

## **SONIA M. PLUMB**

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**ARTIST STATEMENT:** *I attribute my artistic style to a morphing of ideas, a constant seeking of, observing, learning, questioning and collaboration. My curiosity for information has led me to work with dancers, puppeteers, actors, musicians, singers, composers and videographers. I value a never-ending desire for physical movement intertwined with the quiet stillness needed for process and reflection.*

### **ARTISTIC DIRECTOR**

**Sonia Plumb Dance Company**, Hartford, CT 1990-Present  
Choreographer, dancer, educator, innovator and creator. Program development includes: Apprentice Training Program, Arts Integration programs, Community Engagement, master teacher and collaborations with numerous artists and educators.

### **ARTIST IN RESIDENCE**

University of Saint Joseph, West Hartford, CT 2012-2015  
Worked with the college community teaching and presenting dance and collaborating with professors in the Humanities and Dance departments.

### **CHOREOGRAPHY (Sonia Plumb Dance Company)**

- **The Dance of da Vinci (2018)** original music: Michael Wall, Lighting: Michael Chybowski, Costumes: Sabrina Notrafrancisco
- **Fire or Ice (2016)** collaboration with dancer Paul Dennis and musician Daniel Salazar, Jr., 2 dancers, 8 minutes
- **Random XY (2016)** 4 dancers, 9 minutes
- **The Sun Shines (2016)** 7 dancers, 5 minutes
- **The Odyssey (2015)** masks: David Regan, composer: Cory Gabel, costumes: Gail Fresia, videography: Helder Mira, 8 dancers, 65 minutes
- **Privacy Settings (2014)** composer: Mike Wall, 6 dancers, 35 minutes
- **Fractured Light (2014)** music: Arvo Part, 6 dancers, 30 minutes
- **The Moon (2013)** puppeteer: David Regan, composer: Cory Gabel, 7 dancers, 18 minutes
- **Bach in Space (2000/2013)** music: J.S. Bach, 6 dancers, 13 minutes
- **Too Close to the Light (2013)** costume designer: Gail Fresia, 2 dancers, 7 minutes
- **Water Wars (2012)** composer: Cory Gabel, costumes: Gail Fresia, 6 dancers, 75 minutes
- **More Than You Know (2000 )** music: David Byrne, 10 dancers, 12 minutes
- **Into the Wildwood (1999)** music: Anuna, and AfroCelt. Costumes: Susan Slack, 6 dancers, 15 minutes
- **Mumbo Jumbo (or Girls' Night Out) (1999)** music: David Byrne, 6 dancers, 5 minutes
- **Denial (1998)** music: Mickey Hart; costumes by Susan Slack, 3 dancers, 8 minutes
- **Letting Go (1998)** music: Landini, Hildegard von Bingen; Costumes by Marni Irwin, 6 dancers
- **Random X (1998)** Moby, and various techno music artists. Set designed by photographer Arthur Simoes, 6 dancers
- **Sighing (1997)** music: Cirque du Soleil, 3 dancers
- **Frost and Field (1998)** Poetry by Robert Frost, 8 dancers
- **Disconnected (1995, re-worked in 1990)** music: Peter Gabriel, 12 dancers

- **Molecular Reality** (1995) music: John Adams , 8 dancers
- **Civil-Lies** (1994) music: John Adams, Arvo Part; Costumes: Roland Roux, 5 dancers
- **Bach-analia** (1993) music: J.S. Bach, 8 dancers
- **Wild Woman** (1993) music: Suzanne Vega, Loreena McKennett, 3 dancers
- **Chain Reaction** (1992) music: Glen Valez, Paul Winter, 10 dancers
- **Bustin** (1992) music: Kronos Quartet, 3 daners
- **Water and Air** (1992) music: Brain Eno, 4 dancers
- **Stroke of Midnight** (1992) music: J.S. Bach, Robert Palmer, 8 dancers
- **Take Two** (1992) music: Wolfgang Mozart, 2 dancers
- **And Then There Were Two** (1992) 3 dancers;
- **No Meaning** (1991) music: David Sanborn, 4 dancers
- **Triple S Roost** (1991) 3 dancers
- **Rhythm of the Masses** (1988, 1991) music: Peter Gabriel, Kate Bush, 10 dancers
- **Ripples in the Sun** (1989) costumes: Ayanna Spears, 8 dancers

### **CHOREOGRAPHY (OTHER)**

- Changing Perspectives, GHAA, Hartford, CT
- Eastern Light, CitySingers, Hartford, CT
- Applause, Loomis Chaffee
- Runaways, Loomis Chaffee
- Grapes of Wrath, Loomis Chaffee
- Hanging from the Moon, Hartford Conservatory
- Something Unsaid, Hartford Conservatory
- Sun Spiral, Hartford Conservatory
- Amongst the Blades of Grass, Hartford Conservatory
- Coming Into the Light, Hartford Conservatory

