MFA Dance Candidate Immerses Audience in Personal Histories

Sam Houston State University Department of Dance, in collaboration with The Wynne Home Arts Center, presents *If These Walls Could Speak*, an Immersive Dance Theater evening choreographed and directed by MFA candidate Jennifer Mabus. Huntsville’s history and creativity will be highlighted in this one-of-a-kind evening that will take place throughout the entire grounds of The Wynne Home Arts Center on April 1st and 2nd. The audience will interact with dancers climbing on staircases, arguing around a dining room table, hiding in corners, and playing in the gardens. The viewers might even have a chance to dance themselves!

The term “Immersive” refers to a cutting-edge contemporary performance style that uses environment to create a participatory and visceral experience for the audience. By interacting with the space and the performers, the audience becomes part of show, and the lines between performer and viewer are blurred. No two audience members will experience the same performance, and each performance is completely unique.

*If These Walls Could Speak* is inspired by personal histories that houses and people collect. Twenty dance graduate and undergraduate students will be “telling stories” with dance spread throughout the entire house and garden of this historic turn-of-the-century home. It is the hope of the cast and the choreographer that this unique experience will engage the audience to reflect upon their own histories and understand the beauty of such stories.

Admission is free, but due to the special nature of the performance, the audience will be limited. There will be two performances each night at The Wynne Home Arts Center (1428 11th Street, Huntsville, TX) on April 1st and 2nd at 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Reserve tickets by phone or in person at the Gaertner Performing Arts Center Dance Office at 936.294.1875.