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Dreams and Reality Collide in A Powerful Nightmare

Mesa, Arizona, August 26, 2021 — CaZo Dance Theatre would like to welcome everyone back to the stage with their all-new feature-length dance production, *Nightmare: Dreaming Reality*.

Creatively integrating material from several of CaZo Dance Theatre's previous shows with several brand-new dances, *Nightmare* blurs the lines between our dreams and reality.

"When you are in a certain state of mind, it's sometimes hard to know what's real and what's simply a figment of your imagination," says Artistic Director Bridgette Borzillo. "Many of our everyday fears and anxieties can be addressed and settled as we sleep, but there are plenty of nightmares that are all too real and are much harder to resolve as we live through them daily. If anything has proven that it's COVID-19."

Nightmare: Dreaming Reality was originally set to premiere in the Fall of 2020 as a multi-media experience, utilizing video as well as live dancers to accentuate how real some nightmares can be all. Unfortunately, the show was shelved due to the theater closures during the pandemic.

"It was very disappointing to find out that we weren't going to be able to perform on a stage in front of a live audience," says Borzillo. "Our dancers put so much hard work into the pieces, I hated the thought of having to cancel it altogether. Luckily, we were able to create a condensed version of the show to present live online. It wasn't near what I had originally envisioned, but it gave the dancers the chance to showcase their hard work. Suffice it to say, I'm excited to get back on the stage and show the audience my vision as it was originally intended."

Nightmare: Dreaming Reality will be performed live at the Phoenix Center for the Arts (1202 N. 3rd St., Phoenix, AZ) on Friday, October 22 at 8 pm and Saturday, October 23 at 4:30 and 8 pm. Tickets are on sale now at www.cazodance.com or on Cazo Dance Company's official Facebook Page. Prices are \$25 for general audiences, \$20 for students, and \$45 for VIP (limited quantities). Doors open 30 minutes prior to the top of show. A live stream option will also be available for those who are unable to attend or are still uncomfortable with large crowds.

"We've all been living a nightmare in one way or another for the past eighteen months, which is why I'm thrilled to bring dance back to the community and can't wait to see what new and wonderful things will come of this whole experience."

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