAILEY WOOD, KATIE ZALE

INASIDE CHICAGO DANCE WOULD LIKE TO THANK MOMENTA FOR THEIR PERSONAL COSTUME DONATION FOR EL BOSQUE. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK INTRIGUE DANCE FOR DONATING THEIR STUDIO TO US IN PREPARATION FOR OUR SUMMER CONCERT. SUPPORT FROM ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THEIRS HELPED BRING THIS SHOW TO YOU.



ROBERT MCKEE - ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

ROBERT MCKEE ATTENDED POINT PARK UNIVERSITY AND IS A FORMER COMPANY MEMBER OF GIORDANO JAZZ DANCE CHICAGO. HE HAS BEEN A GUEST DANCER AND CHOREOGRAPHER MOST RECENTLY WITH CHICAGO DANCE CRASH, CERQUA RIVERA, AND OTHER INDEPENDENT PROJECTS. ROBERT BEGAN AN INTEREST IN TEACHING AND CHOREOGRAPHY AT A VERY YOUNG AGE. INFLUENCED BY PERCUSSIVE RHYTHMS AND DYNAMIC SHAPES, HE FINDS HIMSELF ALWAYS INSPIRED TO CREATE.

ROBERT HAS BEEN ON FACULTY AT THE DANCE CENTER OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO, A TEACHER FOR CHICAGO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DANCE MASTERS, AND TEACHES THROUGHOUT THE CHICAGOLAND AREA. HE HAS WORKED WITH ROCKFORD DANCE COMPANY, THE GIORDANO PROJECT, GIORDANO JUNIORS, MCDONALD DANCE ACADEMY, BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, NORTHSORE SCHOOL OF DANCE PERFORMING ENSEMBLE, THE GIORDANO ON GIORDANO CHOREOGRAPHY SHOWCASE, RIVERSIDE BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL, NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AND FRAMEWORK DANCE CHICAGO.

THE COMPANY



KENNA JOHNSON

KENNA JOHNSON HAS BEEN A COMPANY MEMBER WITH INASIDE CHICAGO DANCE FOR 7 YEARS. SHE IS REHEARSAL DIRECTOR AND DIRECTOR OF INASIDE'S YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAM. SHE IS A NIKE TRAINER, PERSONAL TRAINER, AND CO-FOUNDER OF SONA FITNESS. KENNA IS UNBELIEVABLY GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT FROM HER HUSBAND DYLAN, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!!

JULIE SENFT

JULIE IS FROM MOUNT PROSPECT, IL, AND GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA WITH A BFA IN DANCE. SHE IS IN HER 7TH AND FINAL SEASON WITH INASIDE CHICAGO DANCE. JULIE IS REHEARSAL DIRECTOR AS WELL AS THE DIRECTOR OF INASIDE'S YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAM. SHE ALSO TEACHES AND CHOREOGRAPHS IN THE CHICAGOLAND AREA. SHE IS SO THANKFUL FOR ALL OF THE AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES AND MEMORIES SHE HAS HAD WITH HER INASIDE FAMILY OVER THE YEARS!



SARAH OWENS

SARAH OWENS GREW UP DANCING IN LIBERTYVILLE, IL AND GRADUATED FROM POINT PARK UNIVERSITY. SHE HAS DANCED PROFESSIONALLY IN COLORADO AND NEW JERSEY, AND IS NOW DANCING IN HER 6TH AND FINAL SEASON WITH INASIDE. SHE WILL CHERISH HER INASIDE FAMILY ALWAYS, AND LOOKS FORWARD TO SPENDING MORE TIME WITH HER HUSBAND, DAUGHTER AND DOG. "THANK YOU TO ALL OF MY FRIENDS, FAMILY AND TEACHERS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED AND CONTRIBUTED TO MY CAREER AND PASSION FOR DANCE! I LOVE YOU ALL!"

CORA SCHIMKE

CORA IS ORIGINALLY FROM DE SOTO, KS. SHE ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS WHERE SHE RECEIVED A BA IN DANCE AND HUMAN BIOLOGY WITH A PRE-MED EMPHASIS. CORA IS A PERSONAL TRAINER AND DANCE TEACHER. THIS IS CORA'S 4TH SEASON WITH INASIDE AND SHE IS SO EXCITED TO BE ON THE STAGE! ENJOY THE SHOW!



SARAH BAKER

SARAH HAS JOYFULLY DANCED WITH INASIDE FOR FOUR YEARS. SHE GRADUATED FROM CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY WITH A B.F.A IN DANCE AND B.S. IN BUSINESS. SARAH CHOREOGRAPHED IDENTITY FOR INASIDE (2018) AND HAS DANCED WITH BANKS PERFORMANCE PROJECT, JASMIN WILLIAMS, AND CARSON REINERS. WHEN NOT DANCING, SARAH WORKS IN MINISTRY.

HAILEY WOOD

THIS IS HAILEY'S FOURTH SEASON WITH INASIDE. SHE IS ORIGINALLY FROM OLYMPIA, WA AND GRADUATED WITH A BFA IN DANCE PERFORMANCE AND CHOREOGRAPHY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS. HAILEY IS A PILATES INSTRUCTOR, AND LOVES SHARING HER PASSION FOR DANCE WITH KIDS. SHE COULD NOT BE MORE EXCITED TO SHARE THE STAGE WITH HER INASIDE FAMILY.



