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NWA Ballet Theatre announces 2023 Fall Production, *Dracula. Here. Now*, will open
NWABT's 2023/2024 Season A multimedia production for an immersive audience experience.

(BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS) -- NWA Ballet Theatre is in full rehearsals as they prepare for the Fall 2023 production *Dracula. Here. Now*. This story ballet, centered on the character and relationships of Dracula, is a unique combination of plot elements extracted from Bram Stoker's 1897 novel and more current dramatic elements extrapolated from both stage and screen. The first performance will be at The Auditorium (Eureka Springs) on Friday, October 27 followed by a second performance at The Medium (Springdale) on Halloween, October 31, 2023.

Artistic Director, Stephen Wynne, has conceptualized the narrative through very technical and athletic movements from both ballet and physical theater expressions. This provides *Dracula. Here. Now*. with deep and deliberate emotional content in the telling of this ageless story.

Adding to the intrigue of this production, NWA Ballet Theatre dancers are performing in a collaboratively augmented production filled with expressions of film, voice, and drama. Using powerful, minimalistic set and lighting design, and featuring the costume designs of Margie Bordovsky, *Dracula. Here. Now*. offers an integrated audience participation element to enhance and deepen the viewer's experience.

Quote from Artistic Director Stephen Wynne

"After reading Bram Stoker's 1897 novel, Dracula, I was so impressed with his use of language and the imagery that it evoked in me that I was compelled to consider his literary work as a ballet. I asked myself, how can this swelling language and the depths of its nuances be successfully translated into ballet, into movement, into an unforgettable experience. I believe I have found a path, an answer, and I'm inviting you to come and see." – Stephen Wynne

Since assuming his post as NWA Ballet Theatre Artistic Director, Mr. Wynne, an acclaimed international choreographer, has remained committed to the company's evolution into a sustainable and regional hub for professional concert dance within the bustling cultural environment of Northwest Arkansas. If you or your place of business is interested in supporting the work of NWABT and/or would like to be involved in our Barre Society, please contact Brooke Bailey of our Development and Donor Engagement, at Brooke@nwaballettheatre.org.

Tickets are on sale now: nwaballettheatre.org/dracula

Event Details: NWA Ballet Theatre presents *Dracula. Here. Now*. A Multimedia Production

- October 27, Friday @7:45pm - The Auditorium in Eureka Springs \$25
- October 31, Halloween Night @7:45pm - The Medium (Springdale) \$35
- ***An optional Pre-show Director's Chat ticket is available for both shows. The Director's Chat, starting at 7pm, offers a deeper dive into the artistic director's motivation, and a surprise.***

About NWA Ballet Theatre

NWA Ballet Theatre was founded in 2011 by Margie Bordovsky, Mariah Bordovsky, and the late Peggie Wallis. The mission remains to provide a quality professional ballet company that is committed to ensuring family-friendly performances and outreach opportunities serving the Northwest Arkansas community.