

GRAHAM 2

Graham 2 Holiday Event *The Owl and the Pussycat* December 7, 2019

New York, NY, November 12, 2019 – The Martha Graham Dance Company’s acclaimed second company will perform Martha Graham’s rarely seen *The Owl and the Pussycat* on Saturday, December 7, at 3pm and 7pm.

Premiering in 1978, *The Owl and the Pussycat* is Graham’s magical take on the classic Edward Lear poem. The Graham 2 performances mark the first presentation of the work in 15 years. *The Owl and the Pussycat* features music by Carlos Surinach, costumes by Halston and Graham, and a whimsical set by Ming Cho Lee. The show will be narrated by Teens@Graham director and former Graham Company dancer, Oliver Tobin. Young dancers from the Teens@Graham program join the cast.

“*The Owl and the Pussycat* is a great example of Graham’s ability to create works for audiences of all ages,” says Graham 2 Director Virginie Mécène. “We are thrilled to be bringing it back to the stage as part of the Studio Series.”

The matinee performance will include party favors for the younger set, as well as a chance to try some of the moves from the dance and be photographed with the dancers.

The event is part of the Graham Company’s popular Studio Series, which offers audiences an up-close look at the work of the Company and Graham 2 in the intimate setting of the Martha Graham Studio Theater.

Tickets are \$45. Admission for one child is included in the purchase of an adult ticket. Tickets for additional children are \$20. Student tickets are \$20. Tickets can be purchased online at www.marthagraham.org/studioseries.

The Martha Graham Studio Theater is located at 55 Bethune Street, 11th Floor, in Manhattan.

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 the Martha Graham Ensemble.

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