### PREMIERING AT THE DENVER FRINGE FESTIVAL, JUNE 5, 6, AND 7 2025

### **CLEO PARKER ROBINSON DANCE THEATER**

## DENVER AERIAL DANCE COLLECTIVE

presents

CASEY POTTLE

ELENA KRAMDA

**ELIZABETH THURMAN** 

JULIA DOERING

KARLYN GRISWOLD

KATIANA MARCHENA

**NATATIA SMITH** 

**TAYLOR CONIGLIO** 



YOU DON'T OWN ME
You Don't Own Me, Lesley Gore Rainier Scott Remix
SILENCE IS COMPLICIT
The Sound of Silence, Disturbed
INTERLUDES
Come Together, The Beatles
WE DISSENT
Only Women Bleed + It's a Man's World + Revolution,
Etta James, Karise Eden, & Nina Simone
START WALKIN'
These Boots + Potatoe Mash,
Nancy Sinatra & Ike and Tina Turner
HOW MANY MORE?
Paint it Black, Ciara
QUESTION EVERYTHING
White Rabbit, Jefferson Airplane
White Rabbit (LSD Remix), Last Soul Descendents Elena, Elizabeth, Natatia, Taylor
CHALLENGING THE CHAMELEON
Changes, David Bowie
VIVA LA GENTE
Yo Viviré, Celia Cruz Elena, Natatia, Taylor
BANG BANG
Bang Bang + She's So Heavy, Nancy Sinatra & Halestorm
CHANGE IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY
Times They Are Changing, Fort Nowhere
THINK TWICE
You're So Vain, Carly Simon
Come Together, Gary Clark Jr

# A Note From the Artists

Backwards & Forwards was almost a very different show. Our creation process starts with selecting a music concept, which helps create cohesion between the different styles of all our choreographers. Last fall, when it came time to start planning for Fringe, we were drawn to music from the 1960s and 1970s. So iconic, so fun, and so much variety!

Then the election happened. We were shocked. We were angry. We were incredibly sad, worried for the future, and beyond that we started to see a darkly ironic side of our musical choices. Decades ago, when the songs were recorded, people of color marched for equality, women fought for autonomy, drugs were a constant worry, and students protested conflict in far away countries. Instead of seeing a brand-new show, we started to see a vicious historical cycle.

So this is the show we made instead. A look backwards in frustration that so little seems to have changed and a fearful look forward, wishing and reaching for improvement. We hope you enjoy and find some catharsis in sharing this experience with us.

### **About the Collective**

Denver Aerial Dance Collective is a truly collaborative outlet for dancers and choreographers to come together, create movement, and inspire one another.

Support our artistic endeavors, book dancers for private events, and learn about performances past and present at <a href="mailto:denaerialdancecollective.com">denaerialdancecollective.com</a>



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Nourish your body and spirit and enjoy 10% off your first drink by presenting this program or your *Backwards & Forwards* ticket to your server at Watercourse during the Denver Fringe Festival (June 5-8).