The Parsons Dance Company Returns To Portland After 10-Year Absence

White Bird Presents Acclaimed Company On Tuesday, April 20 At The Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall

White Bird will present the wildly innovative and athletic Parsons Dance Company on Tuesday, April 20, 7:30 PM at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. This is the fifth company White Bird is presenting in its first subscription series "A Season Of Discovery."

The 9-member company has been eliciting raves from audiences and critics ever since its founding in 1987. Touring constantly, they recently spent six weeks in Sydney, Australia, and The Sydney Morning Herald exclaimed, "they dance like demons, fast and furious – they have that fantastic buzz of New York energy." The Toronto Star has stated, "It does not take long to see why Parsons and his company are one of the hottest tickets in contemporary American dance."

The company was founded by David Parsons, who, from 1978-1987, was a leading dancer with the Paul Taylor Dance Company. As dancer and chore-

ographer, Parsons has been hailed for athleticism, wit, and immense creativity. He has choreographed over 50 works for The Parsons Dance Company and has received countless commissions from festivals and dance organizations worldwide, including the Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival and the New York City Ballet.

Since its beginnings, The Parsons Dance Company has given over 700 performances on five continents. They have been presented by the most distinguished theaters in the world, including the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, Teatro La Fenice in Venice and the Teatro Munipal in Rio de Janeiro.

White Bird will conclude its first season with the Limón Dance Company on Wednesday, May 26, 7:30 PM at the Arlene Schintzer Concert Hall. Celebrating its 51st year, the company will perform classic works by José Limón and Anthony Tudor, as well as a new piece by the esteemed choreographer Doug Varone.



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