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**ITALIAN DANCE CONNECTION (*IDACOnyc*) TO CELEBRATE
FIFTH ANNIVERSARY IN NYC - MAY 21-24**

**14 Dance Companies/16 Dance Works/12 Films at
THE SHEEN CENTER
Four Performances Over Three Days**

**Dancers, Choreographers and Filmmakers from Italy
Connect with their NYC Counterparts for
Performances, Screenings and Special Events**



LineOut Dance Company. Photo credit: Luisa Stornelli

New York, NY, April 9, 2019 -- The Italian Dance Connection, [IDACOnyc](http://IDACOnyc.com), will return to NYC for its fifth anniversary season, Tuesday, May 21 through Friday, May 24, a platform that connects Italian dancers, choreographers and filmmakers with the international New York dance scene and artistic community. The theme of this year's IDACO Contemporary Dance and Art event is DIVER/CITY – unity in diversity, an understanding that our differences enrich human interactions.

The Fifth Anniversary IDACOnyc program will open at the Italian Cultural Institute (686 Park Avenue) with a thematic roundtable & film screening on Tuesday, May 21 at 2pm, and an opening presentation and video screening with site specific performances at 6:30pm at the same location.

The program will continue with four performances over three days at The Sheen Center, 18 Bleecker Street (Greenwich Village) at 7:30pm on May 22nd and 23rd, and at 6pm and 9pm on May 24th. Fourteen emerging and established Italian choreographers and artists will present sixteen innovative and experimental choreographic works, ten in premiere. Twelve films will be shown, seven of them for the first time in the USA. Tickets: bit.ly/2I2FGfM.

In addition, IDACO 2019 will collaborate with [Emerging Choreographic Series](#) for a weeklong artist's residency with coaching by choreographer Susie McHugh and led by Mare Nostrum Artistic Director Nicola Iervasi. (The Sheen Center showcase will include their resulting dance work.) A partnership with the [Between the Seas Festival](#) will connect their artists with those of IDACO nyc to produce an off-site dance event, location to be announced.

According to Vanessa Tamburi, IDACO's Artistic Director, *"a number of Italian artists have found fertile creative ground in NYC, with its considerable stimulation and creative input. We hope to give contemporary dancers and choreographers from Italy the opportunity to connect with New York's local artistic communities, bring their ideas abroad and have their work seen and acknowledged in the USA."* IDACOnyc hopes to encourage networking and artistic research between multiple creative resources, cross cultural boundaries and offer an artistic platform while cultivating a sense of shared identity.

The 2019 IDACOnyc theme is DIVER/CITY. Unity in diversity is a concept of "unity without uniformity and diversity without fragmentation." DIVER/CITY - unity in diversity, an understanding that our differences enrich human interactions.

The 2019 IDACOnyc season is curated by Vanessa Tamburi/Flusso dance, Cecilia Fontanesi/Parcon NYC, Nancy Allison Dance & Film, IDACO Artistic Board and is supported by the Italian Cultural Institute (NY). IDACO 2019 will be presented in partnership with INSCENA!, Vivo Ballet, Anabella Lenzu/DanceDrama, Ticino in Danza, and Valentina Celada. The program is sponsored in part by Arvero il limoncello.

**IDACOnyc 5th Anniversary Season Performances – The Sheen Center
18 Bleecker Street, New York, NY 10012
(212) 219-3132**

Wednesday, May 22 (7:30pm)

Thursday, May 23 (7:30pm)

Friday, May 24 (6:00pm)

Friday, May 24 (9:00pm)

TICKETS: bit.ly/2I2FGfM

General Admission - \$30.

Student - \$20

(Two, three and four-day ticket passes available at discounted rate)

THE SHEEN CENTER PERFORMANCE LINEUP:

Wednesday, May 22nd at 7.30pm

Corinne Darde/ Virgilio Sieni (film) - Michele Manzini (film)- QBC Company -
Vito Alfarano (film) - Balletto di Sardegna - Trina Mannino - LineOut Dance Company

Thursday, May 23rd at 7.30pm

Alice Nardi - Li Chiao-Ping Dance - Ariadne Mikou (film) - ECS/Susy McHugh Dance - Abe
Abraham (film) - LineOut Dance Company - Iuvenis Danza/Davide Biancheria (film)
Insieme Irreali/Pietro Marullo

Friday, May 24th at 6pm

Corinne Darde/Virgilio Sieni (film) - Azul Dance theatre - Gessica Cipriano (film) - Patrick O'Brien
Dance - Alvaro Congosto (film) - Natalie Marrone/the Dance Cure - Augenblick (film) Noha Dance
Company

Friday May 24th at 9pm

Alice Nardi - Filomena Rusciano (film) - Detox Movement Inc. - Anabella Lenzu (film)
Lineout Dance Company - Baptiste Rouveure (film) - Vivo Ballet

PARTICIPATING ARTISTS:

DANCE

Balletto di Sardegna IT, Insieme Surreali IT/ Belgium, LineOut Dance Company IT, NOHA Dance
Company IT, VIVO Ballet - Enzo Celli USA/IT, Alice Nardi /IT, Azul Dance Theatre JP/ USA,
Detox Movement Inc USA, Patrick O'Brien Dance Project USA, Li Chiao-Ping Dance USA, Natalie
Marrone / The Dance Cure USA, QBC Company USA/TAIWAN, Trina Mannino IT/USA,
ECS - Susie McHugh + Dancers USA

FILM

Vito Alfarano IT, Augenblick IT, Abe Abraham USA
Gessica Cipriano IT, Alvaro Congosto USA, Corrine Darde/ Virgilio Sieni FR
Iuvenis Danza/Davide Bianchera IT, Anabella Lenzu USA, Michele Manzini IT, Filomena Rusciano
IT, Ariadne Mikou USA, Baptiste Rouveure FR

ABOUT THE “ITALIAN DANCE CONNECTION”

IDACOnyc was founded by **Vanessa Tamburi** and **Enzo Celli** in 2015. The organization hopes to create space for new collaborations, and offer a supportive, inspiring and creative environment for dancers, movers, performance artists, video artists, musicians, and all creative people interested in the art of movement. [Read more>>>>](#)

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