The Senate and the Executive Committee of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev hereby resolve to honor Ohad Naharin with admiration for a renowned virtuoso, one of the preeminent choreographers of our time, who imbues every dance with extraordinary qualities and wins audiences worldwide with his brilliant and inventive work; in recognition of a gifted dancer who trained with the greatest masters, became an exceptional choreographer, and went on to serve as Artistic Director of the acclaimed Batsheva Dance Company for many years; with appreciation for the international triumphs of a towering figure in Israeli contemporary dance, founder of the Batsheva Ensemble; in homage to the prolific and ingenious author of dozens of singular dance works performed to critical acclaim on the world’s most prestigious stages, who has become a global emissary of Israeli culture and art; in tribute to a celebrated artist, recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the Israel Prize and Knight of the French Order of Letters, visionary creator and developer of the innovative Gaga movement language, linking body and mind and extending human movement beyond familiar limits; and with profound gratitude to a distinctive cultural voice, for revolutionizing the world of modern dance and for creating the magnificent works that uplift the human spirit everywhere, by conferring upon him the degree of Doctor Philosophiae Honoris Causa, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto.

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