

DANCE

CHOREOGRAPHER

Fernando Melo's latest creation makes its world premiere Saturday, July 8, with Aspen Santa Fe Ballet at the Aspen District Theatre.

Melo, the inventive and adventurous young mind behind the astounding Aspen Santa Fe piece "Re:Play" — which premiered in February 2016 — has crafted a new ballet where dancers do not stand on their own two feet. They perform on the ground, filmed from above, with the fantastic scenes they create projected live onto a movie screen.

"I'm interested in a broader definition or a different approach to choreography than the conventional one," Melo, 36, told *The Aspen Times* during rehearsals.

The Brazil-born, Switzerland-based choreographer wants to shift the audience's perspective and challenge the expectations of contemporary dance. His "Re:Play" did this by combining stop-motion and strobe lighting, creating an eerie beauty and a work that became a global hit on tour for Aspen Santa Fe.

Melo's new work will be presented along with Alejandro Cerrudo's "Little mortal jump" and Cherice Barton's "Eudaemonia." Aspen Santa Fe Ballet will present an encore of the presentation on July 20 and Aug. 18.

Tickets to the world premiere are \$36 to \$94, available at the Wheeler Opera House box office and www.aspenshowtix.com.

Pick up the July 7 Weekend section of *The Aspen Times* for a look inside Melo's creative process at Aspen Santa Fe Ballet.



Choreographer Fernando Melo's "Dream Play" premieres with the Aspen Santa Fe Ballet on Saturday, July 8. It's his second piece for Aspen, following "Re:Play" (pictured).

CURRENT EVENTS

COMEDY



Dave Chappelle will perform two nightly stand-up shows at Belly Up Aspen on Monday, July 10, and Tuesday, July 11.

COMEDY GENIUS Dave Chappelle made his long-awaited return this year with two hilarious Netflix specials and a nationwide tour that comes to Aspen on July 10 and 11.

Chappelle, who early in his career performed as a warm-up act in the St. Regis during the HBO Comedy Arts Festival, will perform two nightly shows July 10 and 11 (at 7 and 9 p.m.). Tickets are \$195 for general admission and \$295 for seats, available at the Belly Up box office and www.bellyupaspen.com.



Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan will speak at the Aspen Institute's Greenwald Pavilion on Monday, July 10.

NEWSMAKERS

THE TRAVEL BAN, transgender rights, police excessive force — the U.S. Supreme Court is making decision on some hot-button issues this year. During a summer recess, Associate Justice Elena Kagan is coming to town as the inaugural speaker in the new Sandra Day O'Connor Conversation Series on Monday, July 10, in Greenwald Pavilion.

Kagan will be interviewed by Margaret Marshall, former chief justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Court. Tickets are \$25, available at the Wheeler Opera House box office and www.aspenshowtix.com.

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