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New York, NY, July XX, 2025 – The world-renowned **Martha Graham Dance Company**, celebrating its centennial this season, is pleased to announce its new partnership with **Opus 3 Artists** for exclusive North American representation.

Under the artistic direction of **Janet Eilber** since 2005, the Martha Graham Dance Company continues to lead the field with programming that pairs masterworks by Martha Graham with dynamic new voices in contemporary choreography. Eilber has expanded the Company's vision through initiatives such as contextual programming, educational and community partnerships, innovative use of new media, and creative collaborations across disciplines. Each program thoughtfully bridges past and present, offering audiences rich thematic experiences and multiple points of access into the world of contemporary dance. The Company's North American touring will be managed by Jemma Lehner and Robert Berretta at Opus 3 Artists.

Jemma Lehner, Associate Manager at Opus 3 Artists, shared: "I am so excited to partner with this celebrated company to bring its incredible dancers and works to audiences across North America. Martha Graham's legacy is an inspiration, and the Company is a perfect addition to our diverse roster of dance companies."

Janet Eilber, Artistic Director of Martha Graham Dance Company, remarked: "We are looking forward to working with Jemma, Robert, and the Opus 3 team as we launch into our next century of performances. We feel the Opus 3 multifaceted approach will fit beautifully with the wide range of creative programming the Company has to offer. We are poised to work with them to bring our Graham performance and educational experiences to a great variety of venues and audiences."

About Opus 3 Artists

Opus 3 Artists is a leading company managing the careers and touring activities of many of the world's greatest performing artists and ensembles. Its talented and respected team includes artist managers, booking representatives, marketing and tour production specialists, all sharing a common passion for artistic excellence. The focus of Opus 3 Artists' roster includes instrumentalists, vocalists, conductors, composers, chamber music ensembles, and touring chamber and symphony orchestras, as well as dance and theater companies, jazz, global, and new music ensembles and artists. The company is a leader in discovering, nurturing and developing young artists by helping to establish the network and foundation for their careers.

About Martha Graham Dance Company

LaRue Allen, Executive Director; Janet Eilber, Artistic Director

The Martha Graham Dance Company has been a leader in the evolving art form of modern dance since its founding in 1926. It is both the oldest dance company in the United States and the oldest integrated dance company.

Today, the Company is embracing a new programming vision that showcases masterpieces by Graham alongside newly commissioned works by contemporary artists. With programs that unite the work of choreographers across time within a rich historical and thematic narrative, the Company is actively working to create 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 House, 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 Odeon of Herodes Atticus theater on the Acropolis in Athens. In addition, the Company has also produced several award-winning films broadcast on PBS and around the world.

Though Martha Graham herself is the best-known alumna of her company, the Company has provided a training ground for some of modern dance's most celebrated performers and choreographers. Former members of the Company include Merce Cunningham, Erick Hawkins, Paul Taylor, John Butler, and Glen Tetley. Celebrities who have joined the Company in performance include Mikhail Baryshnikov, Margot Fonteyn, Rudolf Nureyev, Maya Plisetskaya, Tiler Peck, Misty Copeland, Herman Cornejo, and Aurélie Dupont.

In recent years, the Company has challenged expectations and experimented with a wide range of offerings beyond its main-stage performances. It has created a series of intimate in-studio events, forged unusual creative partnerships with the likes of SITI Company, Performa, the New Museum, Barneys New York, and the Greek Theater Festival in Siracusa, Italy (to name a few); created substantial digital offerings with Google Arts & Culture, YouTube, and Cennarium; and created a model for reaching new audiences through social media. The astonishing list of artists who have created works for the Graham dancers in the last decade reads like a catalog of must-see choreographers: Kyle Abraham, Aszure Barton, Baye & Asa, Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui, Lucinda Childs, Marie Chouinard, Michelle Dorrance, Nacho Duato, Mats Ek, Andonis Foniadakis, Liz Gerring, Larry Keigwin, Michael Kliën, Pontus Lidberg, Lil Buck, Lar Lubovitch, Josie Moseley, Richard Move, Bulareyaung Pagarlava, Annie-B Parson, Yvonne Rainer, Jamar Roberts, Hofesh Shechter, Sonya Tayeh, Doug Varone, Luca Veggetti, Gwen Welliver, and Robert Wilson.

The current Company dancers hail from around the world and, while always grounded in their Graham core training, can also slip into the style of contemporary choreographers like a second skin, bringing technical brilliance and artistic nuance to all they do—from brand-new works to Graham classics and pieces from early pioneers such as Isadora Duncan, Jane Dudley, Anna Sokolow, and Mary Wigman. "Some of the most skilled and powerful dancers you can ever hope to see," according to *The Washington Post*. "One of the great companies of the world," says *The New York Times*, while the *Los Angeles Times* notes, "They seem able to do anything, and to make it look easy as well as poetic."

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

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