

KST & PEARLARTS PRESENT

SYNCHRONIZED

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

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 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 **Buscrates** 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.

SPECIAL THANKS:

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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.

Buscrates is a DJ, musician, and vinyl junkie from the Steel City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He has a wide range of inspirations, the most influential are the drum machine and synth heavy grooves of early-mid 80s boogie and the sample laden, neck snapping MPC sequences of early 90s hip-hop. His productions can lean one way or the other, or be a mixture of both. In addition to his vast knowledge of music, he has lately become known for being an analog synthesizer aficionado. Buscrates home setup includes a Rhodes, Clavinet D6, several Moog synthesizers, and many others, a quantum leap of sorts from the minimal setup on which he began producing tracks: an Ensoniq EPS sampler, an off-brand DJ turntable, and stacks of records.

KST PRESENTS: WINTER 2022



WELCOME HOME

It may be cold outside, but **Kelly Strayhorn Theater** will bring the heat this January and February! The **Winter 2022** season begins with a focus on the power of activism through ***Give Me Liberty***, a celebration of the legacy of **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**, co-presented with our East End friends and partners **BOOM Concepts**. The day will feature activities with **Women of Visions**, **Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation** and other community partners in the lobby and performances on stage from **STAYCEE PEARL dance project & Soy Sos**, **Anita Levels**, and more!

February brings the long awaited ***When Doves Cry: A Prince Tribute Concert*** produced by Pittsburgh music maker **Dwayne Fulton** bringing us all the hits we need to hear! Later in February we present the Pittsburgh premiere of ***Obi Mbu (The Primordial House): An Igbo Creation Myth***, an experimental dance film whose creative team includes Co-Directors **Mikael Owunna** and **Marques Redd**; Movement Director **Ursula Payne**; Dancers **Corey Bourbonniere** and **Victoria Watford**; and Sound Designer **Herman Pearl (Soy Sos)**. Prepare to be enraptured and entranced by this fantasia of dance and ritual performance.

And of course there is also the Spring 2022 eight-week session of **The Alloy School** kicking off February 12 with a new set of classes including **Creative Play: Stars & Stories** for kids (ages 3-6) and their caretakers and **DanceFit**, a zumba-type fitness class (ages 18+). The learning continues with a **music workshop** from artist and performer **Livefromthecity** through which participants will find their sound, and a five-part **climate change themed dance workshop** series from **slowdanger** running through May.

There is so much to explore with us this Winter! Join us at Kelly Strayhorn Theater and KST's Alloy Studios! We look forward to welcoming you! **All tickets are on sale Thursday, January 6, 2022.**


JOSEPH HALL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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