



## NEWS RELEASE

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**WHAT: Bridgman | Packer Dance performing TRUCK**

**WHEN: Thursday, October 1, Park Hill Orchard, Easthampton 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8 p.m.  
Southwest Residential Plaza, UMass, 10:15 p.m., 10:40 p.m., 11:05 p.m.**

**Friday, October 2, Brattleboro Gallery Walk (21 Flat Street Parking Lot)  
7 p.m., 7:25 p.m., 7:50 p.m., 8:15 p.m.**

**TICKETS: Free Performance. Due to sightlines, capacity is limited to 100 people per showing. Call 800-999-UMAS or 545-2511 for more info or visit [www.fineartscenter.com](http://www.fineartscenter.com)**

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### **UMASS FAC TAKES ITS STAGE ON THE ROAD FOR FREE PERFORMANCES BY DANCE DUO BRIDGMAN|PACKER**

In celebration of the 40th anniversary of presenting great art from around the globe, the [UMass Fine Arts Center](http://www.umass.edu/fac) will be taking some performances on the road (literally) throughout the Valley – and offering them for free to community audiences. It all starts with the [Bridgman | Packer Dance Company](http://www.bridgmanpacker.com) performing groundbreaking work Truck. The performance is indeed set in the back of a 17-foot box truck, with the audience viewing from outside. The first performance is on October 1, as part of the [Art in the Orchard](http://www.umass.edu/artintheorchard) project at Park Hill Orchard in Easthampton (7 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8 p.m.), and later that same evening at the Southwest Residential Plaza on the UMass Campus (10:15 p.m., 10:40 p.m., 11:05 p.m.). Then the next night, the truck will travel up to Brattleboro (21 Flat Street lot) for the Friday night Gallery Walk (7 p.m., 7:25 p.m., 7:50 p.m., 8:15 p.m.). Due to sightlines, capacity is limited to 100 people per showing.

Renowned for their unique approach to integrating live performance and video technology, Bridgman | Packer Dance incorporates simultaneous computer video processing with time-delay and image-altering capabilities. Multiple video images appear and evaporate in response to the performers' movements, and evolve from photo-realism to strokes of abstraction. With constantly changing scenes that shift in scale and perspective, the work ranges from evocative to humorous, to sensuous, to wacky. Watch a clip of TRUCK [here](#).

For the performance at Park Hill Orchard, audiences are encouraged to come early and experience the sculpture installation, Art in the Orchard. There will also be an outdoor interactive video installation that people can experience. And as for the Brattleboro venue, the Gallery Walk, which starts at 5:30 p.m., is full of wonderful galleries, shops and street performances, and the Brattleboro Literary Festival will be happening as well.

Art Bridgman and Myrna Packer, Artistic Directors of Bridgman | Packer Dance, have collaborated as performers and choreographers since 1978. Their innovative work developing "Video Partnering" – the integration of live performance and video technology – has been acclaimed for its highly visual and visceral alchemy of the live and the virtual.

Bridgman and Packer are recipients of grants from the National Endowment for the Arts for nine consecutive years from 2007 through 2015. The 2008 Guggenheim Fellowship awarded to them was the first in the history of the Guggenheim Foundation to be given to two individuals for their collaborative work. They have performed at Jacob's Pillow, the Spoleto Festival, the Institute for Contemporary Art in Boston, and many other venues and festivals throughout the U.S., Europe, Asia, and Central America.

Other free performances to look for throughout the season include jazz trumpeter Ambrose Akinmusire sitting in at the Tuesday night Jazz Workshop in November, cellist Matt Haimovitz in March and a Community Fest on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Performances are free. Event Sponsors: 88.5 NEPR, Edible Pioneer Valley, Hotel UMass, UMass Alumni Association. Community Partners: Park Hill Orchard, Arts Council of Windham County, Brattleboro Town Arts Committee, Dr. Samantha Eagle, Emerson's Furniture, Latchis Hotel. Performances of Truck are funded in part by the Expeditions program of the New England Foundation for the Arts, made possible with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, with additional support from the six New England state arts agencies.

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## CALENDAR LISTING

UMass Fine Arts Center presents

### **BRIDGMAN | PACKER DANCE: TRUCK** Free and Open to the Public

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Bridgman | Packer Dance's highly visual and visceral work intertwines live performance and video technology, creating a magically populated stage where image and reality collide. *Truck* is performed inside a 17-foot U-Haul box truck with the audience viewing from the outside creating a reimagined space that dynamically combines choreography, video, sound design and music. Join us at Art in the Orchard in Easthampton, the Brattleboro Gallery Walk, or on the UMass Campus for an altogether different performance experience. "Witty, sexy, and surreal." –*The New Yorker*.

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**Tickets:** Call 413-545-2511 or 800-999-UMAS or online at [www.fineartscenter.com](http://www.fineartscenter.com)

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