

LUMBERYARD Contemporary Performing Arts Launching International Artist Residency Program

Israel's Top Artists to Premiere Works for Hudson Valley Audiences

NEW YORK, NY (June 5, 2018) – LUMBERYARD Contemporary Performing Arts announced today the launch of LUMBERYARD Israel Artists Residency Program. A collaboration with the Consulate General of Israel in New York, this combined residency and presenting program offers professional Israeli artists technical resources and staff to develop new work, including a \$10,000 development grant, dramaturgical support, access to LUMBERYARD's technical crew, design support, production materials and equipment, housing, meals, local transportation and professional documentation. This collaboration – the first in a residency series LUMBERYARD is launching in the leadup to their inaugural summer season – will allow audiences in the Hudson Valley and Capital Region to experience some of the world's most innovative works, that otherwise might never have been shown there.

LUMBERYARD, a non-profit performing arts and film production studio in the Hudson Valley led by Adrienne Willis, reinvests 100% of its revenue into artists and their work. To date, LUMBERYARD's technical residency program has provided over 65 leading American performing arts companies with critical design support and world premieres before premiering in NYC at leading institutions. Just last year LUMBERYARD announced a residency partnership with Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) – the first formal partnership of its kind for BAM. The expansion into international residency partners is exemplary of the support that LUMBERYARD is determined to provide for the industry's foremost presenting artists.

"We are so excited to be working with the Consulate General of Israel in New York on the launch of our Israel Artists Residency Program," said Adrienne Willis, Executive and Artistic Director of LUMBERYARD. "Not only is this program an important step for LUMBERYARD in terms of elevating our international footprint with artists from around the world, but it is also an exciting moment for our new neighbors in Hudson Valley as we work to make a social impact on the community and help local, national, and now international artists thrive."

Renowned Israeli artists will be given the opportunity to stay at LUMBERYARD's facilities this Fall and Winter season for a week or two to finalize their performances with all the creative and technical aspects in place. Lucinda Childs, Maya Beiser, Wendy Whelan, and Zvi Dance are among the selected artists who will participate in this program and have the opportunity to showcase their work with public performances.

"We are thrilled to form this partnership with LUMBERYARD to bring Israeli art to the Greater New York area," said Ambassador Dani Dayan, Consul General of Israel in New York. "Israel has a significant impact on the culture scene in New York, from street art to street food; film, theatre and much more. I am looking forward to seeing what we can create together."

This collaboration with the Consulate General of Israel in New York is the first in LUMBERYARD's new international arts program, which will bring different international artists to the Hudson Valley each year. In addition to exposing new audiences to these amazing artists, the program is designed to strengthen

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overall cultural diplomacy and international relations. More information on LUMBERYARD and its programming can be found at www.lumberyard.org

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About LUMBERYARD Contemporary Performing Arts

LUMBERYARD Contemporary Performing Arts, based in New York City and Catskill, NY, led by Executive and Artistic Director Adrienne Willis, is a national non-profit organization that serves the performing arts community and its audiences by providing multi-faceted opportunities for artists to develop new work.

LUMBERYARD's facility on the Hudson River watershed will make a significant contribution to the revitalization of Catskill, New York. The complex consists of a state-of-the-art residency space and two large adjacent barns along Catskill Creek.

LUMBERYARD is the first formal residency partner for BAM (Brooklyn Academy of Music), supporting three artists developing new works for premieres in BAM's 2018 Next Wave Festival. In addition, LUMBERYARD's dedication to community outreach includes programs such as LUMBERYARD Young Performers, which provides free dance education for students living in low-income communities in and around Catskill, and a soon-to-be announced performing arts education program for incarcerated teens.