### **Capital Classics Shakespeare**

- **Romeo and Juliet**
- **Mid-Summer Night's Dream** .....1994
- **The Tempest** .....2009
- **As You Like It** .....1995
- **Comedy of Errors** .....2007

### **Hartford Children's Theater**

- **Wind of a Thousand Tales** .....1997
- **Babes in Toyland**.....1996

### **TEACHING-CURRENT**

**CREC Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High School**, Hartford, CT 2006 to Present  
 Modern 1 and 2, Advanced Modern, Composition 1 and 2, Senior Composition and Production,  
 Improvisation, Modern for Musical Theater, Ballet 1 and 2, Modern Repertory and Pilates  
 Conditioning.

### **EDUCATION and TRAINING**

**Arts Integration Planning with The Kennedy Center** .....2017  
**SUMAC with Susan Marshall** .....2013  
**Liz Lerman Dance Exchange Dance and Science Workshop**, Wesleyan 2008, 2009  
**Liz Lerman Dance Exchange International Teen Institute**, Baltimore, MD 2009  
**Doug Varone Summer Workshop**, S.U.N.Y., Purchase, NY 2009

<b>Pilobolus Summer Intensive</b> , Washington, CT	2008, 2010
<b>Mark Morris Choreography Workshop</b> , Boston, MA	1994
<b>Mark Morris Dance Summer Intensive</b> , Skidmore College, NY	1993
<b>Bates Dance Festival</b> , Bates College, Lewiston, ME	1987
<b>Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival</b> , Lee, MA	1985

<b>B.A. Dance and Theater</b> , Trinity College, Hartford, CT	1985
<b>STOTT Pilates Certification Mat and Reformer</b>	2008

#### **AWARDS**

<b>National Artist Community Legacy Project</b>	2015
<b>National Artist Teaching Fellowship</b>	2013
<b>Connecticut Commission on the Arts Fellowship for Artistic Excellence</b>	1996, 2000

#### **ADJUDICATED SHOWCASES/PERFORMANCES**

<b>Southern Vermont Dance Festival</b> , Brattleboro, VT .....	2017
<b>Artists For World Peace</b> , Old Saybrook, CT .....	2017
<b>5x5 Dance Festival</b> , St. Joseph College, West Hartford, CT	2004, 2005, 2013, 2017
<b>Connecticut Dance Alliance Showcase</b> , New London, CT	2001
<b>OpSail</b> , New London, CT .....	2001
<b>Ted Hershey Dance and Music Marathon</b> , Hartford, CT	1999-2002, 2012-present
<b>Sono Arts Festival</b> , South Norwalk, CT	1999
<b>Connecticut Choreographers' Showcase &amp; Forum</b> , Waterbury, CT	1999
<b>International Festival of Arts and Ideas</b> , New Haven, CT	1996, 2000
<b>International Special Olympics</b> , New Haven, CT	1995
<b>Dance Now</b> , Cheney Hall, Manchester, CT	1994
<b>Fill Your Plate</b> , Cheney Hall, Manchester, CT	1993
<b>New Dance</b> , New Haven, New Haven, CT	1991, 1992, 1993, 1996
<b>A New Generation of Dance</b> , S.U.N.Y. Purchase, NY	1992

#### **GUEST ARTIST/SPEAKER**

<b>National High School Dance Festival</b> , Pittsburgh, PA .....	2018
<b>Miss Porters, Farmington Connecticut</b> , Guest Artist	2014-2016
<b>Loomis Chaffee</b> , South Windsor, CT, Guest Artist .....	2015
<b>Wesleyan College</b> , Liz Lerman Dance Exchange, Guest Speaker/participant	2010
<b>Eastern Connecticut State College</b> , Guest Artist	1996
<b>University of Hartford</b> , Guest Speaker	1996

#### **TEACHING-PAST**

<b>Housatonic Community College</b> , Bridgeport, CT	2012-2016
<b>Hartford Conservatory</b> , Hartford, CT	1999-2000, 2004-2009
<b>PHIT Pilates</b> , Hartford, CT	2006-2013
<b>Nutmeg Conservatory for the Arts</b> , Torrington, CT	2000-2002
<b>Naugatuck Community College</b> , Naugatuck, CT	2000
<b>Dance Connecticut</b> , Hartford, CT	2000
<b>Connecticut Concert Ballet</b> , Manchester, CT	1997, 1998
<b>Hartford Children's Theater Summer Program</b> , Hartford, CT	1997
<b>Trinity College Evening Dance</b> , Hartford, CT	1992, 1993