

WHIM W'HIM SEATTLE CONTEMPORARY DANCE

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Olivier Wevers is Founder and Artistic Director of Whim W'Him Seattle Contemporary Dance and an internationally recognized choreographer. Since founding the Seattle-based company in 2009, he has built an artist-centered organization with wellbeing, curiosity, and artistic growth at the heart of its values.

Olivier has received commissions from leading dance companies, including Pacific Northwest Ballet, Royal New Zealand Ballet, Ballet of the National Theatre Brno, BalletX, the New York Choreographic Institute, and the National Choreographers Initiative. His work has earned numerous honors, including the Princess Grace Choreographic Fellowship, Seattle's Mayor's Arts Award, Artist Trust Fellowships, and multiple Grand Prize awards at the Dance Under the Stars Choreography Festival.

Originally from Belgium, Olivier built an acclaimed performing career as a Principal Dancer with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet and Pacific Northwest Ballet. Through Whim W'Him, he champions new choreography while creating opportunities for artists to grow, collaborate, and thrive.

A MESSAGE FROM

OLIVIER WEVERS

Welcome to Whim W'Him's 26|27 Season.

This year, we are offering our artists something invaluable: more time. More time to question, to experiment, to discover, and to create with greater depth and intention.

That commitment reflects who we are.

We continue to nurture artists by investing in the creative process, inviting new voices, embracing different perspectives, and taking risks with every creation. I continue to find hope in the studio, in the quiet moments before an idea reveals itself, and in the discoveries found in the process.

But no creation is complete until it is shared.

The moment an audience enters the theater, the purpose of it all becomes clear. Every audience brings its own perspective, turning each performance into a unique conversation. Those moments remind me why I continue to believe so deeply in the power of gathering together.

Thank you for sharing this season with us. I hope these creations awaken a sense of wonder and a renewed curiosity for the world we share.

FALL '26

CHOREOGRAPHIC SHINDIG

SEP 11 - 19

ERICKSON THEATRE

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Choreographic Shindig - bold voices shaping the future of contemporary dance.

In its 12th season, we welcome three exceptional choreographers creating original works that embody the curiosity and ambition of a new generation.

Kayla Farrish Bessie Award winner, Sundance Uprise Grant recipient, Harkness Promise Awardee, and NYFA/NYSCA Choreography Fellow, Kayla is a director and choreographer. Her work merges dance-theater, filmmaking, narrative, and sound, building visceral, cinematic worlds where movement, memory, image, and sound collide.

Annie Rigney New York-based dancer, choreographer, educator, and Ilan Lev Method practitioner. A 2025 Harkness Promise Awardee, NYFA/NYSCA Artist Fellow, and 2024 Bessie nominee, Annie creates at the intersection of extreme physicality and healing, with movement that challenges, provokes, restores, and unites.

Jessi Stegall Chicago-based choreographer named one of Dance Magazine's "25 to Watch" in 2022. Guided by ode-making, Jessi crafts poetic responses and love letters to voices that echo through time, shaped by care, memory, responsibility, and the stories bodies carry.

NEW CREATIONS BY
KAYLA FARRISH
ANNIE RIGNEY
JESSI STEGALL

WINTER '27

JAN 15 - 23

CORNISH PLAYHOUSE

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"This program brings together artists with a long relationship to dance, and a restless curiosity for what it can still reveal. That hunger to keep exploring is what makes contemporary dance feel so vital right now, because it reaches beyond movement and touches us in visceral, deeply human ways."

— Olivier Wevers

Peter Chu Award-winning choreographer, director, and movement artist whose creations have been commissioned by Ballet Augsburg, Cirque du Soleil, DART Dance Company, Gibney Dance Company, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, Paul Taylor Dance Company, and more. Making his Whim W'Him debut, Peter arrives with a vivid, fluid, and deeply musical imagination, shaped by identity, healing, and a restless appetite for discovery.

Penny Saunders World renowned choreographer, commissioned by companies including Pacific Northwest Ballet, BalletX, Royal New Zealand Ballet, Cincinnati Ballet, Tulsa Ballet, Oklahoma City Ballet, and more. Returning for her fourth creation with Whim W'Him, Penny brings musicality, theatrical detail, and a rare ability to make movement feel intimate, surprising, and deeply human. Penny is a former dancer with Hubbard Street Dance Chicago and a Princess Grace Choreographic Fellowship recipient.

