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## NOLA CONTEMPORARY BALLET'S 2020-2021 INAUGURAL SEASON POSTPONED

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New Orleans, LA – NOLA Contemporary Ballet believes the health and safety of its company dancers, staff, audiences, and the community-at-large are a top priority. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have carefully reviewed all local, state and national Covid-19 guidelines, mandates, and restrictions. After thoughtful consideration, we have decided to cancel all 2020-2021 season performances for the safety of our dance artists and staff. With our highest priority focused on the health and well-being of our patrons, we will resume performances again in 2021.

Artistic Director Tianna Pourciau Sykes adds, "This pandemic has left us much to reconsider beyond new practice schedules, cancelled performances and cancelled funding. We have to strategize a new way to introduce ourselves to the local community. We recognize that the world does not know us yet, or what we stand for as a dance company. There is a constant question of how to, as an emerging company, connect with our audience when we can't meet them in person. While it is disappointing to cancel performances and postpone our inaugural season, the health and safety of our community is of the utmost importance."

Please note the following postponements and cancellations:

**Premiere**, our mixed rep show scheduled for Friday, November 13-14, 2020 is postponed until further notice.

**Native Swamp**, scheduled for Friday, February 5-6, 2021 is also postponed until further notice.

**Laveau**, scheduled for Friday, April 30-May 1, 2021 has been cancelled and removed from the 2020-2021 inaugural season.

NOLA Contemporary Ballet wishes health and safety to all during this difficult time. We look forward to welcoming you to our performances in the near future.

For the most up to date performance information, please visit: [www.nolacontemporaryballet.com](http://www.nolacontemporaryballet.com)

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## About NOLA Contemporary Ballet

Established in 2020 by Tianna Pourciau Sykes, NOLA Contemporary Ballet is a dance company that is committed to preserving the cultural roots of Louisiana, telling the stories of its unique history and people. The first and only contemporary ballet company dedicated to performing works that tell the stories of the rich and diverse history of Louisiana, the company boasts a diverse repertoire that embodies the unique beauty and culture of Louisiana.

NOLA Contemporary Ballet's Youth Ensemble, a pre-professional program of the company, is a professional training and performance program for exceptionally talented pre-professional dancers ages 15-18. The youth program is designed to help develop the local area's next generation of professional dancers, as well as provide a formal track into NOLA Contemporary Ballet's professional company.

From original works to reimagined dance classics, the company presents a dynamic array of dance performances each season, bringing world-class performances to New Orleans and beyond.

