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## 'HackPolitik' ballet based on hacker activist group Anonymous to debut at BU Dance Theater

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

A ballet based on the global hacker activist group Anonymous will debut at Boston University next month.

“HackPolitik” will be “a surrealist investigation, through music and dance, of how we engage politics through technology in the 21st century. It explores the thin line between activism and anarchy, anonymity and ego, gender identity and personality,” according to a [website](#) promoting the show.

The “electroacoustic, multi-media” performance will be “intensely character-driven, following the online personas of the main players in Anonymous and [another hacker group] Lulzsec and how they play between immature mischief-making and true political activism,” the site said.

Alleged members of Anonymous have [faced criminal charges](#), including federal indictments brought against 13 people this month, for carrying out cyber-attacks on a number of government and company websites.

Over the past few years, the hackers reportedly carried out the attacks for retaliatory reasons including because of the 2010 shutdown of file-sharing website The Pirate Bay and because of efforts to block donations to the website WikiLeaks, which publishes

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secrets and sometimes classified information it collects from anonymous sources

The [upcoming ballet project](#), paid for in part through about \$5,300 in donations collected through the fundraising website [Kickstarter.com](#), is led by Boston-based composers [Peter Van Zandt Lane](#) and [Lidiya Yankovskaya](#), the Boston-based [Juventas New Music Ensemble](#) and New York City-based choreographer [Kate Ladenheim](#) and [The People Movers](#) dance company.

The ballet is scheduled to debut Nov. 15 and 16 at 8 p.m. at the [Boston University Dance Theater](#). Tickets cost \$30 or \$20 with a valid student ID. "Premium" tickets cost \$50.

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