

The Danse Lumière Newsletter

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News

2020 has challenged us all with Covid 19. At the same time, it has provided opportunities for change and growth. In 2021, some events transitioned to in-person events, while others remain online.

Artistic Director Kathryn Roszak curated a series of online events produced by The Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive which highlight local women choreographers and directors in the Bay Area. Participating companies include **Smuin Ballet, Berkeley Ballet Theater, Diablo Ballet** and **Danse Lumiere**. Choreographers are **Cassidy Isaacson, Kathryn Roszak, Danielle Lowe, and Penny Saunders**. Both series are available for viewing online at bampfa.org.

In October, Ms. Roszak gave an award to Ms. Wendy Whelan, Associate Artistic Director of New York City Ballet, to recognize her achievement as a woman director and choreographer in New York City. Sidra Bell, and Andrea Miller, choreographers presented by New York City Ballet, joined the ceremony. This event was co-sponsored by the Djerassi Resident Artists Program in California.



From left to right: Wendy Whelan, Kathryn Roszak, Sidra Bell and Andrea Miller. 10/4/2021, Photo by Steven Pisano



Basia Rhoden, dancer for "House of the Spirits," 10/22/2021 Second Photo by Jason Lavengood

House of the Spirits - October 22nd, 2021

Kathryn Roszak's Danse Lumière presented highlights of "The House of the Spirits," based on the novel by internationally acclaimed author Isabel Allende. It was performed on the Matthew Turner Ship, Sausalito, California. Basia Rhoden, a trainee at San Francisco Ballet, danced a solo choreographed by Kathryn Roszak.

Center Divide, Film

"Center Divide" directed by Rob Nilsson, for which Artistic Director Kathryn Roszak choreographed a dance sequence, premiered at Mill Valley Film Festival in October 2021. Watch the dance sequence [here](https://vimeo.com/641313518) at <https://vimeo.com/641313518>.

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Wendy Whelan at the award ceremony, 10/4/2021 Photo by Steven Pisano

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