

## *The Davis Sisters Present: Ethel!* at The Dance Complex



**Cambridge, MA- September 1st, 2018:** The Dance Complex and Alex and Joy Davis are thrilled to bring *The Davis Sisters present: Ethel!* to The Dance Complex's accessible and cozy Studio 7 this Fall. *Ethel!*, a high energy contemporary dance theater cabaret, will premiere on September 21st, and will continue on October 12th, and November 16th. Each evening will feature live music beginning at 8pm before the one hour show begins at 9pm.

In 1979, at the age of 71, Ethel Merman recorded her last studio album before her death. 'The Ethel Merman Disco Album' exists as a centerpiece of gay camp culture that raises questions of artistic integrity, the commercialization of queer culture, and gay male/straight female relationships.

In this three evening run, the Davis sisters engage the audience in the search for six missing songs from 'The Ethel Merman Disco Album'. At each performance, Alex and Joy Davis will be joined by an impressive roster of special guests, to be announced on The Dance Complex website in the weeks preceding the show.

Tickets \$13-29 when purchased in advance. Tickets and more information are available at [dancecomplex.org](http://dancecomplex.org).

### *About The Davis Sisters:*

*Joy and Alex Davis began working together on a project designed by Jen Polins in 2015 and have lovingly referred to each other as sisters since. In 2017, Joy created a new duet work, premiered at the American Dance Festival Faculty Concert, in which they humorously and poignantly contemplated presence and our place in the universe. Following that performance and with grant support from The Boston Foundation, Alex was able to facilitate the creation of Ethel, a dance/theater duet exploring the golden age of the American musical, artistic relevance, and online dating. Joy and Alex were named 2018 Bessie Schoenberg (Boston) Fellows and are developing a new evening length work entitled Junk Drawer.*

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