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**ANNE-MARIE MULGREW AND DANCERS COMPANY  
PRESENTS *THE UMBRELLA DANCE*  
DICKINSON SQUARE PARK  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 AT 11:30AM  
MEET SHOP SEE ART AND DANCE**

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Known for its highly imaginative dance theater works and collaborative projects, **ANNE-MARIE MULGREW AND DANCERS COMPANY** (AMM & DCO) will perform a remix of its signature travelling dance video installation, *The Umbrella Dance*, September 19 at 11:30am, Dickinson Square Park, 1600 Moyamensing Avenue, Phila. PA. The event is free and hosted by The Friends of Dickinson Square in conjunction with its Farmers Market and Art Show, following COVID guidelines.

*The Umbrella Dance* is a site-specific performance event tailored to the natural beauty and architecture of Dickinson Square Park. It features six dancers in white carrying white umbrellas accompanied by roaming documenters. This live installation travels slowly and silently through an area. The work is built on a walking score accented by a series of movement tableaux, intimate gestures, and choreographed phrases. Is it a procession, parade, film, or dream? The dance aspires to make unsuspected viewers who stumble upon the activity pause, reflect, and remember. By interacting with specific sites, one's sense of space and time and past and present merge. Spectators are invited to make their own interpretations. *The Umbrella Dance* has appeared to critical acclaim at 22 of the City's most treasured landmarks in 33 performances including DanceBOOM, Wilma Theater, Philly Fringe/Live Arts, Avenue of the Arts/Dilworth Square, Schuylkill River Banks, Parkway/Art Museum area, Left of Center/38<sup>th</sup> & Lancaster, 40<sup>th</sup> Street Summer Series, Frankford Arts Festival, The LOOK Project/Lancaster Avenue, The Barnes Museum, Invisible River's Schuylkill River Arts Day, Philly Free Streets and the Ryerss Museum/Burholme Park. In 2001 and 2011, a version titled "From River to River" featured a silent walk dedicated to the families and victims of 9/11. On August 8, 2020, AMM & DCO performed *The Umbrella Dance* in Mifflin Square Park as a walking meditation dedicated to the then 1700 Philadelphians who died from COVID -19. On June 11, 2021, AMM & DCO presented *The Umbrella Dance* at Cherry Street and Race Street Piers kicking off the Company's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season.

Conceived, directed, choreographed By Anne-Marie Mulgrew, performers include Sally Forester, Erica Isakower, Kate Lombardi, Anne-Marie Mulgrew, Leslie Ann Pike, Olivia Wood and roving documenters Francesca Costanzo and Anne Saint Peter. Audiences are encouraged to participate by follow the dance, taking images and sharing them on social media.

"Be patient ...it is quiet fun" *CITYPAPER*

"Utterly charming and painterly..." *Broad Street Review*

Audience members exclaimed:

"The performance was so amazing and beautiful. Thank you for coming through Mifflin Square Park."

“Another wonderfully uplifting performance” “Magical” Cherry Street/Race Street Piers



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**ANNE-MARIE MULGREW AND DANCERS CO (AMM & DCO)** is an experimental modern dance troupe based in Philadelphia, PA. AMM & DCO was founded in 1986 by artistic director/founder Anne-Marie Mulgrew. Its first full-length multi-media production *Hard Facts and Stuffed Gardenias* wowed audiences at Group Motion Multi-Media Theater (4<sup>th</sup> & South St.) with its movement invention and verve. Ms. Mulgrew created 80 works for the company that have been seen nationally and in Canada. These productions have appeared on traditional and nontraditional stages, film/TV, and festivals. Venues include Mandell Theater, The Painted Bride, Movement Theater International, UARTS/Drake Theater, Chester Springs Studio, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Suzanne Roberts Theater, Ryerss Museum, Philadelphia Fringe/Live Arts Festivals, Conwell Dance Theater, Group Motion, CEC, The Philadelphia Cathedral, The PIFA Festival, The Barnes Museum, Christ Church Neighborhood House Theater, The Performance Garage and Buddies in Bad Times Theater (Toronto, Canada), to name a few. In NYC, AMM & DCO has performed at DanceSpace, Movement Research, the DIA Center, University Settlement House, UBU Repertory Theatre and the Dumbo Festival (Brooklyn NY). In 2011, the company made its debut at Dance Place, Washington, DC.

**AMM & DCO was featured on WHYY’s Friday Arts Program produced by Karen Smyles that aired June 2017 through Spring 2018 and on Arts Access TV, March 10, 2021, July 7, 2021, and August 4, 2021**

AMM & DCO holds the distinction of being the only Philadelphia troupe to appear twice at the fFIDA Festival in Toronto, Canada. The company consists of 5-7 core dancers, collaborating artists in mixed media, and additional community-based performers for large-scale works. Fusing modern dance, theater, music, technology, and art, AMM & DCO charms, provokes and informs audiences of all-ages with its insightful and wacky views of the world. AMM & DCO also believes in dance education and offers classes, workshops, and residency activities tailored to the needs of the community. AMM & DCO is a nonprofit 501(c) 3 organization. AMM & DCO's mission is to educate and involve the public in the performance and creation of new interdisciplinary dance works through performances, workshops, residencies, and special projects.

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