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MIAMI DANCE GOES GLOBAL: FORWARD MOTION 6 BRINGS INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE & INNOVATION TO SOUTH FLORIDA AUDIENCES

Miami's trailblazing dance festival showcases global talent, inclusive artistry, and a powerful international collaboration with South Korea.

MIAMI (January 10, 2025) Karen Peterson and Dancers (KPD) proudly presents the Sixth Annual Forward Motion Dance Festival and Conference of Physically Integrated Dance (FM6), a trailblazing event celebrating the artistry and inclusivity of dance across abilities. Taking place **March 8-9, 2025, at the Sandrell Rivers Theatre, FM6 offers transformative performances and community workshops** featuring renowned choreographers and performers from Miami and around the world.



This year's festival highlights the global reach of Miami's dance community with a special international collaboration. Sunsik Yoo's Lights on Friends, an accessible dance company from Seoul, South Korea, will perform as part of **a reciprocal exchange made possible by the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs**. This partnership began in the summer of 2023, when KPD performed in South Korea at the KIADA (Korea International Accessible Dance Festival). Miami audiences will now have the rare opportunity to experience South Korea's innovative approach to physically integrated dance.



In a full-circle moment, KPD will also present their internationally acclaimed trio, **"The Axis,"** which **received standing ovations at KIADA in Seoul**. This breathtaking work showcases the company's signature blend of strength, vulnerability, and grace.

This show is part of Miami-Dade County Auditorium's Away From Home Series, a program that consists of off-site performances at alternative venues with our community partners, ensuring that the magic of the performing arts continues to captivate audiences while MDCA is temporarily closed for renovations.

PERFORMANCES: Saturday, March 8, 2025

Sandrell Rivers Theatre | 2 PM and 7 PM

- **"REVmoves"** by Christina Acosta (Tampa)

Performed by Marion Kampert, Sam Kediora, Jesus Vidal, Marjorie Burnett and Adam Eckstat

- **"Endless"** by Karen Peterson and Dancers (Miami)

Inspired by women's loss of displacement, loss of family members, and fear of violence during physical warfare, with an original score composed and played live by violinist Polina Mahova with a video backdrop created by Dinorah de Jesus Rodriguez.

- **"Pulse, Impulse"** by Erica Lessner (Brooklyn)

A visceral exploration of the body's response to instinctive and impulsive decision making; through their movement and interactions, the dancers embody the rhythmic pulse of the heart and the fluidity of the blood it courses through our bodies. Presented by Marion Kampert, Sam Kediora, Sea Lee, and Dwayne Scheuneman

- **"The Moving Mountain"** by Sunsik Yoo (Seoul)

A powerful duet by Sunsik Yoo and Jeonghoon Kim exploring resilience and observation with bungee cord imagery

- **"Cogs in the Machine"** by Christina Acosta (Tampa)

Presented by Sea Lee and Dwayne Scheuneman

- **"The Axis"** by Karen Peterson and Dancers (Miami)

This dynamic trio, featuring Sun Young Park, Penelope Huerta, and Jesus Vidal, features a captivating exploration of balance, collaboration, and interdependence.



CONFERENCE: Sunday, March 9, 2025

Sandrell Rivers Theatre | 12 PM - 6 PM

An engaging afternoon of **free workshops and discussions** invites participants to explore the principles and practices of physically integrated dance. Led by renowned choreographers Sunsik Yoo, Dwayne Scheuneman, and Miami's own Pioneer Winter, these interactive sessions offer **hands-on tools and techniques for creating inclusive dance**.

TICKETS & INFORMATION

Located at the Sandrell Rivers Theatre (6103 NW 7th Avenue, Miami), **FM6 performances are on Saturday, March 8 at 2 PM & 7 PM. Conference workshops are on Sunday, March 9, 12 PM - 6 PM.** Tickets for the performances and workshops are \$20. For additional information, please contact Karen Peterson Corash at 305-298-5878. More details and ticket purchases can be made at sandrellriverstheater.com and www.karenpetersondancers.org.

To arrange for group sales discounts (10+ people) and to request materials in an accessible format, sign language interpreters, and/or any disability accommodation, call 305-298-5879 or email karen@karenpetersondancers.org. ASL interpretation, accessible restrooms and accessible seating are available at Sandrell Rivers Theatre.

Support for FM6 comes from the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners, the National Endowment for the Arts, Citizens Interested in the Arts, The Miami Foundation, the Cultural Affairs Council, The Knight Foundation, and the generous contributions of private individual donors whose support helps make this festival possible.

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Photo 1: Photography by Raquel Alvarez, "The Moving Mountain" by Sunsik Yoo ft. Jeonghoon Kim & Sunsik Yoo

Photo 2: Photography by Sorcha Augustine, "REV Moves" by Christina Acosta ft. Jesus Vidal, Julianna Mazza, Sea Lee

Photo 3: Photography by Raquel Alvarez, "The Axis" by Karen Peterson Corash ft. KPD (Penelope Huerta, Sun Young Park, Jesus Vidal)

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Hi-res images, video and other materials, and interviews with key talent available upon request.