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Raise a Glass to Life and Community!

**Invertigo Dance Theatre
Dances On Tables
at
Temple Israel of Hollywood**

***Performances Marks Invertigo's First Live Performances of its
Two Year Kitchen Table Project Evoking Community Connection***

LOS ANGELES (May 3, 2022) — Invertigo Dance Theatre (www.invertigodance.org), performs [***The Kitchen Table Project: A Time to Gather***](#) at Temple Israel of Hollywood (7300 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles 90046), presented by **TIOH Arts & Culture** on Wednesday May 25th; Thursday, May 26th, and Saturday May 28th at 7:30 PM (PST).

Known for wild-bodied dance and vibrant storytelling, Invertigo's [***The Kitchen Table Project: A Time to Gather***](#) is a site-specific and interactive live performance created specifically for the Temple Israel of Hollywood community and campus. Three gifted Invertigo artists weave together dance, theater, and music to examine nourishment, heritage, and memory. They honor the kitchen table as a site of lineage and connection... and now—as our office—or place for virtual learning, and Zoom parties

(when we would give anything to be in the same room together).

It is the newest iteration of Invertigo's 'Kitchen Table Project' that emerged from isolated and transformative times at our kitchen tables during the pandemic. Since 2020, Kitchen Table Project (KTP) has activated communal healing through a web of interconnected dance films, immersive virtual experiences, and workshops with community members – using the ritual of gathering around the kitchen table as its stage and thematic center. Through each Kitchen Table iteration, artists and audience gather to share stories, acknowledge what has been lost, and vigorously celebrate all we have to be grateful for.

For the first time since its 2020 inception, KTP is going LIVE!

Presented by **TIOH Arts & Culture** at Temple Israel of Hollywood, Invertigo's [*The Kitchen Table Project: A Time to Gather*](#) features performing artists **Chelsea Roquero**, **Jessica Emmanuel**, and **Austin Tyson**, as well as a music score by **Diana Lynn Wallace**. Performance dates are Wednesday May 25th, Thursday May 26th, and Saturday May 28th at 7:30 PM (PST) at Temple Israel of Hollywood (7300 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90046). The work is commissioned by **Temple Israel of Hollywood's TIOH Arts & Culture**.

Invertigo's Interim Artistic Director, Haylee Nichele is at the forefront of this project. In collaboration with Invertigo's engagement team, Nichele has found a way to weave together the voices of community partners, students and performing artists in a special interactive experience. She says, "We have invited participants to contribute and share a recipe. These recipe prompts inform our Kitchen Table Project workshops from Invert/Ed Education programs, to Dancing Through Parkinson's, and into the creative process with the Invertigo professional company." Through Invert/Ed Invertigo collaborates with young people, and its Dancing Through Parkinson's offers classes to people living with Parkinson's.

TIOH Arts & Culture's Artistic Director, Diana Wyenn has been curating a wide array of arts events since 2017 at Temple Israel of Hollywood. Wyenn says, "Early in the pandemic, I learned from Laura Karlin that Invertigo was exploring *the kitchen table* as a site of gathering, nourishment, deep conversations, and spiritual connection," when asked about why she wanted to invite Invertigo to perform at Temple Israel of Hollywood. "Given all of our community's in-person services and programs had migrated online due to the pandemic, we found ourselves now working and gathering virtually from our own kitchen tables, it was clear this emerging dance-theater work would resonate deeply by countering the isolation and cultivating connection. So, once in-person gatherings became possible again, I seized the opportunity to reach back out to Invertigo and commission a new site-specific work for our temple community and the broader Los Angeles audience."

Kitchen Table Project director, Haylee Nichele says “This is an exciting opportunity to strengthen the webbing of our community right here in Culver City and into the greater reaches of LA. There is nothing more satisfying and thrilling than starting conversations with new community partners, seeing young dancers share their movement discoveries, and welcoming new dancers into our company. To sum it all up, you are always welcome at Invertigo’s table. Let’s share our stories and toast to new exchanges.”

To support the vision and spread the joy, Invertigo is inviting people throughout Los Angeles to contribute to the [Kitchen Table Project Recipe Book](#); a source featured in the interactive performance itself. The recipes could be related to food or could spark imagination; prompts include – “What is a recipe for joy?” or “What is a recipe for friendship?”

One of the community partners is **Nourish L.A. | Nuestros Alimentos** (<https://www.nourish.la>) – an organization founded by **Natalie Flores** during the pandemic to bridge the gap between need, excess, and waste. Flores and her team of volunteers has been able to connect those in need of food to those with excess, through food donations and partnerships that are helping around 3,000 people every weekend since the start of the pandemic. Through her work Flores has turned need into abundance for thousands of people, with one grocery bag at a time, a seed planted in her urban farms, Flores is fighting against food injustice.

