

"LOSE YOUR MARBLES," A NEW DANCE-CENTRIC FRINGE FESTIVAL

Presented by Neos Dance Theatre with funding from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation as part of its Knight Arts Challenge, the fringe festival takes its name from Akron's legacy as the birthplace of toy marble-making automation.

"With Akron's reputation for dance, and audiences hungry for it, the city is a perfect platform for a festival that showcases new and emerging artists," said Victoria Rogers, vice president for arts at Knight Foundation.

"Lose Your Marbles" will begin June 10 with a kick-off event at Akron's historic Trolley Barn, gifted by the Development Finance Authority of Summit County, with a temporary large stage, lighting and theatrical equipment.

Smaller spaces without stages — including an ice cream parlor, coffee shop, gallery, and storefront window space provided in collaboration with the Curated Storefront — will feature pop-up performances to round out the festival's walk-able footprint. The pop-up performances will be free, while the main stage performances on Friday and Saturday will have small fees. Dance and visual artists — emerging and established — will be chosen by a festival panel.

Plans are also underway to present larger "Lose Your Marbles" festivals in 2018 and 2019. Bobby Wesner, co-founder and artistic director of Neos, says that "Lose Your Marbles" is taking its cues from other fringe festivals, such as the world's largest and oldest in Edinburgh, Scotland, by giving artists the freedom to present diverse, original and often risky works. "Akron's fringe festival will be a fun and informative opportunity for our community to binge-watch the performing arts and then share their opinions about what they've seen." Audience members will be able to vote for the best-of-show performance that will then receive a final showcase on the evening of June 10 and a cash award.

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**Saturday, June 10, 2017
Trolley Barn, 47 N. Main Street, Akron**

FEATURING ARTISTS

- Lucky Plush Productions •
- Duane Gosa of Ballet Trockadero •
- Terk Lewis Waters • Timbre Cierpke •
- Groundworks Dance Theatre •
- Inlet Dance Theatre • Neos Dance Theatre •
- Robin Prichard • Kaustavi Sarkar •
- Joseph Morrissey featuring Neos dancers •
- Ma'Sue • Jonathan Gangi •
- Fenn & Co. • Holly Handman-Lopez •
- Ashley Pavy •

Artist photos and biographies on website

Lose Your Marbles Fringe Festival

presented by Neos Dance Theatre

Director, Robert Wesner

Event Coordinator: Jane Startzman

Production Manager: Danny Durst

Lighting Designer/Technical Director, Dennis Dugan

Stage Manager, Danny Durst

Stage Manager, Christopher J. K. Ha

Special Effects, Andy Gardner

Sound, Chuck Karnak

Graphic Design and Marketing volunteer, Kathy Hilton



Neos Dance Theatre Board of Directors: Edward Reading, Cyndee Snider, Kara Stewart, Shauna Conzaman, Jody Thomae, Laurie Fike, Daniel Budke, Brooke Wesner, Robert Wesner, Neil Sapienza, Judith Shoaff-Reading, and Mark Jenkins

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Also, a **Special Thanks** to our board of directors, our amazing volunteer staff, the cast and crew

PRE-SHOW: TIME TO ENJOY DOWNTOWN AKRON!

2:00 - 2:30 PM - Jonathon Gangi @ Chill Ice cream!

News Flash... fill out our Lose Your Marbles Survey for a chance to win a raffle prize. Survey online at loseyourmarbles.org or paper survey from ticket booth

PERFORMANCE #1

3:30 - 4:15 - Jonathan Gangi, Classical Guitar

4:20 - 5:05 - Timbre Cierpke, harpist and songwriter, Main Stage

****A Special 2nd appearance at Chill Ice Cream

5:00- 5:20 Jonathan Gangi at Chill - a second appearance!*****

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PERFORMANCE #2 ~ 5:20 – 6:10

- Holly Handman-Lopez - Tarry the Night
- Robin Prichard - The Art of Making Dances (Not About Ferguson)
- Verb Ballets - 3:00am (2014). *Choreography: Andrew Carroll*
Music: Satin Birds by Abel Koreniowski, Lighting Design: John Ebert
Costume Design: Janet Bolick
- Ashley Pavy - Barakat تالكرب

PERFORMANCE #3 ~ 6:20 - 7:00

- Kaustavi - Radhike. *Choreographer: Kaustavi Sarkar*
Musicians: Brian (drums), Hans Utter (sitar), and Kaustavi Sarkar (vocal)
- Fenn and Co. - Playing House. *Choreography: Mary-Elizabeth Fenn*
Music by Artur Was and Dakotah Cornelius
- Holly Handman-Lopez - Eleven Years In
Choreography: Holly Handman-Lopez & Bobby Wesner, Music: Mike Wall
- Neos Dance Theatre - Nothing In Particular

PERFORMANCE #4 ~ 7:15 – 8:00

- Terk Lewis Waters - Paradise, originally
- Duane Gosa of Ballet Trockadero - Paquita (Variation)
Music by: Ludwig Minkus, Choreography after: Petipa
- Verb Ballets - Ne Me Quitte Pas (2013). *Choreography: Daniel Precup, Music: Jacques Brel, Lighting Design: John Ebert*
Original Costume Design: Jenna Johnson
Costume Reconstruction: Janet Bolick
- Joseph Morrissey featuring Neos Dance Theatre - Good Night, Day (World Premiere)

PERFORMANCE #5 ~ 8:15 – 9:15

- Inlet Dance Theatre - 10 (2013/14) *Choreography: Bill Wade in collaboration with the original cast of Joshua*
Music: Commissioned score by Sean Ellis Hussey,
Costuming: Kristin Wade
- Groundworks Dance Theatre - CHROMATIC
Choreography: David Shimotakahara, Music: Conlon Nancarrow,
Lighting: Dennis Dugan, Costumes: Janet Bolick
- Ma'Sue Productions - Body Memories
- Duane Gosa of Trockadero - Dying Swan.
Music by: Camille Saint-Saens Choreography after: Michel Fokine

VOTE FOR BEST OF SHOW! AT 9:30 SHARP!

Vote online @ [facebook.com/LYMarbles/](https://www.facebook.com/LYMarbles/) or paper ballot from ticket booth



9:30 PM - SPOTLIGHT PERFORMANCE BY LUCKY PLUSH PRODUCTIONS ~ Cinderbox 2.0

10:00 PM BEST OF SHOW AWARDS
Closing Remarks immediately following