Atlanta’s Core Dance joins national digital wave of online performances

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A wave of dance is set to wash over the digital landscape on Saturday, April 18, and Atlanta’s Core Dance will be joining the vast pool of talent across the U.S. that will be participating in the National Water Dance.

Core Dance closed its Decatur studio in March and its professional dance company members have been in self-isolation. But at 4 p.m. Saturday, they’ll perform their
Dance site at nwdprojects.org. Because of the current need for social distancing, the dancers will all be contributing from their own homes.

The National Water Dance project was created to promote dance as a voice for environmental awareness. Dance companies and individuals from across the nation will be participating. There are instructions on the National Water Dance website for anyone who wants to be a part of the event, and the page includes shared movement phrases for the beginning and end of the dance that are meant to connect all who join in.

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Core Dance was planning to perform “Dancing for Our Lives” on Driftwood Beach on Jekyll Island, where they’d also performed in 2018. It was to be part of a residency in the coastal community that would have involved working with non-profit organizations such as the Golden Isles Arts & Humanities Association, Jekyll Island Authority and Glynn Environmental Coalition. Though the planned residency isn’t happening, the company will still livestream this weekend’s performance on the Golden Isles Arts & Humanities Association’s Facebook page at facebook.com/goldenislesarts.
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