

2022-2023 SEASON

# DEPARTMENT of DANCE



KENNESAW STATE  
UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

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# BE *transformed*



From compelling student performances and exhibitions to professional faculty and guest artist presentations, the College of the Arts at Kennesaw State University provides transformational experiences for our students and the communities we serve. ArtsKSU is essential to the cultural fabric of our campus, metropolitan Atlanta, and Northwest Georgia.

Our 2022-23 season proudly reflects our ongoing commitment to student discovery, diverse perspectives, innovative scholarship, and artistic excellence. A dynamic collaboration among the School of Art and Design, Department of Dance, Bailey School of Music, and Department of Theatre and Performance Studies, KSU's College of the Arts is a community of artists and scholars dedicated to expanding the boundaries of knowledge, possibility, and imagination.

Our 2022-2023 ArtsKSU Season features a diverse range of offerings including exhibitions by distinguished artists Lesley Dill and Oscar Muñoz at our Zuckerman Museum of Art; original works by acclaimed choreographers Tsai Tsi Hung and Chuck Wilt at our Dance Theater; a performance by the Atlanta Opera at our Bailey Performance Center; and a powerful staging of the blockbuster musical *RENT* on our Stillwell Theater stage.

In a rapidly changing world, the arts remain a beacon of our shared humanity. We hope you will join us for our remarkable 2022-2023 season and be transformed!

Harrison Long  
Interim Dean, College of the Arts

*Front cover: Department of  
Dance students; image by  
Lauren Liz Photo.*

# Support artsKSU

## You may support the arts at KSU in many ways:

**Scholarships:** Endow a scholarship and generate a named award in perpetuity, or contribute to an annual scholarship.

**Seat/Plaque Naming:** Name a seat in one of ArtKSU's many venues, or a plaque in the School of Art and Design.

### Want to learn more?

Contact Kelly Smith  
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or call 470-578-3129

### Want to give today?

Visit [community.kennesaw.edu/COTA](https://community.kennesaw.edu/COTA)



## Become an ArtsKSU Member!

Support ArtsKSU by becoming an ArtsKSU Member, starting at only \$25. Enjoy a variety of benefits, including ticket discounts and free exchanges through 5/31/23. You'll also score invitations to the Season Preview event in Spring 2023, plus exclusive events throughout the year! Join now at [ticketing.kennesaw.edu](https://ticketing.kennesaw.edu) or call 470-578-6650.

**New This Year! Free Concierge Service | 20% Discount\* | Choose Your Own Seats**

### Bailey School of Music Reception

Friday, Sept. 23, 2022 | 6:30 p.m.

Celebrate the Hispanic Heritage Festival with bandoneon artist Daniel Benelli and Columbia conductor Germán Gutiérrez.

### Department of Dance Reception

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022 | 7 p.m.

Enjoy a reception featuring pre-show conversation and Q&A with the choreographers of *Carte Blanche*.

### Department of Theatre and Performance Studies Pre-Talk

Saturday, Feb. 26, 2023 | 7 p.m.

Listen to pre-play conversation before Caryl Churchill's *Love and Information* and interact with our students and creative team.

### School of Art and Design Artist Talk

Saturday, Apr. 15, 2023 | 11 a.m.

Hear artist Lesley Dill as she discusses her artistic practice and artwork at the ZMA, *Lesley Dill Wilderness: Light Sizzles Around Me*.

### College of the Arts 2023-2024 Season Preview Event

Sunday, May 7, 2023 | 4 p.m.

Join us for a preview of the 2023-2024 season, enjoy light refreshments, and purchase your tickets before the general public.

\*Some exclusions apply.



# RESEARCH in the *arts*



Dylan Carter (B.A., Theatre, '19) earned the coveted top student researcher award in the creative arts category at the Georgia Conference on Undergraduate Research in Nov. 2018, and then presented his research on fairy tales at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in 2019. Image by Rob Witzel.

## **Graduate Research Symposium**

**August 2** | 6-7:30 p.m. | ArtsKSU Virtual  
Presented by Dr. Jessica Stephenson,  
MA Interim Graduate Program Coordinator

Join our inaugural cohort of Master of Art & Design graduate students online as they share their thesis and project research. The video presentations will span the topics of Art Education, Digital Animation, and Museum Studies.

## **Fall Undergraduate Research Week**

**Oct. 31-Nov. 4** | On Demand via  
ArtsKSU Virtual

Undergraduate students from the School of Art and Design, Department of Dance, Bailey School of Music, and the Department of Theatre and Performance Studies will share their research activities via videos on demand. Hosted by the College of the Arts Council for Undergraduate Research.



