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JAMES GRAHAM DANCE THEATRE PRESENTS

The 6th Annual

***DANCE LOVERS***

*...duets by couples, crushes, and comrades*

FEBRUARY 10 – 12, 2017

JOE GOODE ANNEX, SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, January 12, 2017 – James Graham Dance Theatre presents the 6th annual DANCE LOVERS on Valentine's Day Weekend.

DANCE LOVERS pairs real-life couples, crushes, and comrades in an evening of duets. DANCE LOVERS started in 2011 when Graham was dating a fellow dancer and realized that they had never performed together, so Graham decided to create a space for duets like this. The short pieces look at their relationships in their chosen style of dance and performance incorporating modern, drag, spoken word, improvisation, and theatre. DANCE LOVERS provides a unique environment for many of these couplings to perform together for the first time. A perfect celebration and way to enjoy this Valentine's Day Weekend.

**James Graham** premieres a new physically articulate duet focusing on desire and competition with **Galen Rogers**. Husbands **Rogelio Lopez & Andrew Merrell** perform a piece choreographed on them by Keith Johnson, the company they both performed and met in. Married couple **Arletta Anderson & Adam Smith** will be showing their theatrical work examining relational theory through movement, language, and masking tape. **Anna Long & Daniel Chenoweth** join us from Chicago; Anna is a Gaga-inspired dancer/choreographer, her husband Daniel a highly sought after technical dancer. Drag queen and community organizer **Grace Towers** and partner shows us why she is nationally recognized as a butchqueen. Best friends and SFCD alumnae **Jane Selna & Rachel Laws** offer clarity and precision in their virtuosic animal natures.

WHEN:

Friday, February 10, 8pm  
Saturday, February 11, 8pm  
Sunday, February 12, 7pm

WHERE: Joe Goode Annex, 401 Alabama St., San Francisco

TICKETS: \$17-37 [www.dancelovers2017.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.dancelovers2017.brownpapertickets.com)

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#### BIOGRAPHIES:

JAMES GRAHAM DANCE THEATRE began in 2010 and has recently been presented in the Daegu International Dance Festival in South Korea, The Nourse Theatre and Davies Symphony Hall commissioned by the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, at the University of Calgary, Dominican University, National Queer Arts Festival, Kunst-Stoff Arts, Too Much! Festival, Movement Research at Judson Church, Joe Goode Annex, The Ohio State University, and in the Golden Gate Park A.I.D.S. Memorial Grove.

JAMES GRAHAM is a San Francisco based choreographer, performer, and teacher. This year, he received an IZZIE award for Outstanding Achievement in Performance for an Individual (for his Entire Season) and was nominated for an IZZIE in Choreography (for "Guilty Survivor"). Graham is currently on faculty at UC Berkeley and Dominican University/ LINES B.F.A. Program. He holds an M.F.A. from The Ohio State University and a B.A. from UC Berkeley. In 2007, he first went to Israel to study Gaga. He was chosen by Ohad Naharin to be a Certified Gaga teacher and to take part in his pilot training program of international dancers/ teachers. He has taught Gaga extensively on the West Coast, in the Midwest, as well as in Canada, South Korea, Sweden, Germany, Thailand, and Israel. Recently, Graham has danced for Joe Goode, Hope Mohr, Lisa Wymore & Sheldon Smith, Sara Shelton Mann, and Sean Dorsey.

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