George Mason University’s Center for the Arts
presents

**IN THE SHELTER OF THE FOLD**
featuring Doug Varone and Dancers, and the Mason Dance Company

**Saturday, November 18 at 8 p.m.**
In the Center for the Arts’ Concert Hall

(FAIRFAX) — George Mason University’s Center for the Arts presents the trailblazing Doug Varone and Dancers, as part of its Great Performances at Mason series, on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 8 p.m. Celebrating its 30th anniversary, the New York City-based company will perform one of Varone’s newest works, *in the shelter of the fold*, alongside the Mason Dance Company. Tickets to this performance are currently on sale at cfa.gmu.edu.

*in the shelter of the fold* is comprised of episodic and stand-alone vignettes that contemplate faith, belief, coping, realization, and choice. It premiered on November 5, 2016 at the Performing Arts Center in Purchase College, and was created in residence at Skidmore College in Saratoga, New York. The company’s impeccable choreography and expansive artistry deliver a compelling performance in this work, which prompted a New York Times reviewer to affirm that, “Varone’s ability to convey depths of emotion through highly charged, physically exciting choreography has made him a rarity among his generation.”

Returning to the Center’s main stage after more than a decade, Doug Varone and Dancers chose 12 dancers in Mason’s School of Dance to perform with the award-winning company: Madison Tate, Lauren Stucko, Madi Long, Kelsey Smith, Jesse Arnst, Ellie Hardwick, Mia Brice, Joey Castillo, Dony’ae Bush, Marcel Mejia, Xavier Porro, and Robert Rubama. Auditions for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity took place last April, and the selected dancers returned to campus ahead of the fall semester to participate in a residency with stager Xan
Burley, who is a current Doug Varone company member. This unique learning experience continued in mid-October when choreographer Doug Varone himself traveled to Fairfax and offered hands-on workshops and rehearsals in the Mason Dance Studio.

Tickets to Doug Varone and Dancers' in the shelter of the fold featuring the Mason Dance Company start at $29. One free student ticket is available with a Mason ID on November 7, 2017. Tickets may be purchased in person at the Center for the Arts’ Ticket Office (open Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.), by calling 888-945-2468, or through the Center for the Arts’ website at cfa.gmu.edu. The performance will take place in the Center for the Arts’ Concert Hall located at 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax, Virginia. Paid parking is located in the deck adjacent to the main stage Concert Hall, and FREE parking is located in University Lot K.

About Great Performances at Mason
Great Performances at Mason is a program of George Mason University’s Center for the Arts, the professional presentation and production arm of the College of Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA). CVPA provides an academic environment in which the arts are explored as individual disciplines and interdisciplinary forms that strengthen one another. The college prepares students for careers as creators, performers, teachers, scholars, arts leaders and arts entrepreneurs. Understanding that an education in the arts is deepened by regular contact with the work of distinguished visiting artists, the Center for the Arts, the professional presentation and production arm of the college, welcomes a variety of professional and world-renowned artists, musicians and actors to its stage. Students have the opportunity to perform, create and exhibit their work in a wide variety of public venues including a 2,000-seat Concert Hall. CVPA is home to the Schools of Music, Dance, Art and Theater, as well as the Computer Game Design, Arts Management, and Film and Video Studies programs.

About George Mason University
George Mason University is Virginia’s largest public research university. Located near Washington, D.C., Mason enrolls 35,000 students from 130 countries and all 50 states. Mason has grown rapidly over the past half-century and is recognized for its innovation and entrepreneurship, remarkable diversity and commitment to accessibility.

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