



ARTISTIC TEAM

Artistic Director: Anne von Bibra
Technical Director: Stephen Schroeder
Costume Design: Anne von Bibra
Costumes: Olivia Haidle, Otessa Olson, Sierra McGuire, Anne von Bibra
Poster Design: Kae McMahon
Poster Photo: Acer Wang
Program design: Raveena-Flor Lalwani
Publicity: Raveena-Flor Lalwani

The St. Olaf College Dance Department Presents

VESELICA

International Dance Ensemble
Spring Concert 2023



DANCERS

Adrian Ayala
Claire Bouma
Ellie Fischenich
Rayvin Gierwatowski
Raveena-Flor Lalwani
Elizabeth Leeser
Celeste Osterheld
Sugey Romero Sagrero
Larissa Rabelo Santana
Alani Villoria
Blake Wieseler

TECHNICAL CREW



Stage Manager: Ava Miller
Assistant Stage Managers: Alex Tulga, Teresa Zheng
Sound Board Operator: Sophie Smith
Light Board Operator: O'Neill Hathcoat
Wardrobe and Run Crew: Dorothy Hendrickson, Elina Sargsyan, Emma Smith, Kathryn Sprandel, Jordan Wright
Videographer: Hailey Frank
House Managers: Joy Meyers, Ella Vanderkoff
Ushers: Morgan Burkum, Hailey Frank, Abby Hartberg, AnnaGrace Katzenmeier, Joy Meyers, Lily Mittlestadt, Mary Staplin
Dance Technicians: Adele Hensley, Grace Klinefelter, Ava Miller, Abby Newcomb, Sophia Bloch, Alexander Dagher, Ella Douma, O'Neill Hathcoat, Sophie Higgs, Aryan Khilari, Colleen Peery, Sophie Smith, Alex Tulga, Teresa Zheng

TO OUR AUDIENCE...

Veselica (Veh-SELL-eetsa) means celebration. Our goal is to celebrate the rich dance traditions of the world. Thank you for joining us today!

Friday April 21, 2023, 7:30 PM
Saturday April 22, 2023, 2:00 &
7:30 pm
Wagner Bundgaard Studio 1
Center for Art and Dance

COLOMBIA

Pilanderas

Choreography: Luis Fernando Trouchón; restaged by Melissa Teodoro
Music: "Pila Pilanderas" by Efraín Mejía (Cumbia Soledaña)

Dancers: Claire Bouma, Ellie Fischenich, Rayvin Gierwatowski, Raveena-Flor Lalwani, Elizabeth Leaser, Larissa Rabelo Santos, Sughey Romero Sagrero, Alani Villoria

HAWAII

Hula Pele

Choreography: Michael Pili Pang
Music: Michael Pili Pang and Hālau Hula Ka No'ea
Dancers: Veselica

FUSION

Rondo a la Turk

Choreography: Anne von Bibra, in collaboration with Karla Grotting and Judy Yamahiro
Music: Blue Rondo a la Turk on the Evolution of the Brass Quintet album recorded by The Copper Street Brass Quintet
Dancers: Veselica Ensemble

INDIA

Modern Kathak and Bharatnatyam Fusion

Choreography: Srilekha Garishakurti (Bharatnatyam) and Raveena-Flor Lalwani (Kathak)
Music: "Breathless" (1998) performed by Shankar Mahadevan
Composer: Shankar Mahadevan
Lyricist: Javed Akhtar
Dancer: Raveena-Flor Lalwani

GHANA

Gota

Choreography: Emmanuel Cudjoe
Music: Recorded at the University of Ghana in Legon
Dancers: Adrian Ayala, Claire Bouma, Ellie Fischenich, Rayvin Gierwatowski, Celeste Osterheld, Sughey Romero Sagrero, Alani Villoria

UZBEKISTAN

Bukhorocha

Choreography: Kadyr Mumikov
Music: Traditional
Dancer: Elizabeth Leaser

Omon Yor

Choreography: Kadyr Mumikov, set on Veselica by Anne von Bibra
Music: "Omon Yor"
Dancers: Ellie Fischenich & Raveena-Flor Lalwani

EGYPT

Tahtib

Choreography: Meredith Holt
Music: EDT Folk Orchestra
Dancers: Adrian Ayala and Blake Wieseler

Saidi Cane Dance

Choreography: Meredith Holt
Music: Samina Nadea
Dancers: Ellie Fischenich & Larissa Rabelo Santana
Costumes: On loan from Ethnic Dance Theatre

INDIA

Bollywood: Lavani and Semi-Classical Fusion

Choreography: Remo D'Souza, originally performed by Priyanka Chopra Jonas and Deepika Padukone, restaged by Raveena-Flor Lalwani
Music: "Pinga" (2015) performed by Shreya Ghoshal and Vaishali Mhade
Composer: Sanjay Leela Bhansali
Lyricist: Siddharth-Garima
Dancers: Raveena-Flor Lalwani & Elizabeth Leaser

SPAIN

Bulerías

Choreography: Adrian Ayala
Music: Cover of "Ímpetu" by Luciano Ghosn
Original composition by Mario Escudero
Dancer: Adrian Ayala
Palmas: Ellie Fischenich and Blake Wieseler

MEXICO

Bailes de Veracruz

El Colás & El Tilingo Lingo

Choreography: Sughey Romero Sagrero
Music: Son Real y Que Siga la Lucha Vivan los Inmigrantes album recorded by Son Jarocho and Nuevo Son Jarocho album by Conjunto Jardín
Dancers: Adrian Ayala, Claire Bouma, Rayvin Gierwatowski, Elizabeth Leaser, Sughey Romero Sagrero, Blake Wieseler

INDONESIA

Sekar Arum

Choreography: Anne von Bibra (based on original work by Tri Sutrisno)
Music: Joko Sutrisno, composer and director; performed by the Sumunar Gamelan
Dancers: Ellie Fischenich, Rayvin Gierwatowski, Raveena-Flor Lalwani, Elizabeth Leaser, Celeste Osterheld, Sughey Romero Sagrero, Alani Villoria

BASQUE COUNTRY

Basque Suite

Choreography: Oier Araoloza and Josu Garate
Music: Soka-dantzan: Ikerfolk, Jira Galdua
Aurrekua: Ikerfolk, Jira Galdua
Zinta-dantza: Aiko, Santillana
Txertubi (Fandangoa): Tapia eta Leturia
Aiko Taldea: Oinak Kantuz, Matxinsalto
Dancers: Veselica Ensemble

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Ethnic Dance Theatre for the loan of the Egyptian costumes
The Dance Department, Tech and Costume Crews Karla Grotting, Don LaCourse, and Vince
A special thanks also to our families for their love and support.

The images used in the slide shows are drawn from Flickr, Creative Commons, Database to Enhance Asian Studies and Google Images using a Creative Commons CC-BY-SA, CC-BY-3.0 CC BY-NC-ND 2.0 or CC-BY-4.0 license as well as the personal photo collections of Anne von Bibra. We gratefully acknowledge these sources.