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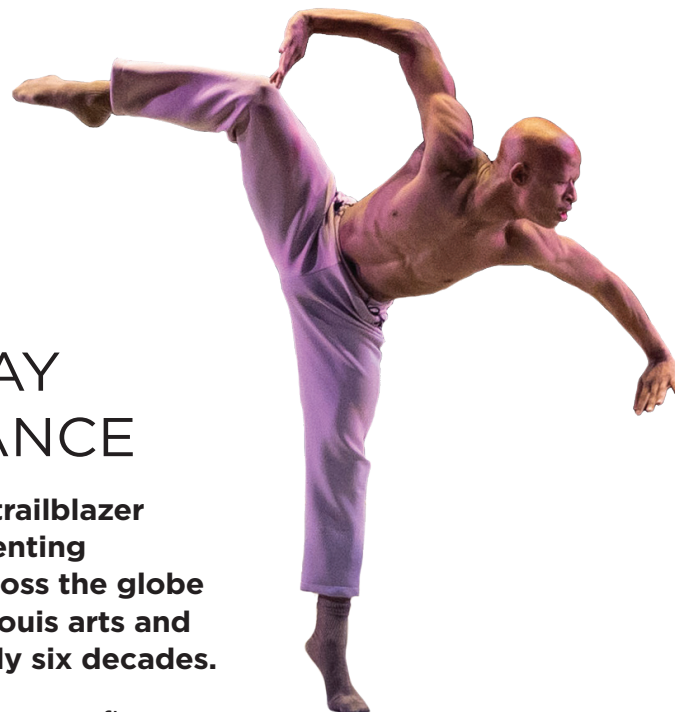
Dance St. Louis has been a trailblazer in the Midwest Region presenting professional dance from across the globe that has embodied the St. Louis arts and cultural experience for nearly six decades.

As one of only four dance-only nonprofit presenters in America, Dance St. Louis exemplifies artistic excellence and is recognized as a national and international dance leader. Our historical partnerships with world renowned artists have brought dance to life for you, for the city and the region, and has catapulted Dance St. Louis as the Gateway to World Dance.

A spectacular 2023-2024 Season awaits you. Please join us!

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- The **same great seats** for all performances.
- **Save up to 20%** compared to single ticket prices and fees.
- **Reserve now and pay later** with a two or a NEW! three Payment Plan.
- **FREE tickets! New benefit for subscribers.** See last page for detail.



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COVER: TRINITY IRISH DANCE COMPANY, PHOTO BY CHELSEA HOY. ABOVE: AILEY II. PHOTO BY DANICA PAULOS.

INTRODUCING

23 | 24 season presentations

TRINITY IRISH
DANCE COMPANY
FOUNDING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR MARK HOWARD

SAT NOV 11, 2023
 TOUHILL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

AILEY II

FRI MAR 1, 2024
 SAT MAR 2, 2024
 TOUHILL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

BODYTRAFFIC

SAT APR 6, 2024
 TOUHILL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

SPRING TO DANCE FESTIVAL **16**
Presented by WHITAKER FOUNDATION

FRI MAY 24, 2024
 SAT MAY 25, 2024
 (Memorial Day weekend)
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“Impossibly complex.”

- *The New York Times*

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TRINITY IRISH DANCE COMPANY, PHOTOS BY LOIS GREENFIELD

Minutes into watching the awe-inspiring precision of its dancers and musicians, Trinity Irish Dance Company expands whatever notions you may have about Irish dance . . . revealing its limitless possibilities. It's everything you expect, but nothing like you'd imagine.

Adding elements of American innovation, Trinity Irish Dance Company dazzles audiences around the globe with its hard-driving percussive power, aerial grace, and lightning-fast agility.

Considered an American treasure by critics and enthusiasts worldwide with sold-out tours in Europe, Asia and North America, the Trinity Irish Dance Company have performed on "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson" as well as Jay Leno, and have appeared on "Good Morning America" and "Conan" among others.

