ABILITIES DANCE BOSTON PRESENTS

**The Banned Ballet**

Live and live streamed from The Strand Theatre Nov. 3rd and 4th, 2023 8:00 PM EST

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**JOINT LETTER FROM FOUNDER/EXECUTIVE & ARTISTIC DIRECTOR ELLICE PATTERSON AND DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/OPERATIONS ANDREW CHOE**

We are so thrilled that you could watch tonight's performance live or online from wherever you are. It has been such a joy. Bringing a fairy tale to life, not just through movement but through music, animation, a little book with illustration, and more. We are so proud to have worked with all of the artists through this process. This issue of book bans was important for us as queer and trans folks to represent that issues affecting some of us affect all of us. We want to continue highlighting the intersectionality of our work in this way as we really emphasize the intersections of queerness and disability and how the elimination of stories ultimately affects us all. We hope the show inspires you to reach out to different groups and organizations that are working against this such as United against book bans and that we continue fighting for our stories to be told.

**PROGRAM FLOW**

Opening remarks

Remarks from Rep. Vitolo

Remarks from Founder Ellice Patterson

**SHOW OUTLINE**

All choreography (in collaboration with dancers), audio description narrative, and artistic/executive direction by Ellice Patterson

All musical score composed by Andrew Choe

Audio descriptions edited by Amber Pearcy

Stage management by Athena-Gwendolyn Baptiste and Roisin Daly

Lighting design and set installation by Matt Bretton. Set build by Wooden Kiwi

Set design by Janie Howland

ASL team by Christopher Robinson, Jessenia Kolaco, and Yaritza Mejia

CART by Teri Gibson

Videography by Loop Lab

**PROGRAM FLOW**

**Act 1 Scene 1**

**Pre-recorded video of "Librarian Leslie"**

Leslie Taub with animation by Willow Machado

**Act 1 Scene 2**

**"Fab Folks"**

Jamie Desser, Leslie Taub, Kylie Kean, Lauren Sava, Cassandre Charles, Kate O'Day

**Act 1 Scene 3**

**"Incitiers"**

Shai Wolf, Andrea Muniz-Cruz, Dara Capley, Claire Lane

**INTERMISSION**

**Act 2 Scene 1**

**"The Fallout”**

With Shai Wolf, Andrea Muniz-Cruz, Dara Capley, Claire Lane, Jamie Desser, Leslie Taub, Kylie Kean, Lauren Sava, Cassandre Charles, Kate O'Day

**Act 2 Scene 2**

**"The Magic Answer"**

with Librarian Leslie and Fairy Bookmother Ellice Patterson

**Act 2 Scene 3**

**"The Conflict + Resolution"**

with Shai, Andrea, Dara, Claire, Jamie, Leslie, Kylie, Lauren, Cassandre, Kate

**OUR CREW**

**Music :**

**Conductor and Composer:**

**Director of Music Andrew Choe**

Flute: Maria Ramey

Bassoon: Valerie Curd

French Horn: Ryan Ramey

Piano: Gina Naggar

Percussion: Greg Savino

Violin: Cimone Phillipe

Cello: Christine Mello

Stage Manager: Athéna-Gwendolyn Baptiste

Assistant Stage Manager: Roisin Daly

Executive Assistant: Bithyah Israel

Lighting Designer and stage setup: Matt Bretton

Videography: Loop Lab

Set Designer: Janie Howland

Audio Descriptions Editor: Amber Pearcy

CART Interpreter: Teri Gibson

ASL INTERPRETERS: Christopher Robinson, Yaritza Mejia, Jessenia Kolaco

Photographer: William Parsons

Video Animator: Willow Machado

Illustrators: Madeline Henzer, Hannah Costa

General Manager of the Strand: Melodi Greene

Technical Director: Liz Ramey

Community Engagement Programmer: Maja Nadel

Programming/Marketing Coordinator: Lizbeth Romero

ADB Intern: Aamori roach

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