

# TERMINUS

MODERN BALLET THEATRE

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**Terminus Modern Ballet Theatre  
Announces**

## ***Digital Season***

Featuring choreographers Ana Maria Lucaciu & Heath Gill

**ATLANTA (August 1, 2020)** – During these unprecedented times, Terminus Modern Ballet Theatre (TMBT) is adapting. To continue our mission of connecting people through contemporary art, TMBT is crafting dance experiences specifically created for film. In October, TMBT will release the film version of **Long Ago and Only Once**, a world premiere by celebrated dancer and creator Ana Maria Lucaciu. Then in December, TMBT’s resident choreographer Heath Gill will bring his signature storytelling style to the screen with a **Holiday Premiere**.

### **ABOUT THE SEASON**

TMBT presents a digital Fall Season with dance performances designed for film. “We’re reworking an art form that is rooted in live presentation and changing our creative process a bit,” says Director John Welker. “We’re looking at dance performance through a cinematography lens, so the visceral essence of the performers remains vibrant and powerful. The emotional connection between the artists and our audience is everything.”

Premiering in October is **Long Ago and Only Once**, by artist and choreographer Ana Maria Lucaciu. Originally slated to premiere in May, Lucaciu’s dance work will be uniquely adapted for film and screen. The adaptation will be filmed by T.M Rives, a notable dance photographer and videographer who also composed the original score. “In *Long Ago and Only Once*, I wanted to play with the idea of waiting for something to be completed, whether it’s a movement, a joke, a sentence, a fact, a personal story,” says Lucaciu. “There is inherent conflict for us as an audience when the punch line is being suspended. When, if and how it gets delivered became the groundwork of the entire work.”

TMBT resident choreographer Heath Gill will be creating a brand-new dance work inspired by Charles Dickens *A Christmas Carol*. Gill’s **Holiday Premiere** features an exciting collaboration with musician and Atlanta native Jacob Ryan Smith. “There is a lot to be excited with this creation, because there is so much that is new between collaborating with a composer and creating with film in mind,” says Gill. “Not to mention, I love working on a story driven work!” Gill’s world premiere is slated to release in December, in time for the holidays.

## **ABOUT THE COMPANY**

TMBT was founded in 2017 by five principal dance artists, formerly tenured at Atlanta Ballet, who struck out to create their own unique vision of dance. Terminus Modern Ballet Theatre is both a recognition of Atlanta's founding name and the intersection at which new and creative beginnings are made. By bringing together the classical and contemporary dance forms and strengths of each of its principal artists, the company has become celebrated for the creation of daring and theatrical dance works. In 2018, Terminus School of Modern Ballet was founded to train the next generation of dance talent by combining the rigor of ballet with the creative and intuitive movement techniques of contemporary dance. For more information, visit [www.terminus-serenbe.com](http://www.terminus-serenbe.com), follow us on Instagram @terminusmbt, or like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/terminusmbt](http://www.facebook.com/terminusmbt).

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## **TICKETS**

For more information about Terminus Modern Ballet Theatre's *Digital Season* and to purchase tickets, visit [www.terminus-serenbe.com/tickets](http://www.terminus-serenbe.com/tickets). Tickets start as low as \$15 and are available for pre-order now. *Long Ago and Only Once* will be available to watch Oct.23 – Nov.21. *Holiday Premiere* will be available to watch Dec.18 – Jan.22.

## **INTERVIEWS AND MEDIA INVITATIONS**

Interviews with the choreographers, company members, guests, and design team are available upon request. To schedule, contact Rachel Van Buskirk at [r.vanbuskirk@terminus-serenbe.com](mailto:r.vanbuskirk@terminus-serenbe.com).