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> Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts' Summer @ The Wallis Presents Heidi Duckler Dance in the World Premiere of *The Chandelier*

RESS RELEASE

Site-Specific Work, Presented on The Wallis' Pop-Up Outdoor Stage, Is Choreographed and Directed by Heidi Duckler

August 12-15, 2021, 8:00 pm

(BEVERLY HILLS, CA, July 19, 2021) — Live dance returns to the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts with the world premiere of Heidi Duckler Dance's *The Chandelier*, a site-specific work choreographed and directed by company Founder/Artistic Director Heidi Duckler that runs for four nights, Thursday August 12 to Sunday, August 15, 2021, at 8 pm, on The Wallis' pop-up outdoor stage. Taking the audience on an epic journey, *The Chandelier*, created for The Wallis, is based on a novel of the same title by Brazilian author Clarice Lispector, which was hailed by *The New York Times* for its "undeniable quantity of genius (and) heart-stopping payoff." Duckler animates the book's interior monologues and devises characters from odd fragments of dialogue to create a moving portrait of a family living amid the ruins of a colonial society. Through layers of imagery, acts of repetition and audience engagement, Duckler explores the contrasting ideas of impermanence and the irrevocable. Los Angeles-based Heidi Ducker Dance is noted for creating ephemeral place-based performances that transform non-traditional spaces. *LA Weekly* proclaims, "Many choreographers intermittently offer site-specific work in L.A., but when it comes to Heidi Duckler Dance, nobody does it better."

"Heidi Ducker Dance, a Los Angeles treasure, has helped expand the dance genre with its unique site-specific work," states The Wallis' Artistic Director Paul Crewes. "The unexpected locations in which the company performs become compelling central figures in their work. We are excited that Heidi has set *The Chandelier* at The Wallis, which will, no doubt, showcase the landmark venue as a performance space in a fascinating new light."

Internationally acclaimed Heidi Duckler Dance, founded in 1985 by Duckler, has created memorable and captivating dance experiences in extraordinary locations for over three decades. Building communities and cultivating partnerships through the performing arts, Heidi Duckler Dance produces immersive art experiences in nontraditional places – from laundromats and

abandoned warehouses to subway terminals and the Los Angeles Police Academy. The company's performances and outreach programs provide creative learning opportunities in diverse neighborhoods that redefine the relationship between audience and art.

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Tickets to Heidi Duckler Dance, \$50, are on sale now. The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts is located at <u>9390 N. Santa Monica Blvd, Beverly Hills</u>. To purchase tickets and for more information, please call 310-746-4000 (Tue.-Fri. 9:30 am – 2:30 pm) or email Tickets@Wallis.org.

About the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts:

The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts is a dynamic cultural hub and community resource where local, national and international artists share their artistry with ever-expanding audiences. The campus, located in the heart of Beverly Hills, CA, is committed to robust and distinctive presentations and education programs curated with both creativity and social impact in mind. Distinguished by its eclectic programming that mirrors the diverse landscape of Los Angeles and its location in the entertainment capital of the world, The Wallis has produced and presented more than 300 dance, theater, opera, classical music, cinema and family programs since its doors opened in October 2013. Hailed as "au courant" (LaLa Magazine), The Wallis was lauded by Culture Vulture, which proclaims, "If you love expecting the unexpected in the performing arts, you have to love The Wallis." Its programming has been nominated for 79 Ovation Awards and nine L.A. Drama Critic's Circle Awards. The campus itself, a breathtaking 70,000-square-foot facility, celebrating the classic and the modern, has garnered six architectural awards. Designed by acclaimed architect Zoltan E. Pali (SPF:architects), the restored building features the original 1933 Beverly Hills Post Office (on the National Register of Historic Places), which serves as the theater's dramatic yet welcoming lobby, and includes the contemporary 500-seat, state-ofthe-art Bram Goldsmith Theater; the 150-seat Lovelace Studio Theater; an inviting open-air plaza for family, community and other performances; and GRoW @ The Wallis: A Space for Arts Education, where learning opportunities for all ages and backgrounds abound. Together, these elements embrace the city's history and its future, creating a performing arts destination for L.A.-area visitors and residents alike. The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts is led by Chairman of the Board Michael Nemeroff, Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer Rachel Fine and Artistic Director Paul Crewes.

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EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:

WHAT: Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts Summer @ The Wallis Presents Heidi Duckler Dance

PROGRAM:

The Chandelier (World Premiere) A Site-Specific Work Directed and Choreographed by Heidi Ducker Performed by Heidi Duckler Dance

WHEN:

Thursday, August 12, 2021, 8:00 pm Friday, August 13, 2021, 8:00 pm Saturday, August 14, 2021, 8:00 pm Sunday, August 15, 2021, 8:00 pm

WHERE:

Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts Pop-Up, Outdoor Stage 9390 N. Santa Monica Boulevard Beverly Hills, CA 90210

RUN TIME:

90 minutes; no intermission

TICKET PRICES AND INFORMATION:

\$50 (price subject to change) www.thewallis.org/HDD 310.746.4000

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS:

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