

GRAHAM 2

Graham 2 2019 New York Season May 30–June 2, 2019

New York, NY, **May 1, 2019** – Graham 2 announces its 2019 New York season featuring works by Martha Graham and a world premiere by guest choreographer Brice Mousset. Performances are May 30–June 2 (Thursday through Saturday at 7pm, and Sunday at 3pm), at the Martha Graham Studio Theater, 55 Bethune Street, 11th floor, in Manhattan.

Graham 2 Director Virginie Mécène has selected a program reflecting on the Martha Graham Dance Company's season theme, *The Eve Project*, which explores the many facets of womanhood. Performed by Graham 2's exceedingly talented young dancers, the program provides ways to consider Graham's complex, multifaceted characters through dances that evoke innocence, seduction, erotic love, empowerment, rejection, resilience, and more.

The program will feature *Heretic* (1929), excerpts from *Embattled Garden* (1958) and *El Penitente* (1940), *Conversation of Lovers* from *Acts of Light* (1981), *Appalachian Spring Suite* (1944), the newly revived *Secular Games* (1962), and a new work by French choreographer Brice Mousset, set to the music of composer Mike Sheridan.

The opening night on May 30 will be a special night for Graham 2 alumni. The troupe is now 36 years old, and the performance will include media featuring many generations of Graham 2 dancers.

General tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Students \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door. Special alumni ticket price: \$20 in advance/\$25 at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at marthagraham.org/graham2.

About choreographer Brice Mousset

Brice Mousset is founder, artistic director, and choreographer of OUI DANSE, a New York City project-based dance company. Born and raised in Paris, France, Mousset studied biology and human sciences at Nanterre University before falling into the world of dance. After an eclectic performing career in Europe in musicals, operas, television, and dance companies, Mousset moved to New York City to begin teaching and choreographing. Mousset choreographs for OUI DANSE and for film, fashion, circus, operas and musicals. He has choreographed for Broadway Bares, Broadway Cares/Equity Fight AIDS, and taught and made dances for dance institutions such as SUNY Purchase Conservatory of Dance, Point Park University, Alvin Ailey BFA Fordham program, Broadway Dance Center, Peridance Capezio Center, Joffrey Ballet School, and STEPS on Broadway. Mousset has choreographed for and performed with Christine Dakin, and was chosen by Robert Battle for the Alvin Ailey Dance Foundation New Directions Choreography Lab. The company has performed at Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival Inside/Out Series, Riverside Dance Festival, Danspace Project, Luminaria Arts Festival, and Dancers For Good Festival. In 2020, OUI DANSE will perform

in France at the Vaison Danses International Dance Festival and will be in residence at Lachapelle Saint Marie.

About Graham 2

Graham 2 is a pre-professional dance company drawn from the most advanced students of the Martha Graham School. Its mission is to bring the Graham tradition to a younger audience, smaller venues, and cultural communities, and to be a springboard for young dancers to enter the professional dance world. Dancers are selected from among the hundreds of students from around the world who study at the Martha Graham School. While in Graham 2, dancers are supported by a scholarship, receive stipends for performances, and may be given the opportunity to perform with the Martha Graham Dance Company. Seventy percent of the current Company began as members of Graham 2.

Under the direction of Virginie Mécène, Graham 2 performs Graham's repertory as well as the works of such guest choreographers as Robert Battle, Pascal Rioult, Adam Barruch, Kun-Yang Lin, Robert Cohan, Darshan Singh Bhuller, Blanca Li, and Brice Mousset. Committed to its education outreach program, Graham 2 performs for more than 3,000 public school children each year. Graham 2 has performed with the Martha Graham Dance Company at New York City Center and the Joyce Theater and has an annual performance season at the Martha Graham Studio Theater. The troupe has also performed at such leading New York venues as the 92nd Street Y, Manhattan Movement and Arts Center, LaGuardia Community College, Iona College, and in such cities as Miami, FL, Baltimore, MD, Wintergreen, VA, Cherry Hill, NJ, Pittsburgh, PA, and Barcelona, Spain.

Graham 2 was originally created by Yuriko at the request of Martha Graham in 1983 under the name of Martha Graham Ensemble.

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