Additionally, Invertigo’s **Invert/Ed Education Program** is working with **Culver City High School Academy of Visual and Performing Arts** (<https://avpa.org>) on May 3rd for a special performance art workshop, and with youth center **A Place Called Home** (<https://apch.org/>) – which is hosting a 6 week series of workshops with Invertigo’s newest Teaching Artist, **Alicia Moseley** to develop a Kitchen Table Project performance with their members; to be shown on Friday, May 27th at 7:00pm at A Place Called Home (2830 S Central Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90011). **APCH’s Dance Program Director, Jocelyn Garcia** says, “APCH Dance's collaboration with Invertigo has been nothing short of organic, therapeutic, and inspiring for our members. It has been a true honor to witness our members dive into the creative process with teaching artist Alicia Moseley with open minds and courageous hearts. I am confident that after our time together, every individual involved will leave with a new learned sense of vulnerability, creativity, and purpose.”

To attend the performances presented by **TIOH Arts & Culture** at **Temple Israel of Hollywood on Wednesday May 25th, Thursday May 26th, or Saturday May 28th** please make your reservation on the TIOH Arts & Culture website here: <https://arts.tioh.org/event/invertigo-dance-theatre-the-kitchen-table-project-a-time-to-gather/>.

About Invertigo Dance Theatre

Invertigo Dance Theatre was founded by Laura Karlin in 2007 and is an institution at the forefront of Los Angeles dance, connecting people to story and community through a blend of dynamic contemporary movement and compelling theatre. Invertigo has created and performed over 40 original choreographic works, across Los Angeles, including the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Ford Theatre, Grand Park, and Broad Stage. Invertigo has also performed in Las Vegas, San Diego, Seattle and Santa Barbara, and won the Grand Prize in the 2016 McCallum Theatre Choreography Festival. Invertigo recently earned one of the highest national honors in American dance when awarded a 2018 National Dance Project production grant, **and The National Endowment for the Arts grant for their production in development *The Dream Eaters***. In addition to their production work, Invertigo Dance Theatre also works with intergenerational community members, from students in their **Invert/ED Education** program to community members who have Parkinson's Disease in weekly classes through the **Dancing Through Parkinson's** program.

Providing accessible dance programming is at the heart of Invertigo's mission, and the organization operates two year-round community engagement programs: Dancing Through Parkinson's offers donation-based classes to people living with degenerative conditions and Community In/Motion which includes the Invert/ED program, providing a range of dance education and performance opportunities to local students. Throughout all company initiatives, Invertigo is committed to paying fair wages to all artists, teachers, and staff. More: <https://www.invertigodance.org/vision/>

About TIOH Arts & Culture at Temple Israel of Hollywood

For almost a century—with the greatest of artistic expression and creative talent—writers, actors, directors, artists, musicians, comics, craftsmen, agents, and producers have helped make Temple Israel of Hollywood a center for deep spiritual meaning, mass social activism, and unwavering human connection. TIOH Arts & Culture honors this tradition of service through the presentation of arts programming for our community and Los Angeles audiences. Recognizing that culture is illuminated, challenged, shared, and advanced through the arts, TIOH Arts & Culture is dedicated to presenting performances, screenings, conversations, and exhibitions that reflect the diverse and courageous artists who are exploring and experimenting with what was and what is as a means to encourage us all to imagine together what can be. More: <https://arts.tioh.org/about/>

The Kitchen Table Project: A Time to Gather is directed by **Haylee Nichele**, the dance ensemble features **Chelsea Roquero**, **Jessica Emmanuel**, and **Austin Tyson**, with music by **Diana Wallace**. (Bios: <https://www.invertigodance.org/the-artists/>)

WHO: Invertigo's *The Kitchen Table Project*

WHAT: Contemporary dance theatre performance

WHERE: Temple Israel of Hollywood, 7300 Hollywood Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90046

WHEN: Wednesday, May 25, Thursday, May 26, Saturday, May 28

HOW: Ticket Sales here – <https://arts.tioh.org/>

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<https://arts.tioh.org/event/invertigo-dance-theatre-the-kitchen-table-project-a-time-to-gather/>. **There is a \$5 discount for anyone making a reservation between now and May 2nd.**

ADDITIONAL PROMOTIONAL CONTENT:

Graphics: <https://bit.ly/36OozfM> (Instagram Ad & 8x11 flyer)

More Information - Invertigo Dance Theatre

www.InvertigoDance.org

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Invertigo Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/invertigodance/>

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Link to Press Images <https://bit.ly/3995c1S>

KTP page: www.InvertigoDance.org/kitchentableproject

Video Links of Past KTP Works

KTP 2020 Short Film Trailers

<https://vimeo.com/478260678>

KTP 2021 Film - Behind the Scenes "How We Emerge"

<https://vimeo.com/582284928>

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KITCHEN TABLE PROJECT

A TIME TO GATHER

Wednesday, May 25

Thursday, May 26

Saturday, May 28

7:30 pm/Pacific

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Los Angeles, CA 90046



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www.invertigodance.org/kitchentableproject

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KTP 2022 Rehearsal Photos



IMG_4525 - Dancers Jessica Emmanuel, Austin Tyson, Chelsea Roquero with Invertigo's Interim Artistic Director, Haylee Nichele inside the Temple Israel of Hollywood.



IMG_4541 - (Left to Right) Chelsea Roquero, Jessica Emmanuel, and Austin Tyson.



IMG_4544 - (Left to Right) Chelsea Roquero, Jessica Emmanuel, and Austin Tyson.



IMG_4545 - (Left to Right) Chelsea Roquero, Jessica Emmanuel, and Austin Tyson.

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