“Where the women make the form their own.” - *The Boston Globe*



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“Second to none.”

- *Dance Magazine*

AILEY II

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(LEFT) AILEY II IN FRANCESCA HARPER'S FREEDOM SERIES. PHOTO BY ERIN BALANO
(RIGHT) AILEY II IN ELIZABETH ROXAS-DOBRI'S MEDICATION. PHOTO BY DANICA PAULOS

Bringing their “off-the-charts-energy” (*The New Yorker*) to the stage, Ailey II dancers return to St. Louis, where they had completely sold out the Touhill two months prior to their performance. This season, the renowned ensemble of rising stars will bring you to your feet with works by emerging and established choreographers. See why *The New York Times* says, “There’s nothing like an evening spent with Ailey II.”

Since its 1974 inception, the company has flourished into one of the most popular modern dance companies in the country. With internationally renowned performer and choreographer Francesca Harper at the helm as Ailey II’s Artistic Director, she brings fresh perspectives to Alvin Ailey’s legacy, while nurturing creative voices and propelling the company forward.

Whether performing classics or new works, dancing on stage or conducting masterclasses through its extensive community outreach programs, Ailey II never misses its mark. “Clearly the future is theirs.” (*The New York Times*)

“The dancers in Ailey II are spectacular beings.” - *The New York Times*

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Named “the company of the future” by The Joyce Theater Foundation, *Dance Magazine’s 25 to Watch*, and *Best of Culture* by *The Los Angeles Times*, BODYTRAFFIC has surged to the forefront of the contemporary dance world with compelling style that “suggests invention, attitude, and urban edge” (*The Boston Globe*).

Widely acclaimed for its “peerless dancers” who “can do it all from hip-hop to ballet” (*LA Dance Chronicle*), the company is composed of artists who received their training in some of the finest schools throughout the world.

The combination of superb dancers and accomplished choreographers led the *Los Angeles Times* to describe BODYTRAFFIC as “one of the most talked about companies – not just in LA, but nationwide.”

“Drop gritty, contemporary New York and European choreographers into the fast-paced, freeway world of Los Angeles, sprinkle with energetic young talent, and you get the super-fast, super-sexy, super-expressive intensity of Bodytraffic.” – *Dance View Times*



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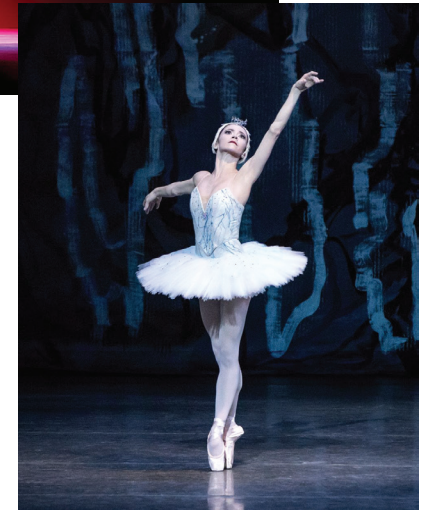
SAT MAY 25, 2024

(Memorial Day Weekend)

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“Successful both as a celebration of dance and as an invitation to bask in its artistry.”

- St. Louis Post-Dispatch



The Midwest region’s most celebrated dance festival returns for the 16th year! Nationally touring professional companies from coast-to-coast flock to St. Louis to bestow their artistry. It’s an unmatched buffet of world-class dance offering something for everyone from modern and ballet to contemporary, flamenco and more, with a distinct, dynamic program each night.

