

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Music From The Sole and Sonia Olla & Ismael Fernández: Celebrating 10 Years of the CUNY Dance Initiative

Company: CUNY Dance Initiative

Venue: Kupferberg Center for the Arts: LeFrak Concert Hall at Queens Co

Location: Flushing, NY

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Kupferberg Center for the Arts—administrative headquarters for the CUNY Dance Initiative—marks the program's 10th anniversary with an evening of percussive dance by two alums. Music From The Sole is a tap dance and live music company that celebrates tap's Afro-diasporic roots, particularly its connections to Afro-Brazilian dance and music and its lineage to forms like house dance and *passinho* (Brazilian funk). Sonia Olla & Ismael Fernández are known for bridging the culture of traditional flamenco dance with contemporary global influences. Their work has graced the stages of flamenco festivals around the world, as well as on tours with pop icons Ricky Martin and Madonna. Both companies will present excerpts of work created during their CDI residencies. Music From The Sole will share sections from *Partido* (developed in a 2021 residency at City College Center for the Arts), and Sonia Olla & Ismael Fernández will reprise the "palmas" section from *ELLA* (created during a 2018 residency at Queens College).

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