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1. Metro DC Dance Awards

Participate in the 2007 Metro DC Dance Awards!

NEW! We invite practicing dance artists to join our Ballot List (Step 2 of the MDCDA process). We would like to add to our growing list of artists and hope you will participate.

Join the Selection Committee (Step 3 of the MDCDA process).

Contribute to our Silent Auction!

And don't forget, public nominations are accepted through May 31, 2007 for inclusion in the 2007 Awards. Nominate by using our online and/or paper nomination forms available here.

Visit www.mdcda.org for more information. Questions?
Call (202) 778-1190 or email info@mdcda.org

The 2007 Metro DC Dance Awards will be held Monday, September 10, 2007 at the John F. Kennedy Center's Terrace Theater.

Support for the 2007 MDCDA is provided by The Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation, The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation, The Marpat Foundation, The Sprenger Lang Foundation, and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing

Arts.

The Metro DC Dance Awards is a program of Dance/MetroDC. Dance/MetroDC partners with The Kennedy Center and the MDCDA Awards Committee to produce the annual Metro DC Dance Awards Ceremony and associated events.

2. Dance Performances

*UM Department of Dance: Maryland Dance Ensemble, Spring Showcase

April 19 - 22 at 8pm at Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center
Guest artists and student choreographers show their stuff. They may make it look easy, but this performance is the culmination of weeks of challenging work that has taken place in rehearsals and workshops.

Tickets: \$20/7 students, [click here to purchase](#)

*In The Works-Clancyworks & The Playground April 19 at 6pm at Atlas Performing Arts Center

Explore the unique creative process of D.C.'s most innovative choreographers at Washington Performing Arts Society's (WPAS) In The Works series. Featuring six local companies in four nights, these free performances feature excerpts from a work-in-progress, followed by a moderated discussion with the choreographer. The second performance in the series features *So, You Want to Start Something?*, an innovative, provocative new work by Adrienne Clancy's ClancyWorks Dance Company. The work addresses the question of how working women balance the responsibilities of motherhood with professional advancement. Clancy began her creative process by interviewing women artists in various stages of their life who have made different choices with respect to career and family. Set design, featuring a web motif, and movement themes developed out of these conversations. This performance will also feature the inventive improvisations of Daniel Burkholder/The PlayGround. In *My Ocean is Never Blue*, Burkholder and his company explore the possibilities of the unexpected, playfully and artfully

collaborating to create a sum that is greater than its individual parts. Andrea Snyder, executive director of Dance/USA, will moderate the post-performance discussion.

No tickets or reservations required.

***Jane Franklin Dance**

April 19 at 11am; April 21 at 3pm & 8pm at Gunston Theater One

Jane Franklin Dance presents a concert of new and recent works including the premiere of *In Hiding*. Evoking passage and memory, layered imagery created by artist Becky Heavner is used to create a shape filled space on stage. Fabric is used as entry, barrier and as a projection surface to reveal and mask the dancers as they move, recalling our ability to expose and conceal our identity. Music is by composer Gina Biver. *Ring* is a visually arresting piece incorporating a bamboo sphere, stands and hoops sculpted by artist Brece Honeycutt. *Found* is a collaboration with several area choreographers and musicians. The fleeting passage of birds, the rhythms of underlying language and the dynamics of a group in the search for connection highlight this work. Thursday morning's Concert for Community marks the seventh year for this event which reaches Senior Adult groups and those who are unable to attend nighttime activities, as well as anyone who can get away for a mid-morning performance. From Jane Franklin's Joy of Movement workshops, sponsored by the Arlington Community Foundation and Washington Forrest

Foundation, community participants from Arlington Senior Adult Centers will join the company dancers onstage.

Tickets at-the-door by cash or check. \$20 General Admission, \$15 for Morning and Matinee performances, \$10 Children 12 years and under. Information (703) 298-3235

***Deborah Riley Dance Projects**

April 21 at 8pm; April 22 at 7pm at Dance Place

How do we face the mundane and extraordinary challenges of our lives? With humor, grace, grit? In *Acts of Faith*, Dance Place's co-director Deborah Riley explores faith, trust and the ways in

which we find ourselves moving forward, sometimes in spite of ourselves. Whether our faith is based in religion, philosophy or the hard knocks of life, we find strange momentum taking us to places we fear and desire. Deborah Riley Dance Projects is joined by members of Dance Place's repertory & performance class in the creation of this premiere work. Riley is recognized by numerous awards nationally and locally including the Pola Nirenska award for leadership in dance, and is known for creating powerfully seductive works with uplifting elegance, all to reveal the inner landscape of life.

Tickets: \$20 general admission; \$15 members, students, teachers (PreK-12), professional artists & seniors; \$7 for children 17 & under.

