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Daredevils push the limits of action and challenge the assumption of art, aging, injury, and gender in the documentary *Born to Fly: Elizabeth Streb vs. Gravity*, 5/2. More info at www.lightboxfilmcenter.org

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**DAREDEVILS PUSH THE LIMITS OF ACTION
IN THE DOCUMENTARY
BORN TO FLY: ELIZABETH STREB VS. GRAVITY
MAY 2 IN ADVANCE OF LIVE PERFORMANCE AT THE
KIMMEL CENTER'S PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL
FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, April 30, 2018) — In collaboration with the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, Lightbox Film Center presents the documentary *Born to Fly: Elizabeth Streb vs. Gravity*. (*Catherine Gund, US, 2014, 82 min.*) The documentary will take viewers on an adrenaline rush

Wednesday, May 2 at the Lightbox Film Center starting at 7:00 p.m. The film traces the evolution of MacArthur Genius Award winner and American choreographer Elizabeth Streb, and her movement philosophy as she pushes herself and her performers from the ground to the sky. Streb's edict is that "anything too safe is not action." More than 30 years old, her company STREB has collaborated with Cirque du Soleil and has performed throughout the world including at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, Lincoln Center Festival, the 2015 Pan Am Games, the Kennedy Center, the 2017 Summer Nostos Festival in Athens, and as part of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad. And now, her company will be performing ***SEA: Singular Extreme Actions*** as part of the **2018 Philadelphia International Festival of the Arts (PIFA)**.

"We're very excited to collaborate with The Kimmel Center on this screening about a dynamic performing arts legend," said Jesse Pires, chief curator of Lightbox.

"The screening will give Philadelphia audiences an early taste of what to expect from *SEA: Singular Extreme Actions* when they perform live during PIFA 2018," said Ed Cambron, Executive Vice President of the Kimmel Center for Performing Arts. "The riveting performance that unfolds through the film showcases an unparalleled artistic practice. It is a kaleidoscope of movement where every performer is dubbed an 'action hero.'"

The film will be introduced by Cassandre Joseph, STREB's associate artistic director. The screening will be followed by a Q&A session moderated by the Kimmel Center's Producing Artistic Director and curator of PIFA Jay Wahl.

The members of Streb's company, STREB EXTREME ACTION, combine virtuosity and technical skill with open-hearted popular appeal. Founded in New York City in 1985 by choreographer Elizabeth Streb, the company has traveled, artistically as well as geographically, from the heights of the experimental dance world to the cutting-edge of popular entertainment.

Born to Fly: Elizabeth Streb vs. Gravity

Lightbox Film Center
3701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia
May 2, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Tickets

Individual tickets range from \$8.00 for Lightbox members to \$10.00 general admission. Tickets can be purchased online [here](#).

ABOUT LIGHTBOX FILM CENTER

[Lightbox Film Center](#) is Philadelphia's premier exhibitor of film and moving image art. As the signature arts program of International House Philadelphia, an independent nonprofit organization, Lightbox curates and presents an unparalleled slate of repertory, nonfiction, experimental and international cinema. Beyond the traditional movie theater experience, Lightbox delivers enriching film programs with artist talks, live music and other multidisciplinary programs.

ABOUT INTERNATIONAL HOUSE PHILADELPHIA

Founded in 1910, [International House Philadelphia](#) is the region's center for international arts, culture, educational and residential activities. It offers housing for students from around the world and high-quality arts and cultural programs, including its renowned film program.

About The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts

Located in the heart of Center City, Philadelphia, the Kimmel Center's mission is to operate a world-class performing arts center that engages and serves a broad audience through diverse programming, arts education, and community outreach. The Kimmel Center Campus is comprised of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts (Verizon Hall, Perelman Theater, SEI Innovation Studio, and the Merck Arts Education Center), the Academy of Music (owned by the Philadelphia Orchestra Association), and the Merriam Theater. The Kimmel Center is also home to eight Resident Companies: The Philadelphia Orchestra, Opera Philadelphia, The Pennsylvania Ballet, The Philly POPS, PHILADANCO, The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, The Philadelphia Chamber Music Society and Curtis Institute of Music. With nearly 9,000 seats per night, The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is the region's most impactful performing arts center, and the second largest in the country. TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank, is the season sponsor of the Kimmel Center's 2017-2018 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit www.kimmelcenter.org

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