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You Won't Look In a Mirror the Same Way Again!

Phoenix, Arizona, August 2, 2019 —Artistic Director Bridgette Borzillo is pleased to announce CaZo Dance Company's all-new feature-length dance production, *Bloody Mary*, a horrifying dive into the depths of the underworld through the hands of the woman behind the mirror.

Feeling isolated and alone in the afterlife, Bloody Mary visits the queen of the underworld to request permission to procure three human females as her own. Believing this request will be beneficial to her own secret agenda, the queen grants Mary her blessing. Now Betty Pearl, Evelyn Grace, and Roselyn Opal must navigate their way through the underworld to find the mirrors they were abducted from and return home.

Bloody Mary marks the first fall performance since CaZo Dance Company's inception that is not a part of CaZo's acclaimed *Asylum* series. "When I first came up with the concept for *Asylum*, I thought it would be interesting to showcase a different set of mental illnesses each year," says Borzillo. "It's been a blast watching the show evolve into so much more than that, but I felt it was time to move into something different. Something that wasn't just recognizable to a general audience but something that would scare the pants off of you."

The audience appeal for the legendary myth wasn't the only reason Borzillo chose to bring the story of Bloody Mary to the stage. "When I was a kid, I experienced the story first hand," she says. "My friends and I were in the bathroom, lights off with only a candle and we did the ritual. I swear to this day I saw a shadow of a figure in the mirror. That moment has stuck with me ever since. It's probably the reason I like to explore this darker side of my psyche."

Bloody Mary, sponsored by Mesa Arts Center, will be performed live in the Nesbitt-Elliott Playhouse at the Mesa Arts Center (1 East Main St. Mesa, Arizona 85201) on Friday, October 25 at 8 pm and Saturday, October 26 at 4 pm and 8 pm. Tickets are on sale now at www.cazodance.com or on Cazo Dance Company's official Facebook Page. Prices are \$23 for general audiences, \$18 for students, and \$43 for VIP (limited quantities).

Doors open 45 minutes prior to the top of show. A riveting pre-show, featuring CaZo Dance Company's pre-professional and Apprentice companies, begins 30 minutes before the show to help get viewers in the mood.

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