L'Oiseau Bizarre et Les Esprits des Nuages (Strange Bird and the Cloud Spirits)

"Strange Bird and the Cloud Spirits" reimagines the birth of Romantic Ballet. On October 5, 1789, starving fishwives took to the streets in Paris instigating the beginnings of the French Revolution, stopping off to ransack the Hotel de Ville and adorn their skirts with weapons. The aristocratic male character that dominated the Paris Opera was no more, giving rise to the ballerina who represented freedom, spirituality, and the revolution.

The sylph is a common theme in many Romantic Ballets representing an imagined spiritual world, but was merely one aspect within the genre known as Ballet Fantastique. It was common to include real-world scenarios, paired with monstrous, bizarre, other worldly characters and places, utilizing pantomime and gestures, this ballet takes Ballet Fantastique and puts it in a modern context.

There is also a journey of the grief-filled soul, from denial to acceptance, reflected in a communal grief that is an undercurrent of overconsumption, something the Romantics predicted. There is a commonality between the Romantic ideals and environmentalism today, a longing for the natural world that exists outside of society’s demands and missteps.

Special Thanks
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Borderlandia

This concert is forever in progress, cycling through generational encounters of a borderland. As we encounter our own borderlands we find community, guidance and even a little humor in our journeys. The concept of borderlands becomes important in understanding ourselves, our community and others. While specifically crafted from a Chicano/a experience, it is my desire that the processes and experiences presented here are open to interpretation for all who have explored their own borderland/s.

In this piece the choreographer and dancers are challenging the constructs of Mexican Folklore dance from a Chicano/a lens. Their challenge materializes through physical and philosophical developments in the movement and choreography. This challenge is to create a modern folklorico aka: MoFo.

Special Thanks
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LIMINAL

L’Oiseau Bizarre et Les Esprits des Nuages (Strange Bird and the Cloud Spirits)

Kristen Demaree
Choreographer
Dreamer’s Circus “A Little Symphony”
Music
Ale Carr and Nikolaj Busk
Composers
Mark O’Maley
Lighting & Projection Designer
Kristen Demaree
Costume & Sound Designer
Seth Premo
Scenic Photographer

COMING UP NEXT:
FRESH
An informal showing of works by student choreographers
December 5 - 6
L’Oiseau Bizarre et Les Espirits des Nuages (Strange Bird and the Cloud Spirits)

**Cast of Characters** (in order of appearance)

- **Strange Bird** ............... Kristen Demaree
- **Citrus of Denial** ............ Chelsea Vonue
- **Nimbosтратus of Sadness** ... Elvira Stewart
- **Brooding Scud Clouds** ....... Summer Smith
- **Nubeculiac Bargaining** ...... Danae Patterson
- **Nacreous Acceptance** ....... Lily Minkowitz
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**Dawning of the Strange Bird** ........ Kristen Demaree

**The Liminal Cloud Spirits** ...... Ensemble

**The Liminal Bus Stop** ............ Kristen Demaree

**A Storm** ............................ Erin Caldon Simmons-Brown

**The Weather of Grief** ............ Ensemble

**Dissipation** .......................... Ensemble

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**Prelude of the Strange Bird**

**Borderlandia**

**CU Dancers and Assistant Choreographers** ................. Alicia Thais Pettan Brewer

Sophia Hernandez

Jazmin Levis

Samantha Salters

Alexandra Valles

Willa Wilde

**Grupo Folklórico Del Pueblo (GFDP)** .............................. David Benavides

Kahla Delfrances

Elaria DeLeon

Hannah Garcia

Ted Lopez

Alicia Ortega

**Poets** ................................................. Gloria Cazarez

Jason Romero, Jr.

**Tortilla Lady** ........................................ Sara Royal

**Folklórico**

**Dancers** ............................... CU Dancers & GFDP Dancers

**Music Credit** ............................ La Negra, Traditional

**Contemporary**

**Dancers** ............................... CU Dancers

**Music by** ............................... "Rock On" by David Essex

**Rock On On and On**

**Borderslandia**

**Dancers** ............................... CU Dancers & GFDP Dancers

**Production Team**

**Technical Director** ........................ Mark O’Maley

**Stage Manager** ........................ Vanessa Weingarten

**Assistant Stage Manager** ............ Amy Richman

**Lightboard Operator** ............... Kaitlynn Lawrence

**Soundboard Operator** ............... Taylor King

**Running Crew** ........................ Dana Haynes

Christine Herwig

Danielle McLean

**Wardrobe Crew** ........................ Hillary Carr

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