

ON STAGE



Spokes

IT'S NOT ABOUT THE BIKES

By AMY KEPFERLE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2019

Rankling Pam Kuntz isn't easy.

When I queried the dancer and choreographer about a press release she'd sent regarding Kuntz and Company's latest community dance piece, *Spokes*, I noted she'd sent photos of people on bikes and the title evoked them, but she'd ended the missive by saying the show wasn't about the two-wheeled conveyances.

"The bikes are the frame we are using to explore relationships," she says. "In the same way that *True*



ATTEND

What:

Spokes

Where:

Firehouse Arts and Events Center, 1314 Harris Ave.

More:

WHEN:

7:30pm Oct. 17-19; 5pm

EVENTS

TODAY

WHAT'S NEXT HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

🕒 10:00AM | BELLINGHAM SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

FERNDALE BOOK GROUP

🕒 2:30PM | FERNDALE LIBRARY

BIRCH BAY BOOK CLUB

🕒 4:00PM | BIRCH BAY VOGT LIBRARY

BOOK GROUP MIXERS

🕒 5:30PM

GROUP RUN

🕒 6:00PM | SKAGIT RUNNING COMPANY

WOMXN IN THE OUTDOORS

🕒 6:00PM | HILLCREST CHURCH

CREEKSIDE OPEN MIC

🕒 6:30PM | SOUTH WHATCOM LIBRARY

spaceships, *Spokes* is not about bikes.”

Among the line items on the roster of relationship-related bullet points are family and friends, husbands and wives, kids and siblings, boyfriends and girlfriends, and less tangible subjects such as love, breakdancing, arm wrestling, jazz hands, high-tens, bells, churning butter, monkeys and penguins.

Wait, what? Penguins?

“There is a scene in the piece where penguins are referenced in the sound score and the actors wobble like penguins,” Kuntz says. “I guess it is a bit of an inside joke, but I’m glad it caught your eye.”

Per usual, Kuntz says, she relied on a group of collaborators to bring the story to life. In addition to co-creator and director Vanessa Daines, other Kuntz and Company veterans such as Kate Stevenson (*Prison Pieces*, *The Mom Project*), Ian Bivins (*Hide and Seek*, *Stories from Jim and Jo*), and Annie Hewlett (*Positive*; *Hello, My Name is You*) are also on board. Additionally, performing collaborators include moms, athletes, administrators, teachers, a fireman, a physical therapist and a middle schooler—all of whom brought personal experiences to the process that not only helped create the content, but also informed it.

Another performance partner designed and welded the steel “trainers” the bikes will be mounted on during the Oct. 17-20 shows at the Firehouse Performing Arts Center. Kuntz says she hasn’t been on a bike in a while, so she’s glad they’ll be stationary.

That said, please remember that it’s not about the bikes. Kuntz says she thinks everyone who comes to see *Spokes* will be able to see themselves in this piece. Unlike other Kuntz and Company shows, this one is much more broad in scope when it comes to the stories and characters people will see onstage. She’s proud of what they’ve made, and can’t wait to share it.

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Cost: \$12-\$18

Info:
<http://www.kuntzandco.org>

7:00PM | VILLAGE BOOKS

WNPS TALK

7:00PM | SUSTAINABLE LIVING CENTER

EAST-WEST SEPTET

7:00PM | SYLVIA CENTER FOR THE ARTS

SUGAR, A CABARET

7:30PM | UNDERGROUND NIGHTCLUB

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FALL LYNDEN CRAFT AND ANTIQUE SHOW