## 4th Faculty Research in the Arts Colloquium

**November 4** | 3 p.m. | ZMA Atrium and ArtsKSU Virtual

Join our professors from the College of the Arts as they share their scholarship and research expertise in our Faculty Research in the Arts Colloquium. Includes brief Q&A.

Presented by the COTA Research Advisory Committee.

## Spring Undergraduate Research Week

**March 27-March 31** | On Demand via ArtsKSU Virtual

Undergraduate students from the School of Art and Design, Department of Dance, Bailey School of Music, and the Department of Theatre and Performance Studies will share their research activities via videos on demand. Hosted by the College of the Arts Council for Undergraduate Research.

## Undergraduate Research Forum

**March 29** | 2 p.m. | ZMA Atrium and ArtsKSU Virtual

Students from all four units of the College of the Arts will present an overview of their scholarship in person; also streamed live.

## Spring Faculty Research Forum

**April 12** | 3-4:45 p.m. | ZMA Atrium and ArtsKSU Virtual

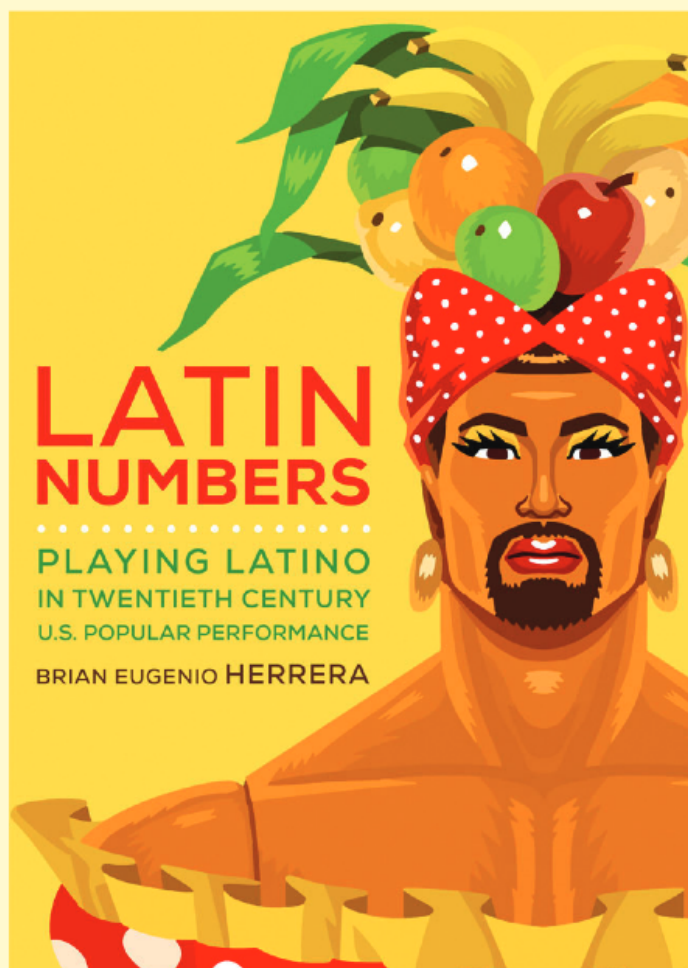
Please join us for the Spring Faculty Research Forum, in-person or virtually, as our faculty present their research in the arts.

## Dr. Brian E. Herrera

**February 20** | 7 p.m.  
Scott Hall | ArtsKSU Virtual



Don't miss this evening lecture with Dr. Brian E. Herrera, Associate Professor of Theater and Gender & Sexuality Studies at Princeton University's Lewis Center for the Arts. Hosted by the College of the Arts Council for Undergraduate Research.



Dr. Brian Eugenio Herrera is the author of *Latin Numbers: Playing Latino in Twentieth Century U.S. Popular Performance*. He will be presenting his lecture on February 20 at 7 p.m.

A group of dancers in white outfits performing on a stage with dramatic lighting. The dancers are in various poses, some with arms raised, creating a sense of movement and energy. The lighting is warm and focused, highlighting the dancers against a dark background.

# DEPARTMENT of DANCE

where **IMAGINATION**

*moved*

**T**he Department of Dance at Kennesaw State University is Georgia's largest undergraduate dance program, and home to Atlanta's premiere dance theater. We offer a Bachelor of Arts in Dance, unique professional partnerships, extensive co-curricular activities, and exciting performance and choreographic opportunities.

The 2022-2023 season provides a platform for the outstanding education that students receive at KSU Dance, and we hope that you will join us in our world-class facilities for our dynamic new season. You will experience high caliber works by our faculty and students, and by nationally and internationally accomplished guest artists.

