**Unity is strength - Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much**

**A L L I A N C E**

Saturday, April 13, 2019 - 8:00pm

Sunday, April 14, 2019 - 8:00pm

Strathmore Music Center - Studio Theater at Strathmore

5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda, MD 20852

Running time: 60 minutes

**Washington, DC:** I.C. Movement Project (ICMP), a contemporary ballet company, returns this season to present their new work, *Alliance,* for the Washington, DC Metropolitan area. A deeply personal show for Founder/Artistic Director Ivy Chow, as she explores her relationships with Ballet, friendships, love, her ethnicity as a Taiwanese American and her journey to parenthood. For the first time, ICMP will collaborate with Taiwanese musicians Winnie Lan-In Yang, Tzu-yi Zoe Chen, Andy Lin and Molly Jones to bring *Alliance* to life with live music and dance - sharing the stage.

When Chow first heard Ms. Winnie Lan-In Yang's creation of *Dancing Dream,  Astrologique and Ballade* - she was instantly inspired to choreograph a new work set to live music. This collaborative concept came to fruition when Ms. Yang agreed to perform with ICMP stating, “When I was asked by choreographer Ivy Chow to have my compositions become part of a music and dance collaboration, I was thrilled! I believe that both the dancers and the musicians will generate a seamless union of these two art forms and will undoubtedly create an unforgettable experience for audience and performers alike.” Expanding the vision of intertwining live music and dance, Ivy Chow accompanies Winnie Lan-In Yang with other internationally known musicians: Tzu-yi Zoe Chen on piano, Andy Lin playing viola and violin, and Molly Jones on cello.  The talented I.C. Movement Project dance artists that join them are Matthew August, Katherine Creed, Molly Kate Dalton, Kelly Fisher, Therese Gahl, Patrick Green, Colleen Kerwin, and Kyoko Ruch.

The works of the evening also explore George Bolcom's *Garden of Eden* and Ferrucio Busoni *Duettino Concerto* based on the finale of Mozart's concerto in F major - both performed live with two Steinway pianos, generously donated by the Ministry of Culture, Republic of China (Taiwan) and Taiwan Academy, TECRO, who both promote the importance of supporting Taiwaneses in the arts and the interaction with the mainstream society. Other works include Taiwanese composer Tyzen Hsiao and Taiwanese pop star Teresa Teng reinterpreted by composer Winnie Lan-In Yang.

A true celebration of life with the collaboration of amazing musicians and dancers, I.C. Movement Project does it again to provide audiences with a performance experience to remember. Using art as a vehicle, *Alliance* drives a powerful message on how mixed cultures can coexist to create something beautiful. The fusion of classical and contemporary dance and music will leave audiences feeling hopeful, united and loved.

Tickets are now on sale, to purchase visit [https://icmovementprojectalliance.bpt.me](https://icmovementprojectalliance.bpt.me/).

**Ivy Chow Movement Projec**t (I.C. Movement Project) is a contemporary ballet company motivated to tell truths through the use of professional dancers, designers and artists.  Led by Artistic Director and choreographer, Ivy Chow to join the ranks of female choreographic voices. Designed to be project based in the ever transient city of Washington, D.C.  As an advocate for the voice of women in the arts, I.C. Movement Project takes advantage of being in the nation’s capital to transcend ideas into action.

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