Wine and “Wayfarer” at Wistariahurst

HOLYOKE - A festive evening celebrating MIFA Victory Theatre and Wistariahurst upcoming spring events. Featuring Wayfarer by Wendy Woodson and into the Shade/Work and Culture by Deborah Baronas. Tuesday, April 22, 5–7 p.m., Wistariahurst Museum, Holyoke. Shot on location at Wistariahurst, Wayfarer is a film by Wendy Woodson, Artist Director and Professor of Theater and Dance at Amherst College, with Israeli choreographer Itan Cohen and dancer Noa Shiloh. The dance performance features ‘Songs of a Wayfarer’ by Gustav Mahler. Woodson will be present for a Q&A following the short film and Don Sanders, MIFA Executive Artistic Director, will talk about modern dance, setting the stage for MIFA’s two upcoming major spring dance offerings. Into the Shade/Work and Culture is an installation by Deborah Baronas whose hand stenciled transparent scrims, paintings, artifacts, and video allow us to enter the energy and spirit, the patterns, shadows, rhythms and movements of 19th century workers in fields, factories, and domestic surroundings. FREE for MIFA Victory Theatre donors, supporters and friends, and open to the public (donations welcome). Cash bar. Special Wistaria mocktail and light refreshments. R.S.V.P. 1-800-224-6432.

- “Tour” Solo performance by David Wampach. Friday, May 2, at 7 p.m., The Hub@ Gateway City Arts, Holyoke. A return engagement by the dazzling and provocative French choreographer and performer David Wampach who galvanized MIFA audiences last season with his SACRE. In TOUR Wampach places vocal work and breath center stage using wheezing, laughter and other organic sounds to create an uneasy sound portrait of a Dionysian being boiling in an archaic flow unable to communicate through speech. Tickets: 1-800-224-6432. $12 advance, $15 at door. French Dance package available for TOUR & du Printemps $22.

- du Printemps* (A Time of Spring). Choreographed and directed by Thierry Théâtre Niang. A co-presentation of MIFA Victory Theatre and Vermont Performance Lab. Friday, May 30 at 7 p.m., The Hub@ Gateway City Arts, Holyoke. MIFA Victory Theatre and Brattleboro’s Vermont Performance Lab team up to bring French choreographer Thierry Théâtre Niang to New England for a three-week workshop and residency. A groundbreaking French choreographer, Niang will select 24 local participants ages 60-90 (12 from the Holyoke area and 12 from Vermont) to work together to stage a powerful re-imagining of Stravinsky’s Rite of Spring. Tickets by reservation and contribution only. Suggested contribution $10, call 1-800-224-6432. French Dance package available for TOUR & du Printemps $22.

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