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### ***PALM SPRINGS DANCE PROJECT: Launches Its 2022 Season With Great Fanfare!***

The Palm Springs Dance Project launched its 2022 season with an invitation-only party held at the Palm Springs Convention Center for donors, sponsors, artists, and collaborators on Friday, November 12, 2021. Guests enjoyed an evening of celebration, a gorgeous pas de deux performance by Kybele Dance Theatre of Los Angeles, and an opportunity to secure VIP seating to the season's MAIN EVENT, entitled *The Connoisseurs' Club*, taking place on March 12, 2022. The high point of the evening was the unveiling of the first trailer for the Dance Project's largest project to date - an original full-length feature film.

The film, an odyssey in dance and imagination, was created and directed by the Dance Project's Artistic Director, Stephen Agisilaou. The film honors Palm Springs and its dance community, involving upwards of 50 local dancers on location at various iconic Palm Springs sites and settings. The film will have its world premiere in March 2022 then travel the world on the film festival circuit through 2025.

The trailer was greeted with excitement and enthusiasm, as was the announcement that local businessman John P. Monahan would be taking a major role in funding by becoming the film's Executive Producer. Monahan stated "This is really exciting. I have not seen anything like this before that highlights our very talented dance community in a film dedicated to the City of Palm Springs. Stephen is amazing and is taking the Palm Springs Dance Project, with this film production, to a whole new level" The sentiment was echoed by Jeremy Hobbs of the Western Wind Foundation, who pledged a substantial contribution towards the project and encouraged others to follow suit during his address to the event's guests.

Founder and Executive Director, Darcy Carozza said of the evening "It was a glorious night with such positive energy. I couldn't be prouder of how our dance film project has brought our community together at an even deeper level than ever before. This has been an awesome adventure. The attention that this film will bring to our city, it's dancers, and our dance project as it tours around the world is thrilling!"

## PALM SPRINGS DANCE PROJECT 2022 SEASON

Saturday, February 19, 2022

### **MODERNISM WEEK**

#### **Kings Point Performance and Presentation**

E. Murray Canyon Dr. near S. Camino Real, in Palm Springs

The Dance Project proudly collaborates with the historic Kings Point Community and Modernism Week to bring groovy throw-back, mid-century dance moves to life in all their glory! Kings Point is one of Palm Springs most architectural significant communities, designed by the late architect, William Krisel. The historic mid-century modern community will host an epic time-capsule tour of 7 stunning mid-century homes - complete with period vintage vehicles, entertainment, and experiences that will take you back in time. Tickets available through Modernism Week, [modernismweek.com](http://modernismweek.com)

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

### **THE ANNIVERSARY - *World Premiere***

The biggest dance film ever shot in Palm Springs

The Palm Springs Dance Project presents a Stephen Agisilaou full-length dance film shot entirely in and dedicated to the City of Palm Springs. Never before has there been such an undertaking!

This odyssey in imagination and dance will premiere at the iconic Annenberg Theater at the Palm Springs Art Museum before heading off on the film festival circuit from 2022-2025. The film incorporates a plethora of unique artists, including upwards of 50 local dancers from pre-teen to senior. This creative, rich, cinematic film takes us on a spellbinding journey as told through the universal language of dance. The film was produced by the Palm Springs Dance project and made possible by the vivid and fertile imagination of screenwriter and director Stephen Agisilaou; the compellingly creative cinematography of New York director of photography, Wesley Foster; and an amazing network of collaborators and supporters.

Saturday, March 12, 2022, 7:00 pm, Special Matinee Performance at 3:30 pm

### **THE MAIN EVENT - *The Connoisseur Club***

Indian Canyon Golf Resort & Country Club

1100 Murray Canyon Dr., Palm Springs

An original Palm Springs cabaret - *The Connoisseur Club* - will live for one night only. With this club-like, immersive environment featuring multiple performance locations, no matter where you are seated you will have a full, unique, and individual experience. To satiate the senses, guests will experience flowing bubbly and luscious petit plates of fruit, chocolate & nuts, have photo opportunities, and time to enjoy conversation during the reception. Everyone will then be seated at intimate tables of 8 where they will enjoy an open bar, coffee service and a expertly curated show featuring a cast of more than a dozen stunning professional dancers from across the United States. Our special matinee performance offers a show-only option with a no-host bar.

**Palm Springs Dance Project** is a 501(c)(3) public benefit non-profit. Learn more at [PSDanceProject.Org](http://PSDanceProject.Org)