NEW CREATIONS BY
PETER CHU
PENNY SAUNDERS
OLIVIER WEVERS

SPRING '27

MAY 7 - 15

CORNISH PLAYHOUSE

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Maurya Kerr Choreographer, poet, performer, educator, filmmaker, and artistic director of tinypistol. A former twelve-year member of Alonzo King LINES Ballet, she creates across disciplines with a focus on wonderment, the quotidian, and the right to be fully seen. Returning to Whim W'Him, Maurya brings a poetic force and piercing humanity shaped by movement, language, and lived experience.

Ihsan Rustem Swiss-based choreographer born in London and trained at the Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance. With more than 60 creations commissioned by companies including Nederlands Dans Theater 2, Les Ballets Jazz de Montréal, Zurich Ballet, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago 2, Sacramento Ballet, Dance Aspen, and many others. Ihsan brings sweeping physicality, musical command, and bold choreographic architecture back to Whim W'Him.

“Returning to an artist shouldn’t be about repeating the past. It is about deepening the relationship, meeting each other again, and discovering what time has changed in all of us. What a gift it is to witness a voice over time, as it deepens, transforms, and continues to dream forward.”

— Olivier Wevers



NEW CREATIONS BY
MAURYA KERR
IHSAN RUSTEM
OLIVIER WEVERS

BECOME A MEMBER

Buy a package for two or more productions and access exclusive membership benefits all year round, with complete flexibility to exchange if your plans change.

3-PACKAGE MEMBERSHIP

Includes one ticket to Fall '26, Winter '27 & Spring '27 Productions

PREMIUM

\$230

GENERAL

\$130

2-PACKAGE MEMBERSHIP

Includes one ticket to any two 26/27 Season productions

PREMIUM

\$150

GENERAL

\$85

SINGLE TICKETS

PREMIUM

\$90

GENERAL

\$50

SINGLE TICKETS (MEMBER)

\$45

\$25

Discounted tickets are available for students and seniors.

PRIORITY BOOKING

Access to exclusive early booking periods to secure the best seats in the house.

DISCOUNTED TICKETS

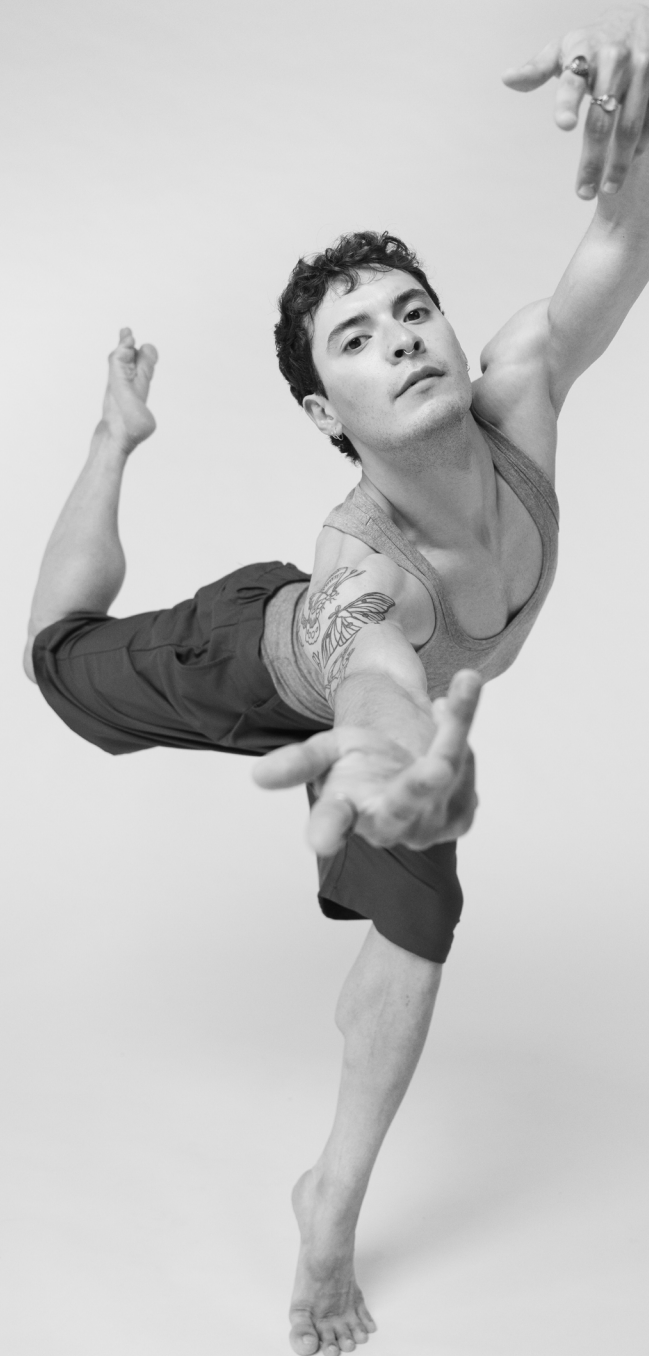
Save 15% with ticket packages, plus 50% off additional single tickets.

