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DANCES FOR A VARIABLE POPULATION PRESENTS *REVIVAL 4: Fortitude! WASHINGTON SQUARE DANCES*

A CELEBRATION OF FORTITUDE IN THIS TIME OF COVID-19 AND THE VITALITY OF AGE THROUGH THE LENS OF 20TH CENTURY DANCE ON OCTOBER 24, 2020

NEW YORK, September 6, 2020 - Celebrating the fortitude, resilience, vitality and joy of age in response to this time of COVID-19, Dances For A Variable Population (DVP) will present, *REVIVAL 4: Virtual Washington Square Park!*, a virtual performance featuring all day interactive workshops, a collaborative panel and online performance. *REVIVAL 4: Virtual!* features 8 legendary dance artists and 50 non-professional senior dancers, who reflect to us the strength and beauty of older age in light of the challenges of this time. Through their experience and example of shared vitality and a spirit of unity, we are reminded of the importance of community and connection in spite of the difficulties of these times. We are united with them in commemoration of those lost, celebration of what we have discovered and hope for what yet awaits. *REVIVAL 4: Virtual!*, connects a multi-generational dance company with female choreographers in their 60s, 70s and 80s through a free-access virtual format. Now, as part of DVP's 11th year of free performances in iconic spaces, the world premiere of *REVIVAL 4: Virtual Washington Square Park*, will take place on Saturday, October 24 from 11 am to 6 pm of free intergenerational ALL TOGETHER DANCE dance workshops from 12-6 pm, a prerecorded performance of new choreography by all the legendary artists and selected teaching artists, followed by an interactive panel at 6 PM on Saturday, October 24 with culminating with a Q & A linking all the dances of the *REVIVAL 4: Virtual!* with the responses from the communities of New York City. Register at revival4.com to get zoom links for workshops, the prerecorded dances, the Q & A and other details.

Register at revival4.com for ONLINE Free Access *Revival 4 Virtual! Washington Square Park* schedule:



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ALL TOGETHER DANCE workshops from 11 AM to 5 PM

11am – 11:50 am Marnie Thomas Wood and Ellen Graff

12 to 12:50 pm Audrey Madison

1 to 1:50 pm Sandra Rivera

2 to 2:50 pm lunch

3 to 3:50 pm Tina Bush and Shirley Black Brown Coward

4 to 4:50 pm Naomi Goldberg Haas

5 to 5:50 pm Myna Majors

6 pm Performance of prerecorded videos and Interactive Panel Discussion

featuring all the guest artists and DVP team

Go to revival4.com to register and for details

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ABOUT DANCES FOR A VARIABLE POPULATION Founded in 2005 by Naomi Goldberg Haas, Dances for a Variable Population (DVP) promotes strong and creative movement among people of all ages and abilities with a focus on seniors. The organization's programming includes: a multigenerational performance company that engages community members as participants and audiences; MOVEMENT SPEAKS® and Dances for Seniors, which are free, community-based programs for modest income and culturally underserved older adults, annually serves over 700 seniors; Dance and Fitness classes for adults of all ages, offered year-round; and performance and training opportunities for older professional dancers and choreographers. DVP's site-related performances have been presented in some of New York City's most iconic public spaces, including Times Square, the New York Botanic Garden, Washington Square Park, and the High Line. DVP has also performed at Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, and internationally in Poland and British Columbia.

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