🕒 10:00AM | NORTHWEST WASHINGTON FAIRGROUNDS

CONFRONTING EVIL

🕒 4:00PM | WESTERN LIBRARIES READING ROOM

BELLINGHAM HANDMADE FUNDRAISER

🕒 4:00PM | LAIRMONT MANOR

HAPPY HOUR BY BUS

🕒 5:00PM | OVERFLOW TAPS

LEARN YOUR RIGHTS AS A RENTER

🕒 6:00PM | ROOSEVELT RESOURCE CENTER

DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE



Sugar

A CABARET WITH HEART

When Brie Turoff makes her way onstage for performances Oct. 16-18 at the Underground Nightclub, audiences will be introduced to her alter ego, Sugar—a singing, dancing force of nature who not only loves herself, but also



Chelsea Lately

LOOKING FOR LAUGHTER

It's too early to proclaim whether Chelsea Bearce is willing to be my new best friend, but if I'm able to set aside a couple of hours in my Sunday-night schedule to catch her featured set at Aslan Depot as part of the



Language, Interrupted

AN OFF-CAMPUS COLLABORATION

Western Washington University wasn't yet in session during a recent run-through of *Lemons Lemons Lemons* at the Firehouse Arts and Events Center, but the actors portraying a couple struggling

to be similarly entranced with themselves.

“It...

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Comedy Club, I'll be able to ascertain if she wants to move...

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with a draconian law limiting verbal communication were already ahead...

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MINDFUL USE

MEATBALLS OF THE WORLD

🕒 6:30PM | CORDATA

COMMUNITY FOOD CO-OP

GRANITE, GRAPHITE AND GRAVEL

🕒 7:00PM | WHATCOM

MUSEUM'S OLD CITY HALL

CANDIDATE FORUM

🕒 7:00PM | MERIDIAN HIGH

SCHOOL

BALKAN FOLK DANCERS

🕒 7:00PM | FAIRHAVEN

LIBRARY

MIXTAPE

🕒 7:30PM | SYLVIA CENTER

FOR THE ARTS

SPOKES

🕒 7:30PM | FIREHOUSE ARTS

AND EVENTS CENTER

GOOD, BAD, UGLY

🕒 7:30PM | UPFRONT

THEATRE

MY FAIR LADY

🕒 7:30PM | ANACORTES

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SPOKES

AND EVENTS CENTER

MIXTAPE

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FOR THE ARTS

WILD THINGS

🕒 9:30AM | STIMPSON
FAMILY NATURE RESERVE

WHATCOMICS CALL FOR ART

🕒 10:00AM | WHATCOM
COUNTY

WISHES AND DREAMS CALL FOR ART

🕒 10:00AM | GALLERY SYRE

HARVEST TEA

🕒 11:00AM | WILLOWBROOK
MANOR

COMMUNITY WRITE- IN ON PEACE AND JUSTICE

🕒 12:30PM | BELLINGHAM
PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOOKS AND BITES

🕒 1:00PM | BLAINE LIBRARY

CURATOR'S TOUR

🕒 1:30PM | WHATCOM
MUSEUM'S LIGHTCATCHER
BUILDING

ART UNCORKED

GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

FAMILY STORY NIGHT

🕒 6:00PM | FAIRHAVEN

LIBRARY

FRESH HOP FRIDAY WITH WES JONES

🕒 6:00PM | FARMSTRONG

BREWING CO.

GORE AND LORE TOURS

🕒 6:00PM | DOWNTOWN

BELLINGHAM, HISTORIC

FAIRHAVEN

ANACORTES VINTAGE MARKET'S EVERGREENS AND ICICLES

🕒 6:00PM | PORT TRANSIT

EVENT CENTER

SCREAM FAIR'S CAMP FEAR

🕒 7:00PM | NORTHWEST

WASHINGTON

FAIRGROUNDS

SPARK READING

🕒 7:00PM | VILLAGE BOOKS

MATILDA THE MUSICAL

🕒 7:30PM | LINCOLN

THEATRE

HELLINGHAM

THEATRE

SQUAWKTOBER

🕒 8:00PM | OLD MAIN

THEATER

SPIRIT CLUB

🕒 8:00PM | SWIM CLUB

COCKTAIL BAR

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