Guide: Here’s where to watch Houston dance livestreams

Mark your calendars for these livestreams by Houston dance artists.

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Core Dance's 2018 National Water Dance performance took place at Driftwood Beach, Jekyll Island, Georgia. This year, the dancers will participate from their homes.

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A gold rush of spectacular filmed dance performances from across time and the globe has put me into a kind of deer-in-the-headlights trance in the past few weeks. Such a bounty, but what to watch first? And when to stop for a break?

An email with a “Save the Date” line was a welcome surprise, announcing a livestream broadcast by a Houston company. It still doesn’t beat live theater, but I’m happy to be given a schedule that will add some structure to the blur of hours, days and weeks.

Watch this space in the coming weeks for free, locally-based livestreams to add to your calendar. One of the first invites viewer participation. All times are Central.

**Core Dance: 3 p.m. April 18, Facebook Live**

Sue Schroeder’s company normally divides its time between Houston and Decatur, Ga. With stay-safe-at-home mandates, its dancers are now divided in their respective homes – but also joining more than 2,000 dancers from 38 states for this year’s National Water Dance project.

An artist-driven collective that assembles a “movement choir” every other year for a simultaneous performance, the 2020 National Water Dance performances will all begin and end with a shared movement phrase that evokes human connection despite the physical distancing.

Core had planned to perform outside on the Georgia coast, partnering with the Glynn Environmental Coalition, Jekyll Island Authority and Golden Isles Art and Humanities. Its work began last August with community outreach about safe seafood. When the Golden Ray Cargo Ship capsized off Jekyll Island last September, the sensitive ecosystem was compromised even more, and the dance work became more urgent, Schroeder says.

“We need everyone to take part in bringing us back into balance with this precious planet that we all call home,” Schroeder says.

To join the dance, watch an info session at 3 p.m. April 9 and plan to rehearse at 3 p.m. April 16, via Zoom (contact info@coredance.org).

**UH Dance Ensemble: 6 p.m. April 26, Facebook Live**

To replace its canceled spring dance concert, the UH Dance Ensemble and its guest artists are premiering their first online video compilation.

“EDW Reinvented Solos” features dance phrasing choreographed by the UH dance program faculty, including John Beasant III, Teresa Chapman, Leslie Scates, Karen Stokes and Becky Valls; plus guest artists Joshua William DeAlba and Tracie Jackson.

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