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## TUPELO TORNADO

Choreography by Annabelle Lopez Ochoa  
Premiere on May 3, 2024

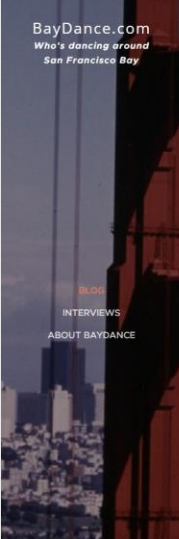
This spring, Smuin Contemporary Ballet presents the world premiere of *Tupelo Tornado*, choreographed by Annabelle Lopez Ochoa. Inspired by the life and music of Elvis Presley, *Tupelo Tornado* is Lopez Ochoa's first creation for Smuin, which has previously performed her ballet *Requiem for a Rose*. *Tupelo Tornado* premieres as part of *Dance Series 2*, the final program in Smuin's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season, running May 3-31, 2024.



Annabelle Lopez Ochoa in the Smuin studio. Photo by Chris Hardy.

Lopez Ochoa recently sat down with two local dance writers to discuss this project. See below for links to both interviews!

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## Choreographer Annabelle Lopez Ochoa Premieres a Portrait of Elvis for Smuin Ballet's Dance Series 2

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March 26, 2024—One of Annabelle Lopez Ochoa's signature choreographic accomplishments is her narrative ballets about famous women in recent history: Frida Kahlo, Eva Peron, Coco Chanel, Maria Callas, Delmira Agustini, etc. It may seem surprising, then, that her upcoming world premiere, *Tupelo Tornado* for Smuin's Dance Series 2 tells the story of the iconic American singer Elvis Presley. Yesterday, Annabelle Lopez Ochoa graciously met with Michael Phelan of BayDance.com at the Smuin Center for Dance in San Francisco to explain her thoughts about this new piece.



Annabelle Lopez Ochoa photo ©Michael Phelan

Read the interview on [SF Classical Voice](https://www.sfclassicalvoice.com)



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## Choreographer Annabelle Lopez Ochoa Seizes Her Moment

Aimée Ts'ao on March 26, 2024.