

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE May 12, 2016

What:	Next Reflex Dance Collective presents Jump In
When:	Saturday, May 28 at 7pm
Where:	W-3 Theatre, The Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton VA
Cost:	Tickets: \$18 General Admission; \$15
	Artist/Military/Senior/Student; \$10 Youth 15 and under
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**Next Reflex Dance Collective** presents *Jump In*, a one-night family friendly dance event at the **W-3 Theatre** on the campus of the **Work House Arts Center in Lorton**, **VA**. Artistic director Roxann Morgan Rowley presents three pieces on the program and is joined by NRDC in-residence choreographer Covenant Babatunde and guest dance company DancEthos, presenting a diverse and exciting program of dance works geared towards audience members of all ages.

The evening centers around the premier of *Jump In*, inspired by Maya Angelou's children's book "Life Doesn't Frighten Me." The piece takes a child's lens to the fears of our world and how we overcome them. Experimental, quirky and sometimes funny this work has something for every age. Artwork from children's workshops held at the Workhouse Arts Center are incorporated into the performance along with original musical composition and performance by talented musician Nate Masters. *Jump In* will prove to be a high impact, fast and fun piece that includes balloons, dinosaurs and dancing.

Other works on the program include **Blink**, choreography that investigates blinking, the eye and the shades of what we see. **Twinkle** a uniquely personal piece touching on the quirky nature of motherhood and more specifically the love, guilt and pacing involved in the nightly ritual of bedtime, performed by DancEthos. Covenant Babatunde premiers **/'point/ (n.) (v.)** an impactful duet that explores ideas around the definition of the word point. Ms. Babatunde works with the definition to create a dialogue between dancers that is moving and present.

Take in an evening of fun, family friendly and diverse dance work at *Jump In*, **Saturday, May 28, 2016**, at **7pm** at the **W-3 Theatre on the campus of the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton VA.** *Tickets are \$18 General; \$15 Artist/Military/Student; \$10 Youth under 15. For Tickets go to http://www.workhousearts.org/event* 



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**Next Reflex Dance Collective** is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization based in Northern Virginia. Artistic Director Roxann Morgan Rowley centers the collective around collaboration and providing a venue for more artistic voices in the Metro DC dance community. Since 2006, NRDC has been presented throughout the region by multiple venues and festivals including The DC Dance Festival. The Charlotte Dance Festival. The DUMBO Dance Festival, The Goose Route Dance Festival, The DC Improvisation Festival, Jane Franklin's Dance Sampler, Mason/Rhynes Productions "Late Night Series", The American Dance Institute, Dance Place, The Harman Center and The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. NRDC's "en Route! a Touring Dance Project", facilitates performances in collaboration with local artists in select locations each year, and has been presented in Harrisonburg, VA, Richmond, VA, Mt. Rainier, MD and Huntington, WV. NRDC has received support from the Arts Council of Fairfax County, The Puffin Foundation, the Arts Council of the Valley, the DC Commission for the Arts and Humanities and the Virginia Commission for the Arts. Next Reflex Dance Collective is the proud recipient of the 2009 Metro DC Dance Awards "Founders Awards."

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