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BalletX Pop Up at the Philadelphia Museum of Art's Iconic *Rocky* Steps, May 15

Philadelphia—May 2019—BalletX, led by Artistic & Executive Director Christine Cox, will perform a Pop Up dance at the top of the Philadelphia Museum of Art's East Steps—also known as the *Rocky* steps—overlooking the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. The Pop Up performance will take place Wednesday, May 15 from 5:30pm–6:30pm, and feature two works from BalletX's repertory of over 70 world premieres, as well as a special appearance by members of the BalletX Dream Team, a group of student dancers. BalletX Pop Ups are free and open to the public, thanks to generous support from The William Penn Foundation.

"As a lifelong Philadelphian, born and raised in West Philly, I am beaming with pride that BalletX will perform at such an iconic site and intersection of fine arts, pop culture, and civic pride. It truly is a dream come true, and captures the spirit of what BalletX is all about," says Cox.

For the museum Pop Up, BalletX will perform two signature works by company co-founder and choreographer Matthew Neenan, 2010's *The Last Glass* and 2014's *Increasing*. Neenan's *The Last Glass* was commended by *The New York Times* for "making something both serious and passionate to the pop music of our time," namely the indie rock band Beirut, whose music can be heard throughout the work. The latter work, *Increasing*, covering another end of the musical spectrum, is set to the first movement of Franz Schubert's String Quintet in C Major, and will be performed live by a local chamber ensemble, comprising graduates of Curtis Institute of Music and Temple University's Boyer College of Music. *The New York Times* praised *Increasing* for making dancers look "vulnerable, openhearted and, above all, marvelously free." The Pop Up commences with a special performance by the Dream Team, showcasing students from the company's public school dance program, Dance eXchange.

For details on the Pop Up visit: <https://www.philamuseum.org/calendar/event/balletx-pop>

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