

BalletX Takes Flight

This summer, Philly's leading contemporary ballet company, BalletX, presents the world premiere of Matthew Neenan's "Sunset, 0639 Hours." Inspired by a true story, "Sunset" celebrates innovation, sacrifice, bravery and cross-cultural exchange. The piece offers a fictionalized account the 1938 journey of American pilot Captain Edwin Musick, who traversed 4,000 miles of open ocean to bring New Zealand's first airmail delivery to Hawaii. The show incorporates several unique and out-of-the-box elements, including a score that features audio recordings of New Zealand's natural and urban soundscapes, a musical quartet that plays live on stage, and dancers who also speak and sing throughout the performance.—A.G.

July 9-13, The Wilma Theater, 265 S. Broad St., 215.893.9456, balletx.org