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Bloody Mary Returns to the CaZo Dance Theatre Stage This Fall!

Phoenix, Arizona, September 16, 2022 — CaZo Dance Theatre is proud to announce the return of the highly-acclaimed, original feature-length production, *Bloody Mary*.

Feeling isolated and alone in the afterlife, Bloody Mary requests help from the Queen of the Underworld to find a young woman she can bring home and call her own. The Queen grants Bloody Mary her wish, but only because it benefits her own secret agenda. Now Betty Pearl, Evelyn Grace, and Roselyn Opal must race against time to navigate their way through the Underworld to find the mirrors from which they were abducted and return home.

The return of *Bloody Mary* marks only the third show CaZo Dance Theatre has performed multiple times. "I love producing brand new shows," says CaZo Dance Theatre Artistic Director Bridgette Borzillo, "but after dealing with the pandemic, producing a show without a complete storyline [*Nightmare: Dreaming Reality*] and following that up with a very complex theatrical production [*Once Upon a Bachelor*], it was time to get back to something familiar. Bringing *Bloody Mary* back felt like a natural way to relax while still producing a riveting show."

Rebecca Boizelle and Laura Belvado both return as Bloody Mary and The Queen, respectively, along with half of the cast from the original 2019 production. "I wasn't sure how many of my dancers were going to return after the pandemic," Borzillo says, "so to have eight of the seventeen performers coming back, including three of the main cast members, that only helps raise the new dancers to a new level while making the overall production scarier, more complex, and more refined than it was three years ago."

Bloody Mary will be performed live at the Tempe Center for the Arts (700 W. Rio Salado Pkwy., Tempe, Arizona 85281) on Friday, November 18 at 8 pm and Saturday, November 19 at 4 pm and 8 pm. Tickets are on sale now at <u>www.cazodance.com</u> or on Cazo Dance Company's official Facebook Page. Prices are \$25 for general audiences, \$20 for students, and \$50 for VIP (limited quantities). Doors open 45 minutes prior to the show with a spine-chilling 30-minute pre-show, featuring six CaZo Dance Theatre's apprentice company members.

"We may have already performed this show, but with ten new performers and a slightly altered storyline that tells a more complete story, *Bloody Mary* may be familiar to some, but will still be a whole new experience."

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