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## **UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH HOSTS CT-BASED ARTISTS IN SERIES *CT LOCAL***

**Celebrating Exceptional Works of Connecticut's Performing Artists**



WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (Oct. 17, 2018) – As part of its 2018-2019 *USJ Got Soul* season of events, the University of Saint Joseph's (USJ) Autorino Center for the Arts is hosting nine arts and culture events for its *CT Local* series. *CT Local* is a series focused on exceptional performers who work and live in Connecticut and contribute to our local communities. Featuring artists who have immigrated to Connecticut, veteran performers in the state, and budding artists born and raised in Connecticut, this season's *CT Local* events span generations and genres, bringing dance, music, and theatre from home and around the world to the University of Saint Joseph's bucolic West Hartford campus and well-appointed Hoffman Auditorium.

*The 5X5 Contemporary Dance Festival (plus workshops and dance films) – Nov. 3, 2018*

- The 5x5 Contemporary Dance Festival brings together choreographers, performers, educators, students, and dance lovers to study, perform, and create new work. The festival will be preceded by an African dance workshop that experiments with rhythm and space, and a unique master class on Chinese calligraphy-inspired dance.

*Thabisa (special guest Luna & The Lost Souls) – Nov. 8, 2018*

- Blending her velvet voice with comforting African soul and jazz rhythms, multilingual singer **Thabisa** brings the diversity and beauty of her native South Africa to her current residence of New Haven and beyond. Her love of music crosses cultural barriers and welcomes audiences into her heart. Opening act Luna & the Lost Souls combines American folk-rock, world rhythm n' groove, and honest storytelling.

*Noontime Classic: Jonathan Janeway – Nov. 16, 2018*

- **Jonathan Janeway** will perform a free lunchtime program of solo piano works by Bach, Beethoven, Debussy, and Brahms. A veteran soloist and ensemble pianist with extensive musical training, Janeway has studied with graduate students at the Yale School of Music. He also serves Connecticut communities outside of music, running Sweet Acre Farm in Lebanon with his wife.

*860 MVMT: FREQUENCY – Feb. 8-9, 2019*

- Connecticut-based youth street dance collective 860 MVMT, under the direction of **Jolet Creary**, will perform FREQUENCY, a collage of urban dance, video, and live music that shows how hip-hop is a tool for cultural expression. See the next generation of hip-hop trailblazers perform in this world-premiere event! Friday, Feb. 8 is a free Pay-It-Forward event with donations encouraged.

*Romance De La Guitarra – Feb. 14, 2019*

- This Valentine’s Day-themed classical guitar concert is sure to warm hearts and bring loved ones closer together. Spanish classical guitarist **Daniel Salazar, Jr.** and an ensemble of international musicians, guest vocalists, and dancers will captivate audiences with the exhilarating rhythms and beautiful melodies of Spain and Latin America.

*Chad Browne-Springer & Phat A\$tronaut with Hartford Hot Several – March 28, 2019*

- East Hartford vocalist, songwriter, and audiovisual artist **Chad Browne-Springer** breaks the boundaries of musical genres as the leader of the organic, innovative soul ensemble Phat A\$tronaut, alongside guitarist **Mark Lyons**. Their psychedelic music boldly redefines what it means to be an artist of color. Opening is Hartford Hot Several, the capital city’s own funky marching band.

*Capital Classics – July 11-28, 2019*

- A Greater Hartford mainstay for decades, Capital Classics returns to bring the passion of Shakespeare’s theatre to life this summer. Local music and dance performances, Shakespeare-related lectures, and a tour of the USJ Art Museum are followed by the romance, comedy, or tragedy of a classic Shakespearean play.

For more information about these events or ordering tickets, please visit [tickets.usj.edu](http://tickets.usj.edu) or call the Frances Driscoll Box Office at 860.231.5555.

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