

ELXR Dance Company presents

## STEPFORD WORLD

The year is 2035. Crime, poverty and depression are things of the past for one community. Every lawn is pristine, every citizen flawless. No one questions their purpose, and everyone is happy. It's the dawn of a glorious new world. A Stepford World.

But beneath the surface of this picture-perfect facade, something isn't right. The Stepford women start to notice strange glitches. A mysterious, handsome stranger appears, sparking emotions — and questions — that were never supposed to exist.

As one woman falls for him, the truth begins to unravel. The residents aren't human. They're robots, programmed to live perfect lives. And someone is controlling them.

They believe it's the stranger — but is he really the one pulling the strings?

Tired of the illusion, the women begin to break free. No more roles. No more control. It's time to find out who they truly are.

Can they escape their programming — or will they be forced to dance to someone else's tune?



#### STEPFORD WORLD

Music – Peggy Lee, Frank Sinatra Choreography – Katie Maddox Soloists – Alex Aceves, Sarah Ferguson

#### **BLISS**

Music – Stephen Sanchez Choreography – Bee Fadden

#### **CHORES**

Music – Doja Cat Choreography – Katie Maddox Soloists – Sarah Ferguson, Danielle Holmes, Katie Maddox

#### **HEAT WAVE**

Taylor Orlando

Music – Martha Reeves & The Vandellas Choreography – Alicia DeMellier Soloists – Alicia DeMellier,

#### MALFUNCTION

Music – Kesha, Billie Eilish, Charlie XCX Choreography – Tyson Aceves-LaRosa

#### **THUMBS**

**Music** – Sabrina Carpenter **Choreography** – Taylor Orlando

### PASS THAT WOMENIZER

Music – Dorothy Ashby, Missy Elliott, Britney Spears Choreography – Nicole Narong Soloists – Alex LaRosa-Aceves, Ashley Billingsley

#### YOU DON'T OWN ME

Music – Lesley Gore, SAYGRACE, G-Eazy, bülow Choreography – Katie Maddox

#### **WORTHY**

Music – Britney Spears Choreography – Sarah Ferguson



#### LIKE A BOY

Music – Ciara Choreography – Katie Maddox Soloists – Ashley Billinglsey, Katie Maddox, Grace Wu

#### DO MY THING

Music – Basement Jaxx Choreography – Taylor Orlando

#### **BAD GIRL**

Music – Fantasia Choreography – Katie Maddox Soloists – Alicia DeMellier, Bee Fadden, Taylor Orlando

#### **HUSH**

Music – AViVA Choreography – Ashley Billingsley Soloist – Ashley Billingsley

#### B.S.

**Music** – Jhene Aiko, H.E.R. **Choreography** – Rae Heller

#### WALK LIKE THIS

Music - Paris Paloma

Music – Megan Thee Stallion, Big Boss Vette Choreography – Danielle Holmes

#### **LABOUR**

Choreography – Alicia DeMellier Soloists – Emily Carlson, Alicia DeMellier, Taylor Orlando

#### WE ARE ENOUGH

**Music** – Ciara, Megan Thee Stallion, Missy Elliott, BIA, Cardi B

**Choreography** – Katie Maddox

#### **BOWS**

Music – JENNIE, Doja Cat

Choreography –
Sarah Ferguson,
Nicole Narong, Katie Maddox

## DANCER BLOS



#### **ALEX LAROSA-ACEVES**

Alex started dancing his sophomore year of high school in musical theater dance class. In college, he explored tap, jazz, ballet and modern. He also discovered contemporary as a dancer in Reno's annual art festival, Artown. This is his fourth season with ELXR. Alex is a branch operations analyst for Farmers Insurance FCU. He enjoys watching horror movies with his husband, Tyson; snuggling with his two dogs and two cats; shopping; and being outdoors.



#### KAITLIN BROWN

Kaitlin grew up competing in gymnastics and began dancing at the University of Oregon. After college, she danced with Eugene's Work Dance Company for four years. Since moving to Portland, Kaitlin has been dancing with ELXR for eight seasons. Kaitlin works as a product manager for Ford. When not dancing, she enjoys hanging with her husband and their dogs, spending time outside, watching reality TV shows, and good food and good beer.



#### **ASHLEY BILLINGSLEY**

Ashley trained in jazz, ballet and tap from age 3 through middle school. She returned to dance in college by joining Pacific University's dance ensemble. After college, Ashley danced with iN.GAUGE Dance Company for four years. She took a break from dancing to attend nursing school, but was excited to return. This is her seventh season with ELXR. Outside of dancing, Ashley enjoys traveling, drinking wine, and spending time with family and her dog, Henry.



#### **EMILY CARLSON**

Emily began dancing at age 5 and trained in ballet, jazz and contemporary through high school. In college, Emily studied at Whitworth University completing a minor in dance. She performed and choreographed at the American College Dance Association's Northwest Conference from 2014-2018. After graduation, Emily moved to Portland where she now lives with husband Blake, their cat, five chickens, and new puppy. In her free time, she enjoys salsa dancing, hiking and live music.

