

The Danse Lumière Newsletter

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Danse Lumière Highlights in 2018:

- In January, the **San Francisco Movement Festival** presented Danse Lumière in Grace Cathedral. The company performed highlights from *The Emily Dances* inspired by Emily Dickinson.
- In June, Danse Lumière presented the third **Women Ballet Choreographers and Composers Residency** at the **Djerassi Resident Artists Program**. Participants included **Julia Adam**, **Jennifer Archibald**, **Dalia Rawson**, **Lissa Resnick**, and **Kathryn Roszak** and composers **Carla Lucero** and **Audrey Vardanega**. Honors were given to Choreographer **Julia Adam**, Artistic Director of Julia Adam Dance, and to **Helgi Tomasson** for presenting women choreographers as part of the Unbound Festival with **San Francisco Ballet**. San Francisco Ballet Master **Betsy Erickson** accepted the honor with this quote by **Helgi Tomasson**, "Congratulations to Kathryn Roszak for establishing this important residency celebrating and supporting female Choreographers, now in its 3rd year." The event included open rehearsals, screenings, and an interdisciplinary panel discussion. Visit dlkdance.com/wbcr for further details. Next year's residency will take place on **June 15 and 16, 2019**.
- Also in June, Danse Lumière was invited to present *Secrets on the Way*, inspired by Swedish Nobel Prize-winning poet **Tomas Tranströmer** at **Beyond Baroque** in Los Angeles. Writers **Maxine Hong Kingston** and **Eleanor Wong Telemaque** were in the audience.

Secrets Film:

Ms. Roszak's motion picture *Secrets* was inspired by Tranströmer's poem *Schubertiana* and completed this past year. It received a work-in-progress screening at **Beyond Baroque** and at the Djerassi Resident Artists Program in Woodside, California, in addition to a screening of the completed film at the **Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive** in September. The film screens in Mexico City and Stockholm next year. **Eleanor Wong Telemaque** wrote of the film: "Ms. Roszak's motion picture *Secrets* was filmed in New York City and Northern California. Using the poetry of 2011 Nobel Prize Winner, Tomas Tranströmer she gives us Manhattan's skyline, intimate peeks into the windows of what Thomas Wolfe calls the city of "manswarm." In her *The Couple* we see the dance of life and death between two beautiful young lovers. Are we witnessing the death of humanity? Can we the people survive our new world of robots and internet and fake news? I watched that afternoon a meditation in dance and poetry of the open hypocrisy of our time." Eleanor Wong Telemaque is the author of *Its Crazy to Stay Chinese in Minnesota* (Thomas Nelson) *The Sammy Wong Files* (Winner First Borough of Manhattan award for Literature).



Bryn Perry, student of Dalia Rawson's The New Ballet School, San Jose at the Women Ballet Choreographers and Composers Residency Djerassi 2018. Photo taken by Djerassi

Outreach and Education:

- This Fall, Kathryn Roszak co-created and was guest curator for the new course *Creativity, Migration and Transformation* as part of the *Big Ideas* course presented by **Art and Design at U.C. Berkeley**. Ms. Roszak's guests included Venezuelan ballerina **Rosselyn Ramirez** of **Diablo Ballet**, **Fernanda Fisher**, daughter of Academy Award-winning actress **Rita Moreno**, and Composer **Carla Lucero**. Links to talks are available on our website.

Coming in 2019:

- Kathryn Roszak returns to the **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute** at U.C. Berkeley to teach a new course *The Great Choreographers*. This will be offered in spring 2019.
- Outreach Program/Kid and Adult Dance classes: Check our website for updates.

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Left: Guest Curator Kathryn Roszak with Fernanda Fisher at UC Berkeley's Big Ideas course series
Right: Academy Award-winning Actress Rita Moreno with daughter, Fernanda Fisher

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