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## ISLAND MOVING COMPANY ANNOUNCES SPRING PERFORMANCE SERIES NOW ON SALE

(Newport, RI) - Island Moving Company (IMC), Newport's contemporary ballet, released details today for their Spring Repertory & Family Series Performances. The company will present **Resonant Visions**, May 6 & 7, and their Family Series production of **The Tales of Mother Goose** on May 7 & 8. Both performances will be presented at the Keats Theatre in the McCulloch Center for the Arts on the Campus of St. Andrews School in Barrington, RI. Information and tickets are available now at [www.islandmovingco.org](http://www.islandmovingco.org)

For the repertory production **Resonant Visions**, IMC will present two new works from choreographer's Tristian Griffin and Colin Connor. Griffin, a Native of Kansas City MO., danced with Garth Fagan Dance and the Lyric Opera of Kansas City. He is Assistant Professor, Dept of Theatre & Dance at University of Kansas, and was recently selected for the Kansas City Friends of Alvin Ailey Artist-in-Residence Program.

Mr. Griffin has created a new work for IMC inspired by a poem by Yung Pueblo. Entitled **The Missing Peace** he describes that *"At this moment, identity is at stake and so is camaraderie. The characters in The Missing Peace, are on a journey to find balance between the desire to join a community and maintain their individuality. The lesson they begin to learn is that you cannot give to others if they do not practice self-love."*

Colin Connor's wide ranging dance career is award-winning choreographer of over sixty works, a Professor Emeritus at the California Institute for the Arts, and the former Artistic Director of the American legacy Limón Dance Company.

Mr. Connor, a longstanding friend to the company, is creating a new work commemorating IMC's Founding Artistic Director Miki Ohlsen, who recently announce her retirement at the end of IMC's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season. The work will include live musical accompaniment of Ludwig van Beethoven's *32 Variations, in C minor* by pianist Andre Bauman.

Mr. Connor explained that *"from a single figure improvising alone to a company of 18 filling the stage, this work celebrates the act of choreography. It takes us behind the scenes to glimpse the creativity and drive with which Miki Ohlsen, who started from the kernel of an idea, built the kaleidoscopic company that IMC is today."*

IMC dancers will reprise Nicolo Fonte's seminal work *Where We Left Off*, for the program. The work, which Kathryn Boland of Dance Informa Magazine called **"dynamic...exciting... filled with multiplicity of possibilities....and memorably beautiful"** had its New England premiere at IMC's production of *Masterful Movers* in March.

Choreographer Nicolò Fonte is known for his unique movement language and highly-developed fusion of ideas, dance and design that is a hallmark of his work. He has created or staged his ballets for The Dutch National Ballet, Houston Ballet, Royal Danish Ballet, Pacific Northwest Ballet, Stuttgart Ballet, The Australian Ballet, Oregon Ballet Theatre, The Washington Ballet, Aspen Santa Fe Ballet, and many others.

Works from IMC's Artistic Director Miki Ohlsen, and Associate Artistic Director, Danielle Genest will complete the program. Performances for **Resonant Visions** are 7:30 pm at the Keats Theatre in the McCulloch Center for the Arts on the Campus of St. Andrews School, 63 Federal Street, Barrington, RI. Tickets range from \$35-\$58, and student & senior tickets are \$20. Information and tickets are available now at [www.islandmovingco.org](http://www.islandmovingco.org)

IMC Family Series presents its beloved **Tales of Mother Goose** for audiences aged 3 to 103-- on May 7 & 8. The classic nursery rhymes recounted by Mother Goose are imaginatively recreated through a colourful, imaginative dance performance developed & choreographed by IMC's Artistic Director Miki Ohlsen with additional choreography from production collaborators Meredith Baer, Shane Farrell, Glen Lewis and Christine Sandorfi.

The character of Mother Goose appears through a delightful performance by actor Lisa Reimer whose whimsical and sharp narration leads audience members through the familiar tales and rhymes, vibrantly brought to life by Island Moving Company's versatile dancers.

See magical performances of Humpty Dumpty, Miss Muffet, Jack and Jill, and Sing a Song of Sixpence. Mother Goose herself may invite some of the little ones in the audience to dance with the famous Old Woman who lived in a shoe. There will be photo opportunities for all the kiddos in attendance with the characters immediately following the performance.

Performance dates and times for **Tales of Mother Goose** are Saturday, May 6 at 4:00pm, and two shows on Sunday, May 8 at 1:30pm and 4pm. Each performance is one hour in length with no intermission and is suitable for children of all ages.

Adult tickets are \$45 and \$20 for students & seniors. A Family Four-Pack at \$99 provides a 25% discount for two adults and 2 students. Tickets to both shows can be purchased online at IMC's website at [www.islandmovingco.org](http://www.islandmovingco.org) or over the phone at 401.847.4470.

Additional information will be provided in future updates to IMC's Website as well as its social media platforms. Follow IMC on [FaceBook](#) , [Instagram](#) and/or sign up for the [company's e-newsletter](#) on the website.

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Now in its 40th season, Island Moving Company (IMC) - under the leadership of Artistic Director Miki Ohlsen - has produced and presented dance works by a diverse group of the world's leading dance-makers and collaborating artists to make original works that leave audiences exhilarated and transfixed.

Founded 1982, IMC is a non-profit, professional, contemporary ballet company with a long history of enriching the cultural fabric of our communities.

In addition to its mainstage and family series productions, IMC is widely known for its unique approach to experiential and site-specific performances as well as innovative use of unconventional venues such as Rosecliff Mansion, Belcourt Castle, S/V Oliver Hazard Perry, and other notable sites across Newport County.

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