

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS



THODOS
DANCE CHICAGO

MELISSA THODOS, FOUNDER AND ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Welcome to our 25th Season

Dear fans, supporters and patrons,

What an honor to be a part of Chicago's thriving dance community!

It is with pleasure and gratitude that I welcome you to Thodos Dance Chicago's 25th Anniversary season! This milestone could not have been reached without you, our valued fans and supporters. Thank you!

What an amazing journey it has been. True to our mission, we have been performing, creating and teaching dance in Chicago, across the country in 27 states, and around the world on six continents since 1992.

Our very special "ride to 25" has been so inspiring both professionally and personally. My passion and pride have been fueled in part by creating a platform for the hundreds of artists that have come through our doors, evolving and growing in ways that have enriched our community. We remain motivated to keep dance alive and vibrant for years to come.

We are excited to unveil an incredible season, marking 25 passionate years of dance with creativity and celebration. With an amazing team of dance artists and incredible designers, we are launching cutting edge work and infusing new life into historic legacy dance never before seen by our audiences here in Chicago and on tour.

We have two distinct and unforgettable performances planned. Join us for *Timeless Motion* on February 25, 2017 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie and then our *tribute performance* to 25 years of dance at the Auditorium Theatre on March 11, 2017.

This year also marks a unique partnership with The Chicago Children's Theatre! For two weekends in October we will perform our critically acclaimed *A Light in the Dark* – the iconic life story of Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan conceived and choreographed in 2013 by myself, in collaboration with my esteemed colleague and friend, Ann Reinking.

And, celebrate with us at our 25th Anniversary Gala February 4, 2017 at the Chicago History Museum.

We hope we can count on your support as we pay homage to our past, celebrate our present, and toast our future. We are forever growing in new ways and we cannot wait to share what lies ahead with you!

Melissa Thodos
Founder and Artistic Director