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#### **NATALIYA CROUSE**

Nataliya began dancing at an early age, and went on to compete on the undefeated Lincoln High School dance team. During college, Nataliya was a member of the University of Oregon's Jam Squad and coached South Eugene High School's dance team. Nataliya is a project manager at Cerity Partners. She met her husband at a salsa class, and they now have twin boys, Aiden and Owen. Her hobbies include board games and event planning.



#### ALICIA DEMELLIER

Alicia grew up training and competing in ballet, jazz, lyrical, tap, hip hop and pointe. At Santa Monica College, Alicia was a member of Synapse Dance Company and Folklorico Dance Company. While at Northeastern State University, she joined the Pom Squad and GoVertigo Dance Company, where she also choreographed and became the company president. Alicia enjoys reading, cooking, sewing, skiing, and adventures with her dog, Reggie.



#### **BEE FADDEN**

Bee Fadden has been dancing since they were 2 years old and recently started aerial as well. They started with Portland Festival Ballet and then joined the MAC Dance Company in high school. Since then, they have been performing in both aerial and dance shows as well as teaching, studying at Portland State, and training their pup Brio to be a service dog. In between rehearsals, you can find them baking, making friendship bracelets or skydiving.



#### SARAH FERGUSON

Sarah started ballet at age 5 and continued to dance through high school on the Cleveland High School Sundancers. She took a break from dance while at the University of Oregon, and returned in 2013 with iN.GAUGE Dance Company and then ELXR. Sarah has choreographed for the last seven ELXR shows. She works as a youth mentor at Friends of the Children. She is a coffee enthusiast and has an ever-growing love for crystals.

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#### RAE HELLER

Rae grew up training and competing in ballet, jazz, hip hop, tap and choreography. Since then, she launched the first dance program in her district while teaching at an elementary school in Chicago. She has also taught hip hop in Gresham, and she is enjoying her second year on ELXR. Rae coaches and trains educators and principals on best practices around curriculum and instruction in schools. She loves getting out in nature, thrifting her days away, and finding time for her typewriter.



#### DANIELLE HOLMES

Danielle started her training in dance when she moved to Oregon in 2008. She has studied hip hop, jazz and ballet. She joined iN.GAUGE Dance Company in 2010, and she became a founding member of ELXR in 2015. She has also choreographed for several ELXR shows. Danielle enjoys spending time with friends and her cat, Callie, and binging trashy reality shows. She is an AR specialist for the environmental consulting firm, Maul Foster & Alongi.



#### KATIE MADDOX

Katie started dancing in high school and went on to coach her school's dance team after graduating. She has taught classes throughout Portland, and danced with iN.GAUGE Dance Co. for six years. She is passionate about giving adults a place to continue their performance and dance training. This is her ninth season as ELXR director. Katie works at Evolution Hair Design as a hairstylist and dreams of owning a pack of corgis.



#### NICOLE NARONG

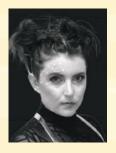
Nicole has been dancing since the age of 3. She danced competitively in high school and taught dance at Cleveland High and Portland Community College. She performed with iN.Gauge Dance Company for six years. This is her seventh season as a performing member of ELXR. Nicole works at Nike during the day. She loves spending time with her husband and busy toddler. She's a big foodie and enjoys wine tasting and traveling.

## DANCER BIOS



#### **NEHA NEELWARNE**

Raised in Mysore, India, Neha began her training in Indian Classical Dance (Bharatanatyam) at the age of 5. She taught Bollywood at Oregon State University and has performed with the local Jai Ho! Dance Troupe since 2018. Neha also enjoys exploing culture through other dance forms, including hip hop, reggaeton and dancehall. She is the founder of Samsara Yoga, a new studio in Tigard; leads an AI consulting firm; and spends her days joyfully chasing after her 1-year-old daughter.



#### TAYLOR ORLANDO

Taylor has trained in tap, jazz, ballet, contemporary and hip hop. She competed in high school and on the University of Oregon dance team. In college, Taylor taught at a local dance school and developed her passion for teaching and choreography. She works as an interior designer at a Portland-based architecture firm. Taylor loves to explore new cities through the local food and drink scene, and by visiting parks with her little one.



#### **GRACE WU**

Grace was 13 when she got her start in hip hop dance. She has danced in a variety of groups over the years, including Portland State University's Steps of Rhythm (three years), iN.GAUGE Dance Company (seven years) and Nonsense Dance Company (four years). This is her seventh season with ELXR. Grace is a physician assistant at a urology clinic. She likes to ride her motorcycle on sunny days, drink boba tea, and tend to her beautiful garden.

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Thank you for joining us this evening and supporting local dance. As we conclude the ninth season of **ELXR DANCE COMPANY**, we could not have done it without your support!

#### ARTISTIC DIRECTOR: KATIE MADDOX

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#### **COMPANY MEMBERS**

Alex Larosa-Aceves, Kaitlin Brown, Ashley Billingsley, Emily Carlson,
Nataliya Crouse, Alicia DeMellier, Bee Fadden, Sarah Ferguson,
Rae Heller, Danielle Holmes, Katie Maddox, Nicole Narong,
Neha Neelwarne, Taylor Orlando, Grace Wu

#### **VIDEOS**

Directed and edited by Tyson LaRosa-Aceves



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We look forward to seeing you at our next show.

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 2026!