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DANCES FOR A VARIABLE POPULATION PRESENTS WASHINGTON SQUARE DANCES 2019 AND CLAREMONT PARK BRONX DANCES WITH HIGHLIGHTS FROM REVIVAL 3: IT'S ABOUT TIME, A COLLABORATIVE CELEBRATION OF 20TH CENTURY DANCEMAKERS

NEW YORK, AUGUST 15, 2019 – Celebrating women, dance and the beauty of age, **Dances For A Variable Population (DVP)** will present two performances and two interactive workshops of **WASHINGTON SQUARE DANCES 2019 AND CLAREMONT PARK BRONX DANCES**. The performances will feature highlights from **REVIVAL 3: It's About Time**, an outdoor public dance project featuring 10 legendary dance artists and 50 non-professional senior dancers, who, in some ways, allow us to become time-travelers. Through their memories and dancing bodies, we can journey to the dance traditions of other times. **REVIVAL 3: It's About Time**, connects a multi-generational dance company with female choreographers in their 60s, 70s and 80s. Now, as part of DVP's 10th year of free performances in iconic spaces, *Washington Square Dances 2019* will take place on Saturday, September 14 at 6 pm in Garibaldi Plaza, at Washington Square Park in Manhattan, with a workshop, **ALL TOGETHER DANCE** at 5 PM. *Claremont Park Bronx Dances* will be on Saturday, September 21 at 3PM on the Handball Court in Claremont Park, the Bronx, followed by with an **ALL TOGETHER DANCE** workshop at 4PM. All performances are free.

For both these events, Dances For A Variable Population welcomes choreographers **Shirley Black Brown Coward** (*Universal Dance Theater, Broadway*), **Tina Bush** (*Forces of Nature*), **Ara Fitzgerald** (*Daniel Nagrin's Workgroup*), **Ellen Graff** (*Martha Graham Company*), **Elizabeth Keen** (*Paul Taylor Dance Company, Helen Tamiris*), **Myna Majors** (*The WNBA N.Y. Liberty Timeless Torches*), **Sandra Rivera** (*founding member of Ballet Hispanico*), **Alice Teirstein** (*Young Dancemakers Company*), **Marnie Thomas Wood** (*Martha Graham Company*) along with artistic director of DVP **Naomi Goldberg Haas**. *Washington Square Dances 2019 and Claremont Park Bronx Dances* will also feature over 50 seniors from DVP's free **MOVEMENT SPEAKS®** programs which take place at over 19 sites across the city.

In a project of historical, social and technical exploration, *Washington Square Dances 2019 and Claremont Park Bronx Dances* highlights ten choreographers, extraordinary artists who trained in dance traditions of the 20th century. They transmit and interpret the essence of Martha Graham, Paul Taylor, Katherine Dunham and Alvin Ailey, celebrating the past performing careers of these artists and the impact these techniques have had on dance history and their lives. Through exploration across dance studios, libraries, senior and recreation centers in Manhattan and the Bronx, these

events will bring audiences the unique expression of older adults mixed with the power of older trained professionals.

This one-of-a-kind event will be free to the public. It will provide diverse audiences an opportunity to see movement distilled from the seminal techniques of legendary geniuses, to see the eloquence of the older brain/older body, and to see older artists create.

Performances will also include a public workshop for adults of all ages and abilities. Through this workshop, audiences including seniors and differently-abled individuals will dance in ways that are new to them, be stretched physically and intellectually, and gain new experiences of personal mastery.

PROGRAM and VENUE INFORMATION

Saturday, September 14 at 6 PM

Garibaldi Plaza (east of the Fountain)

Washington Square Park

#1 train to Christopher Street

Walk to 3 blocks east to Washington Square South, Enter park

#6 train to Astor Place

Walk three blocks west to Washington Square North, Enter park

N/R local train in 8th Street

Walk two block west to Washington Square East, Enter park

ALL TOGETHER DANCE: 5 PM

Saturday, Sept 21 at 3PM

Handball Court on Clay Ave, Claremont Park

2 train to the Bronx. Exit at 149 St/3rd Ave; BX 41 bus to Webster Ave/Claremont Pkwy.

Walk south on Webster Ave toward Claremont Parkway to Claremont Park

Performance is on the handball court (on Clay Ave across from McDonald's parking lot)

ALL TOGETHER DANCE: 4PM

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ABOUT DANCES FOR A VARIABLE POPULATION

Founded in 2005 by Naomi Goldberg Haas, Dances for a Variable Population (DVP) promotes strong and creative movement among people of all ages and abilities with a focus on seniors. The organization's programming includes: a multigenerational performance company that engages community members as participants and audiences; Movement Speaks® and Dances for Seniors, which are free, community-based programs for modest income and culturally underserved older adults, annually serves over 700 seniors; Variable Pop Method Expressive Dance and Fitness classes for adults of all ages, offered year- round; and performance and training opportunities for older professional dancers and choreographers. DVP's site-related performances have been presented in some of New York City's most iconic public spaces, including Times Square, the New York Botanical Garden, Washington Square Park, and the High Line.