“Arguably the best dance buffet in the Midwest.” - *Chicago Tribune*



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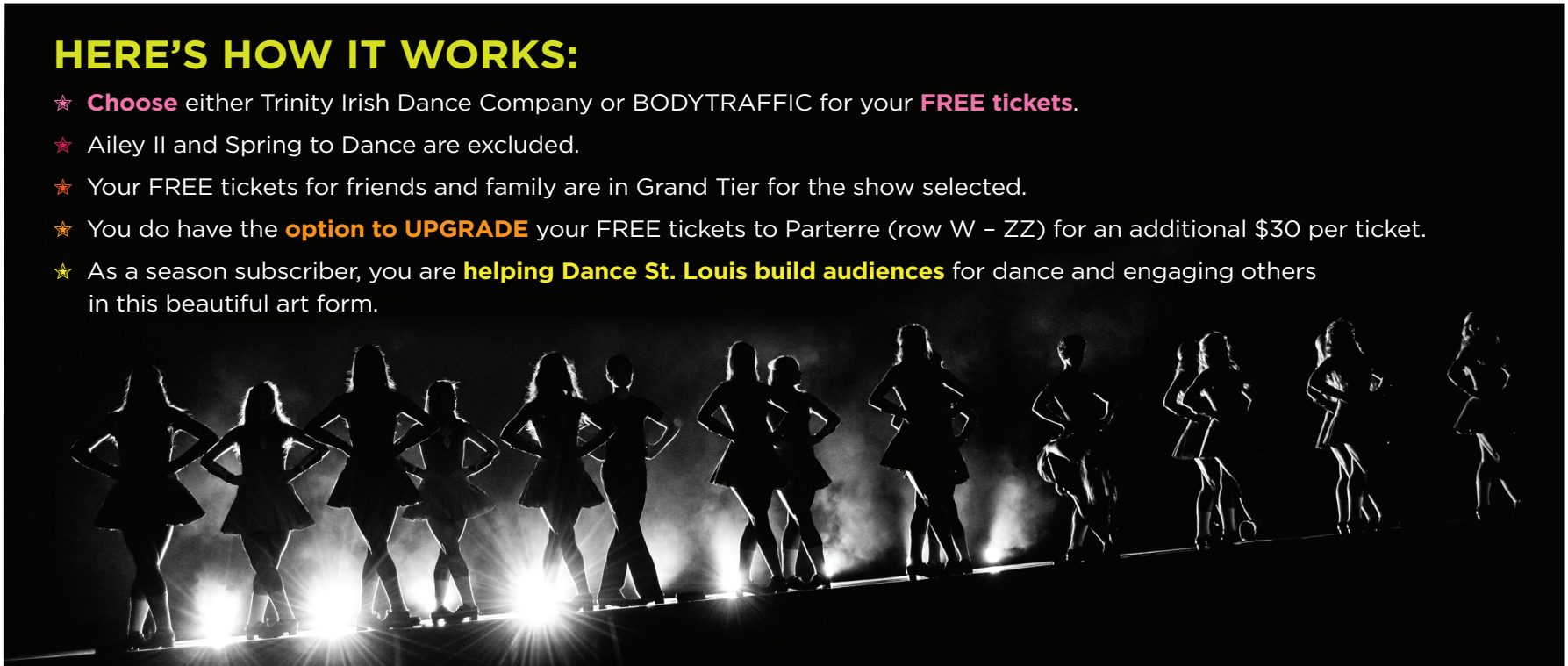
NEW BENEFIT FOR SUBSCRIBERS!

NEW! GIVE YOUR LOVE FOR DANCE AS A GIFT TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

All 4-show and 3-show season subscribers will receive FREE Grand Tier tickets* equal to the number of season subscription seats purchased to give to friends and family.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

- ★ **Choose** either Trinity Irish Dance Company or BODYTRAFFIC for your **FREE tickets**.
- ★ Ailey II and Spring to Dance are excluded.
- ★ Your FREE tickets for friends and family are in Grand Tier for the show selected.
- ★ You do have the **option to UPGRADE** your FREE tickets to Parterre (row W – ZZ) for an additional \$30 per ticket.
- ★ As a season subscriber, you are **helping Dance St. Louis build audiences** for dance and engaging others in this beautiful art form.



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