

Minnesota Dance Theatre

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Minnesota Dance Theatre announces fresh spring program including a world premiere.

(MINNEAPOLIS; May 20, 2021) – [Minnesota Dance Theatre](#) (MDT) is pleased to announce that the illustrious professional company, now in its 59th year, will return to the Goodale Theater in June at The Cowles Center with *Spring Season 2021*, a dazzling live-streamed program, featuring a world premiere and company dancers.

In this virtual event, available to [livestream at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 11](#) (and on demand through June 13), MDT will present a sparkling evening of excerpts from masterworks choreographed by **Loyce Houlton**, Founder, and **Lise Houlton**, Artistic Director, and a world premiere by choreographer [Elayna Waxse](#), returning to MDT with her third choreographic commission. The celebratory program will also feature renowned vocalists **Bradley Greenwald** and **Jennifer Baldwin Peden**; pianist/composer **Tom Linker**; saxophonist **Jeff King**. Tickets (\$20-30) are available at thecowlescenter.org/tickets or 612-206-3600.

With this Spring 2021 program, MDT welcomes returning professional company members **Brennan Benson, Katelyn Boche, Elissa Fonseca, Adrián Pastén, Solana Temple and Zachary Tuazon**. Joining the company for their first year are **Sarah Jordan, Jared Kelly and Jacob Lewis**.

In addition, MDT welcomes: **Cory Johnson** as Executive Director, formerly of Mill City Summer Opera; **Tom Hoch**, a longtime downtown Minneapolis civic leader, who is guiding the MDT Board of Directors as interim board chair.

MDT continues under the artistic leadership of [Lise Houlton](#), who has served as Artistic Director for the past 25 years, offering her exceptional vision of artistic elegance and passionate creativity. Joining her in capturing the brilliant artistry is [Raina Quammen](#), Associate Artistic Director.

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About Minnesota Dance Theatre

[Minnesota Dance Theatre](#) is a nonprofit professional dance company and school founded in 1962 by Loyce Houlton, one of the first American women to gain national and international recognition as a choreographer, teacher, and producer. Since 1995, Lise Houlton has led the organization, which has become one of Minnesota's cultural treasures and an acclaimed arts leader in our region.

MDT Mission

The mission of Minnesota Dance Theatre & School is to create masterful and inspiring dance through performance and education.