MICHAEL ARTRIP

STARTING HIS TRAINING IN KALAMAZOO, MI, MICHAEL GRADUATED WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS IN DANCE FROM WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY STUDYING BALLET, MODERN, AND JAZZ TECHNIQUES. WHILE AT SCHOOL, HE ALSO HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH SUCH ARTISTS AS MICHAL SAYFAN OF GAGA PEOPLE, JOHN GARDNER AND AMANDA MCKERROW OF AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE, AND LESLIE YOUNG OF SAN FRANCISCO BALLET. MICHAEL TEACHES DANCE AND FITNESS CLASSES IN CHICAGO AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS.

PERFORMING APPRENTICES AND APPRENTICES



KATIE ZALE

KATIE GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS WITH A BFA IN DANCE. WHILE AT ILLINOIS SHE WAS ON THE ILLINETTES DANCE TEAM AND ALSO SERVED AS A CAPTAIN. KATIE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH UNIVERSAL DANCE ASSOCIATION (UDA) FOR THE PAST 8 YEARS INSTRUCTING MIDDLE SCHOOL - COLLEGIATE DANCERS. THIS IS HER 2ND SEASON WITH INASIDE AS A PERFORMING APPRENTICE. KATIE ABSOLUTELY LOVES SHARING THE STAGE WITH HER INASIDE FAMILY. SHE WOULD LIKE TO THANK CORA, JULIE, KENNA, AND SARAH O. FOR BEING GREAT ROLE MODELS FOR HER DURING THEIR TIME TOGETHER WITH INASIDE CHICAGO DANCE.!

SYDNEY MARKERT

SYDNEY BEGAN HER EARLY DANCE TRAINING AT THE AGE OF TWO IN IOWA UNDER THE DIRECTION OF NANCY OVERTURFF AND STUDIED EXTENSIVELY IN BALLET AT IOWA BALLET ACADEMY. SHE GRADUATED SUMMA CUM LAUDE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA WITH A BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS IN DANCE AND A MINOR FROM THE SCHOOL OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS. SYDNEY HAS HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITH MANY TEACHERS AND PERFORMING A VARIETY OF WORKS THROUGHOUT HER CAREER. SHE IS EXCITED TO BE IN HER FIRST SEASON WITH INASIDE CHICAGO DANCE AND LOOKS FORWARD TO SHARING HER LOVE AND JOY OF DANCE!



ALYSSA DECKER

ALYSSA IS ORIGINALLY FROM EAST DUNDEE, IL, AND TRAINED WITH THE VISCERAL STUDIO COMPANY UNDER THE DIRECTION OF NICK PUPILLO AND LAURA WADE. SHE GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN WITH A BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS IN DANCE WITH A MINOR IN MOVEMENT SCIENCE ON A MERIT SCHOLARSHIP IN DECEMBER 2018 AND CURRENTLY TEACHES AND CHOREOGRAPHS FOR STUDIOS IN THE CHICAGOLAND AREA. ALYSSA IS SO EXCITED TO BE IN HER FIRST SEASON WITH INASIDE CHICAGO DANCE.

HANNAH EICHERL

HANNAH EICHERL BEGAN HER DANCE TRAINING AT THE ALGONQUIN ACADEMY OF DANCE IN LAKE IN THE HILLS, IL. SHE WENT ON TO RECEIVE HER BACHELOR OF ARTS IN DANCE FROM DEAN COLLEGE IN 2019. WHILE ATTENDING DEAN, SHE PERFORMED WORKS CHOREOGRAPHED BY JAMES MORROW, LEVI MARSMAN, TODD SHANKS, AND WILLIAM (BILL) EVANS. UPON GRADUATING, SHE RETURNED TO THE CHICAGOLAND AREA AND TRAINED AT JOEL HALL DANCERS AND CENTER. HANNAH IS THRILLED FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE DANCING WITH INASIDE CHICAGO DANCE.



RILEY BLISS

RILEY IS SO EXCITED TO BE MAKING HIS INASIDE DEBUT THIS SUMMER! ORIGINALLY FROM SOUTHERN UTAH, RILEY BEGAN HIS TRAINING AT DIAMOND TALENT PRODUCTIONS STUDYING DANCE, ACTING, AND VOICE. HE IS A RECENT GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA SCHOOL OF DANCE WHERE HE PERFORMED WORKS FROM CHOREOGRAPHERS INCLUDING MICHAEL WILLIAMS, SAM WATSON, AUTUMN ECKMAN, TAMARA DYKE-COMPTON, AMONG OTHER ESTEEMED FACULTY. RILEY WOULD LIKE TO THANK HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS, MENTORS, AND BOYFRIEND FOR SUPPORTING HIM IN HIS TRANSITION TO CHICAGO!



THANK YOU

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR SHOW AND CONTINUING TO SUPPORT US. AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION WE RELY SOLELY ON THE COMMUNITY TO EXIST.

IF YOU ENJOYED THIS SHOW AND THE EDUCATION WE ARE PROVIDING TO PEOPLE ACROSS THE WORLD WE ASK FOR YOUR HELP.

ANY DONATION YOU COULD MAKE TO HELP MAKE THIS COMPANY CONTINUE TO THRIVE WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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UPCOMING EVENT

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