

CHRISTOPHER WATSON DANCE COMPANY

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Kaitlyn Hawkins, Kendall Edstrom and Genevieve Waterbury in Jennifer Mack's dance *All the Day*



Jennifer Mack, Gerry Girouard, Leeah Schuhwerck, Anne-Marie Wittenberg, Lori Mercil and Hai Dang Nguyen in Becky Heist's dance *Rock It and Roll on in*

CWDC Returned to the Theater in “Resurgence”

Our concert “Resurgence,” held February 24 & 25, was a celebration of our return to performing in a theater following the pandemic years. Held in the TEK BOX at the Cowles Center, the concert featured new dances by Christopher Watson, Becky Heist, Anne-Marie Wittenberg, Sarah LaRose-Holland and her dance company Kinetic Evolutions, Jennifer Mack, Genevieve Waterbury and guest choreographers Thern Anderson and Erin Thompson.

The dances addressed themes of the intricacies of relationships, resilience in the face of challenge, and reconnecting in a world changed by the pandemic. Musical accompaniment included selections from J.S. Bach, Handel's Water Music, contemporary composers George Hurd and Kerry Muzzey, local music by singer/songwriter Matt Marka of *Ada Jane*, and music icons Janis Joplin, Tina Turner, Jimi Hendrix, Aretha Franklin and George Michael. The concert also featured premiers of new dance films by Christopher Watson and Becky Heist. Christopher's film can be viewed at this link:
<https://vimeo.com/479653246?share=copy>

Dances at the Lake - July 14 & 15

Ray Terrill Dance Group presents the 21st annual Dances at the Lake Festival—two free concerts open to the public—at the Rose Garden at Lake Harriet. Performances begin at 7:00 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday evening, July 14th and 15th. The festival features a variety of dance forms performed by both professional adult and youth companies. The “stage” for the shows is the large grassy area between the two fountains near the Rose Garden at Lyndale Park Garden. Audience members are invited to bring a lawn chair or blanket and some snacks, drinks or a picnic and enjoy the unique opportunity of seeing dance performed at the Rose Garden. Becky Heist has choreographed *Divergent Paths*, a new duet for Hai Dang Nguyen and Leeah Schuhwerck to dynamic music by Divan Gattamorta. Becky says, “Leeah and Hai Dang kept me on my toes, bringing an intelligent sense of movement and musicality as they brought the dance to life.”

Dances at the Lake

Friday July 14 & Saturday July 15; 7 pm
Rose Garden at Lyndale Park
Gardens, 4124 Roseway Road,
Minneapolis, 55409
For more information: <https://www.dancesatthelakefestival.com/>

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Jennifer Mack, Gerry Girouard, Lori Mercil, Megan Bridges and Sarah LaRose-Holland in Christopher Watson and Becky Heist's dance *Sideways*