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Access discounted rates on limited reserved parking at Cornish Playhouse.

EXCLUSIVE EVENTS

Receive invitations to private rehearsals, opening parties and behind-the-scenes events.



HOW TO BOOK

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EMAIL

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Include your preferred package and contact information

PHONE

(707) 350 9446
Monday to Friday
10am to 4pm

MOVE WITH US



Whether you're stepping into the studio for the first time or continuing your dance journey, Whim W'Him offers a welcoming place to move, learn, and create.

Whim W'Him Youth Classes

Inspiring dance experiences for ages 3 - 12 yrs, led by experienced teaching artists. Through creative movement, ballet, contemporary, and hip hop, young dancers build strong foundations while nurturing curiosity and creativity.

Two seasonal sessions each year, aligned with the school calendar. Trial classes are available for new students.

Fall Sep 14 – Dec 12

Spring Apr 1 – Jun 12

Whim W'Him Teen & Adult Classes

Year-round drop-in classes for every experience level. Inspired by the artistry of Whim W'Him, our classes will help you gain confidence, refine technique, and explore new ways of moving.

Partner Programs

Whim W'Him Dance Center is home to a diverse community of teaching artists and partner organizations, offering classes, workshops, and events. Follow us on social media or visit the Dance Center to see what's on.

Subsidized tuition and accessibility accommodations are available.

**VIEW SCHEDULE
& REGISTER**

Sign up at whimwhim.org
Get in touch dancecenter@whimwhim.org

RENT OUR STUDIOS

Create, rehearse, and connect in our world-class studios. Designed to support artists, educators, and organizations, our spaces provide an inspiring setting for classes, rehearsals, workshops, auditions, photography, and private events.

Professional Studios

Purpose-built for professional practice, our bright Temple and Annex Studios feature Harlequin sprung floors with seamless Marley, high quality sound systems, full-height mirrors, fixed and portable barres, and abundant natural light. Our Den Studio features shoe-ready flooring, perfect for tap, heels, and dance sneakers.

Flexible Rental Options

Hourly, recurring, long-term, and event rentals are available, with optional catering and event support.

Subsidized rates are available for independent artists, nonprofits, and emerging programs

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& BOOK**

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SUPPORT US

Your generosity makes every part of Whim W'Him possible, from time in the studio and bold new choreography to performances on stage and scholarships that open the doors to young dancers. Every gift helps our artists create, audiences connect and our community thrive.



HOW TO SUPPORT

Make a Donation

Whether you're adding to your ticket purchase or supporting a project close to your heart, every gift makes a difference.

Leave a Lasting Legacy

Include Whim W'Him in your estate plans and help shape the future of contemporary dance for generations to come.

Host an Artist

Provide accommodation or local support for visiting choreographers and collaborators during their time in Seattle.

Volunteer

Share your time and talents by supporting performances, events, and behind-the-scenes activities throughout the season.

Support Our Events

Donate an auction item, sponsor an event, or join us at Fall Fete and Spring Fling to help make our biggest celebrations a success.

Corporate Sponsorship

Partner with Whim W'Him to align your business with creativity, innovation, and community impact. Ask us about sponsorship opportunities.

Match Your Gift

Many employers match charitable donations, doubling or even tripling, your impact. Check whether your workplace offers a matching gift program.

Spread the Word

Bring a friend to a performance, share our work with your network, or follow and engage with us on social media. Every new connection helps our community grow.

SAVE THE DATE

Don't miss our signature fundraising events. Connect with the artists, supporters, and community behind Whim W'Him while enjoying exclusive performances and previews of what's to come.

FALL FETE

Oct 28

National Nordic Museum

SPRING FLING

Apr 10

Whim W'Him
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We have an exciting year ahead. Alongside an extraordinary season of new creations, we will continue cultivating our Dance Center as a creative home where dancers can experiment, collaborate, and create, and where people of all ages and abilities can move, learn, and participate. Our vision extends beyond the stage, creating more opportunities for artists, strengthening the wider dance community, and building pathways for the next generation.

We measure success not only by the work we present, but by the careers we help shape, the ideas we bring to life, and the impact they go on to have in Seattle and beyond.

I look forward to sharing the work of this incredible company with more people, welcoming new audiences, and seeing the connections our work continues to inspire. Thank you for being a part of what makes it all possible.

MINK BOYCE
Executive Director



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