



Martha Graham Dance Company
GrahamDeconstructed: *Steps in the Street*
September 24–25, 2019

New York, NY, September 6, 2019 – The **Martha Graham Dance Company's** 2019–20 Studio Series opens with *GrahamDeconstructed* featuring Martha Graham's powerful *Steps in the Street*. *GrahamDeconstructed* will take place on Tuesday, September 24, and Wednesday, September 25, at 7pm, at the Martha Graham Studio Theater, 55 Bethune Street (11th Floor), in Manhattan.

Graham's 1936 work *Steps in the Street* disappeared from the stage in the late 1930s and was considered to be lost. In 1989, a black-and-white silent film of the dance by Julien Bryan was discovered, enabling Martha Graham and the great Graham artist Yuriko to bring the work back to life. A stark, powerful dance for ten women, *Steps in the Street* is a prime example of Graham's radical modernism. For this event, excerpts of the early film and dancer demonstration will illustrate the reconstruction process before a performance of the complete work. Artist SoHyun Bae, who has been drawing the Company in rehearsal for the past two years, will create spontaneous charcoal sketches of the Graham moves. The sketches will be projected during the performance so that the audience can experience the collaboration as it happens.

GrahamDeconstructed offers audiences a unique opportunity to view great Graham works up close and to hear about the artistic and historical context of their creation from Artistic Director Janet Eilber. The program provides a glimpse of the artistic labor that goes on every day at the Martha Graham Studios to preserve and augment Martha Graham's great legacy.

Tickets for *GrahamDeconstructed* are \$25 (general) / \$15 (students with valid ID) and can be purchased online at www.marthagraham.org/studioseries.

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About Martha Graham Dance Company

The Martha Graham Dance Company has been a world leader in the evolving art form of modern dance since its founding in 1926. Today, the Company is embracing a new programming vision that showcases masterpieces by Graham alongside newly commissioned works by contemporary artists. With programs that offer a rich thematic narrative, the Company creates new platforms for contemporary dance and multiple points of access for audiences.

Since its inception, the Martha Graham Dance Company has received international acclaim from audiences in more than 50 countries throughout North and South America, Europe, Africa, Asia,

and the Middle East. The Company has performed at the Metropolitan Opera, Carnegie Hall, the Paris Opera House, Covent Garden, and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, as well as at the base of the Great Pyramids in Egypt and in the ancient Herod Atticus Theatre on the Acropolis in Athens. In addition, the Company has also produced several award-winning films broadcast on PBS and around the world.

For more information about the Company, visit www.marthagraham.org.

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