

**KST & PEARLARTS PRESENT**

**SYNCHRONIZED**

**WITH SOY SOS (LIVE)  
FEATURING SLOWDANGER**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021  
8:00PM**

## ABOUT KELLY STRAYHORN THEATER

**Kelly Strayhorn Theater** is a non-profit community performing arts center in East Liberty, advancing live art through strategic vision and community collaboration with two venues running along Penn Avenue, KST's Alloy Studios and the historic Kelly Strayhorn Theater. More than 20 years after its founding, KST continues to use its broad reach to impact the contemporary arts and the community.

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## **ABOUT THE EVENT**

Join **Soy Sos** and **slowdanger** for an intimate, immersive sound experience with modular synths, electronics, and a mix of traditional instruments! Using synchronization-based ensembles, Soy Sos collaborates with contemporary sound artists to create live, improvised sound-scapes as **STAYCEE PEARL dance project & Soy Sos dancers** move throughout the space. Come for the vibes, sound discussions, and dance.

With their Synchronized set, slowdanger will collaborate with Soy Sos, creating saturated and atmospheric worlds for movement with layers of live vocal loops, field recordings, and sparse deconstructed rhythms.

## **SPECIAL THANKS:**

Special thanks to Richard & Danielle Nicol at Pittsburgh Modular Synthesizers & the staff at Kelly Strayhorn Theater.

*Synchronized: with Soy Sos* is made possible by generous support from The Pittsburgh Foundation's Advancing Black Arts in Pittsburgh Fund, The Opportunity Fund, and The Heinz Endowments.

*Synchronized: with Soy Sos* is in collaboration with Pittsburgh Modular Synthesizers and is presented as part of the PearlArts @ KST Mutual Aid Residency.

## **ABOUT PEARLARTS**

**PearlArts** is a dance-focused arts organization that also provides music and media arts programming. PearlArts offers artistic experiences through creative residencies, innovative collaborations, and a broad range of dance and sound education and outreach opportunities. PearlArts is the creative parent organization for STAYCEE PEARL dance project & Soy Sos and Tuff Sound Recording. PearlArts will operate in residence at the Kelly Strayhorn Theater Alloy Studios for 2021 - 2023 as part of the PearlArts @ KST Mutual Aid Residency.

# ABOUT THE ARTISTS

**Herman Pearl (Soy Sos)** is the head engineer and owner of Tuff Sound Recording, as well as the sound designer and co-artistic director of PearlArts Studios. Through PearlArts, Herman creates soundscapes to serve as a component to contemporary dance. As a sound designer, Herman's repertoire includes a wide variety of projects and collaborators. His work has been featured in various independent films and documentaries, video games, and advertising. He has designed soundscapes for numerous choreographers. He has collaborated with many visual artists to create installations and touring exhibits. He has recorded and produced work for a plethora of recording artists across genres and techniques. Herman has performed, created, and recorded his own music for over 25 years.

**slowdanger** is a Pittsburgh based, multidisciplinary performance entity founded in 2013 by co-artistic directors taylor knight and anna thompson. They use electronic instrumentation, vocalization and choreographic, improvisational and contemporary dance/performance frameworks to create work at the intersection of movement, sound and technology. Their performance work largely centers the body and researches its relationship to other bodies, the environment, sensory information, technology and the unknown/unknowable. The name, slowdanger, was inspired by the road signs that signify a demolition of old surfaces to build upon the remnants. They continue to return to this overarching concept cyclically in performance creation; rebuilding, slowing down to examine the remains and re-imagine new futures. slowdanger's performance work has been featured across the United States and Canada in venues ranging from proscenium theaters and galleries to nightclubs and dive bars. From directing music videos to scoring plays, slowdanger transforms its shape to adapt to a variety of different containers. They use sound as a physical extension of their bodily practices, to further embody and connect with their audience. More info at [www.slowdangerslowdanger.com](http://www.slowdangerslowdanger.com).

## DON'T MISS THE NEXT SYNCHRONIZED EVENT:

**SYNCHRONIZED**

**WITH SOY SOS (LIVE)**

**PRESENTED BY PEARLARTS**

**Wednesday, December 15  
8:00 pm**

**KST's Alloy Studios  
5530 Penn Ave.  
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# THIS SEASON AT KELLY STRAYHORN THEATER

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Kelly Strayhorn Theater  
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Friday - Saturday, December 3 & 4  
8:00pm

KST's Alloy Studios  
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