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Choreographer Chiara Ajkun Reimagines ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’ for Immersive New York City Season

Acclaimed ‘Original Art’ Production Breaks the Fourth Wall in Midtown Manhattan; Performance Dates Announced for April and August 2026

NEW YORK — The **Ajkun Ballet Company** is proud to announce the return of its celebrated production of **A Midsummer Night’s Dream**, choreographed by the internationally distinguished **Chiara Ajkun**. Performed as a cornerstone of the **“Original Art”** collection, this immersive production will grace New York City stages this spring and summer, offering a visceral and contemporary interpretation of Shakespeare’s classic tale.

A New Vision for a Classic Tale

Chiara Ajkun’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* is a vivid, one-act ballet that distills the whimsy and complexity of the Athenian forest into a high-energy performance. As part of the company’s **Face to Face Series**, the production removes the traditional boundaries between artist and audience, placing viewers directly within the magical environment. The choreography emphasizes technical virtuosity and profound dramatic gravitas to tell a story of love, mischief, and transformation.

Part of the ‘Original Art’ Collection

The production is a featured work within Dr. Ajkun’s **Original Art** repertoire—a collection of over 50 ballets designed to modernize the classical landscape. By stripping away historical artifice and focusing on raw human emotion and athletic precision, the Original Art philosophy has made Dr. Ajkun’s work a staple of international stages and digital platforms like the BBC and Netflix.



“This production is about the energy of the forest and the vulnerability of the characters,” says Dr. Chiara Ajkun, Artistic Director. “By bringing the audience into the performance space, we invite them to experience the transformative power of ballet in a way that is both personal and immediate.”

Performance Schedule & Tickets

Performances will take place in Midtown Manhattan and the Upper East Side. Tickets are available through the official website and Eventbrite.

- **April 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26, 2026**
- **August 8, 9, 14, 2026**
- **Venues:** Rudolf Nureyev Space at City Center (130 W 56th St) and The Theater at St. Jean (150 E 76th St).
- **Official Ticket Link:** www.ajkunbt.org/midsummer-nights-dream-ballet-nyc

About Ajkun Ballet Company

Ajkun Ballet Company is the premier professional performing wing of the Ajkun Ballet Theatre, established as a pillar of international artistic excellence. Under the forward-thinking leadership of Artistic Director Chiara Ajkun, The Company is dedicated to reinventing the classical landscape—meticulously stripping away the art form’s historical "dust" while honoring its foundational traditions. Celebrated as a prominent international reality, The Company’s repertoire is defined by a sophisticated blend of technical virtuosity and profound dramatic gravitas. Comprised of world-class artists, The Company remains at the vanguard of the performing arts, ensuring the vitality and relevance of ballet for a modern global audience.

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Note to Editors:

Dr. Chiara Ajkun is available for interviews regarding the "Original Art" philosophy and the production's immersive staging. Information regarding the company's professional recruitment and the **“Performing in New York” Summer Intensive** residency can be found at www.ajkunbt.org/performing-in-new-york.