Our professional presenting season and partnerships distinguish KSU Dance and provide students with unique and valuable experiences to engage with the professional practice of dance.

Learn more: [kennesaw.edu/arts/dance](https://kennesaw.edu/arts/dance).

Left to right: Dance students Myles Jones, Autumn Bryant, Omari Collier, Reagan Replogle, and Madison Martin; image by Lauren Liz Photo.





# DOUBLE EXPOSURE

**AUG.**  
**26-27**  
**8 p.m.**

Dance Theater, KSU Marietta Campus | \$15-\$20

Double Exposure features two world premieres by Tsai Hsi Hung and Chuck Wilt, performed by the KSU Dance Company. This work represents the culmination of the Pomare/Connor Summer Residency, which offers KSU Dance the opportunity to invite leading choreographers to set work on students. Designed as a platform for experimentation and creative freedom, this evening of ground-breaking concert dance promises to be original and inspiring.

*This concert is made possible thanks to the Pomare/Connor Memorial Endowment fund for Dance at KSU.*



Dancers Autumn and Skie Justice; image by Lauren Liz Photo.





# CARTE BLANCHE

Dance Theater, KSU Marietta Campus | \$15-\$20

Join us for an evening of contemporary and classical choreography, featuring four original dance works by faculty and guests. These live performances provide us with an opportunity to highlight not only the talent of our students but also the diverse artistic voices that make KSU Dance a leader in undergraduate education in the Southeastern US. Enjoy!

**NOV.**  
**11-12**  
**8 p.m.**

Dancers: Angellita Andrade, Deanna Saunders, Laney Burns; image by Lauren Liz Photo.



# AMOR

**by BOCA TUYA**

**JAN.**  
**27-28**  
**8 p.m.**

Dance Theater, KSU Marietta Campus  
\$15-\$20

KSU Dance is pleased to present the New York-based company, Boca Tuya, highlighting an evening of dance by acclaimed choreographer Omar Román de Jesús. Amor features breathtaking movement vocabulary, drama, fantasy, and humor. Elements of this work are derived from a long lineage of events and practices that can be traced back to personal and collective experiences.



Boca Tuya; image by Jacob Jonas.





# CLOWNS AND POLITICAL MOTHER

Hofesh Shechter Company  
Dance Theater, KSU Marietta Campus | \$15-\$20

## **CLOWNS (On Film)**

Hofesh Shechter's *Clowns* is a dance film that plays out a macabre comedy of murder and desire, asking how far we will go in the name of entertainment. Directed, choreographed and composed by Hofesh Shechter, it combines bold, exhilarating and tribal movement by ten dancers with a percussive, cinematic score.


## **POLITICAL MOTHER: The Final Cut (On Film)**

Hofesh Shechter's iconic stage work *Political Mother* explodes onto the screen as an unplugged, unapologetic and exhilarating new short film.

From behind the lens, Shechter brings Battersea Arts Centre's imposing architecture and intimate spaces centre stage, immersing audiences within a fragile world of raw emotions as a group of individuals struggle against the complex structures that define their world, and ours.

Image courtesy of Hofesh Shechter Company.

**MAR.**  
**17-18**  
**8 p.m.**



**APR.**  
**28-29**  
**8 p.m.**

# STUDENT DANCE CONCERT

Dance Theater, KSU Marietta Campus | \$15-\$20

The Student Dance Concert highlights works created by, and for our students. This juried event showcases the diversity of our student body and displays their artistic voices and creative talents.





Student Zac Pitts; image by Lauren Liz Photo.



# FORM | FLOW

Photo courtesy of Terminus Modern Ballet Theater.





Dance Theater,  
KSU Marietta Campus | \$15-\$20

A repertory program with a world premier showcasing the exquisite artists of Terminus Modern Ballet Theatre as they seamlessly blend ballet *Form* with the *Flow* of contemporary movement. Experience exhilarating dance storytelling at its finest, as you connect to the sheer beauty, physical power, and profound humanity of dance.

**MAY 6**  
8 p.m.

**MAY 7**  
2 p.m.





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### **College of the Arts**

Prof. Harrison Long, Interim Dean

Dr. Peter Fielding, Associate Dean

Dr. Leslie J. Blackwell, Interim Associate Dean

Prof. Geo Sipp, Director, School of Art & Design

Prof. Marsha Barsky, Chair, Department of Dance

Dr. Julia Bullard, Interim Director, Bailey School of Music

Prof. Chuck Meacham, Chair, Department of Theatre & Performance Studies

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