MATTRESS FACTORY PARTNERS WITH PITTSBURGH BALLET THEATRE SCHOOL FOR ART AND...BALLET EVENT

(PITTSBURGH, PA February 2019) – The Mattress Factory is partnering with Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre School for Art And...Ballet, with Karina Smigla-Bobinski, on Thursday, February 21, from 6-8pm. The evening will feature a performance incorporating Smigla-Bobinski’s installation “ADA,” and the artist will be on hand to discuss her career, practice and inspiration.

Art And... takes guests beyond the artwork to explore the artists’ inspiration or see the artwork through a new lens. In Art And...Ballet, guests will not only get to hear from the artist, but they will experience what happens when visual and performing arts collide. Ten advanced students from Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre School will perform a series of vignettes, interacting with and reacting to “ADA,” as the installation organically moves through the space. The vignettes are choreographed by Jamie Erin Murphy, an instructor at Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre School.

About the Artist
Karina Smigla-Bobinski is an intermedia artist based in Munich, Germany and part of the Mattress Factory’s current Artists in Residence exhibition. Her work bridges kinetic art, drawing, video, installation, painting, performance and sculpture. She studied art and visual communication at the Academy of Fine Arts in Krakow, Poland, and Munich, Germany, and recently was a Visiting Research Fellow at Bielefeld University's Institute for Advanced Study. Her work has been shown in 45 countries across 5 continents.

About Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre School
PBT School, the official training institution of Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, is recognized as one of the nation’s finest schools for dance education and training. Under the leadership of Co-directors Marjorie Grundvig and Dennis Marshall and Artistic Director Terrence S. Orr, PBT School cultivates the next generation of professional dancers and provide a diverse, classically based curriculum to more than 1,200 students of all ages. While students grow in their technique and artistry, PBT School works to instill long-term appreciation for the art of ballet and the values it embodies.

About the Mattress Factory: Hailed as the best museum for installation art in the United States, the Mattress Factory invites visitors to experience “art you can get into.” Over the past 41 years, the Mattress Factory has presented and commissioned new installation and performance works by over 750 artists, both established and emerging, who have challenged themselves and their audiences through the support of the museum’s exceptional residency program. The Mattress Factory’s outreach programs serve more than 30,000 students, teachers, adults, and families annually, and its activities as a visitor attraction, educator and employer continue to invigorate Pittsburgh’s North Side. For more information, call 412.231.3169 or visit mattress.org.

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