***Dance Project**

April 21 at 8pm at Jack Guidone Theater at JOMDC
Friendship Heights

The name Dance Project is synonymous with works that are cutting edge and original. Novice and established choreographers present new works in this eclectic mix of dance artists. Featuring choreography by Artefacts Dance Company, Asharah, Buster Brown, Tung-Yu Chen, Contradiction Dance, Furia Flamenca, Suzanne Miller-Corso, Amy Mullen, Betty Skeen, and Emily Wessel.

Tickets: \$15 General Admission, \$12 Seniors/Students.

***Howard University Dance Majors Concert**

April 21 at 7:30pm at Ira Aldridge Theater

The Department's spring concert featuring works by Chuck Davis, Louis Johnson and Diane McIntyre.

Tickets: \$20 General Admission/\$15 Students and Seniors: To purchase call (202) 806-4157

**Discount tickets available for DancePass holders.

3. Spirit Dances

Spirit Dances 10
Courage Has Many Faces

Highways Performance Space
April 20-22 2007

At 84, Marion Scott continues her Spirit Dances series. Spirit Dances 10: Courage Has Many Faces speaks of the strengths inherent in each of us. Without courage, life lacks meaning, purpose, and direction. With Courage come: hope, focus, growth, awareness, and transformation from the imperceptible to the heroic. Spirit Dances 10 is an evening offering new works based on some aspect of the courageous by multi-disciplinary artists featuring: Don Bondi, Emile Hassan Dyer, Ola Hudson, Kiha Lee, Craig Ng, Marion Scott, Allegra Fuller Snyder, Diane Takamine-Shigekawa, Robert Whidbee and Roberta Wolin-Manker.

New works will include spoken word, film and live music. Marion Scott will perform her latest solo work PRAYER a journey from darkness finding a way to live with each new day.

Conceived and Directed by Marion Scott

Produced by: Jamie Nichols

Presented by: Highways Performance Space

Performers/Choreographers: Don Bondi, Emile Hassan Dyer, Ola Hudson, Kiha Lee, Craig Ng, Marion Scott, Allegra Fuller Snyder, Diane Takamine-Shigekawa, Robert Whidbee, Roberta Wolin-Manker

Date: Friday-Sunday, April 20, 21, 22, 2007

Time: Friday & Saturday 8:30 p.m.: Sunday, 2:30 p.m.

Place: Highways Performance Space, 1651 18th Street,
Santa Monica, California 90404

Tickets: \$20 General, \$15 Students, seniors, Members & DRC

Purchase Tickets Online: www.highwaysperformance.org

Information: 310-315-1459

4. AVAdance/SpiritMotion

Spring has Sprung and AVAdance /SpiritMotion continues to embellish the glory and brilliance of the Season with a month filled with dance, motion and community programs to suit all levels of movers and dance curious.

In celebration of Dance is the Answer, a citywide cooperative campaign bringing together the best of dance in DC, we will be offering several FREE programs. Please join us for performances, classes , workshops and our monthly Community SpiritMotion and Drumming.

Come play with us and Set Your Spirit Free!!!

In the dance,

Michelle AVA and SpiritMotion

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AVAdance & SpiritMotion celebrates Dance Is The Answer
During National Dance Week, April22-29 see details!

FREE EVENT!!

Friday, April 27 8:30-9:30pm

Informal AVAdance Company showcase and Community Improv
Showcasing New Works in Progress by Michelle AVA ,
Tania Gerich and Cathy Taister with audience participation
Joy of Motion/ Friendship Heights Studio C

FREE EVENT!!!!!!

SpiritMotion & Drumming

Facilitated by Michelle, Jeff & Friends

Saturday April 28 8:30-10:30

Joy Of Motion of Dupont Circle

RSVP: 301-704-2935

*Community Drum Circle

*Dynamic Rhythms Welcoming in Spring

*Free Form Dance From The Heart

*Friends & Fun

*Refreshments

Life Enhancement Coaching, Individual Sessions, Workshops and Classes in AVAtechnique with Michelle Ava offered at your home, office, studio or organization. Programs custom tailored to suit your personal aspirations and goals. Choose from themes and concepts including Healing Dance, CreativeMotion, YogaMotion, Dance as a Spiritual Practice, Empowerment through Movement, Introduction to AVAtechnique, Dance & Drums and more!

For more info:

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FREE Event!

Saturday April 22

4:00-5:00PM

Joy Of Motion/Dupont Circle

WEEKLY CLASS BEGINS

Tuesday April 24

5:30-6:30PM

Joy Of Motion/Dupont Circle

You Can Dance! with Michelle AVA

Saturday April 28

4:00-5:30PM

Tuition \$25 Advanced Registration

\$30 At The Door

REGISTER Joy Of Motion/Dupont Circle

TantraDance Workshop

Designed and facilitated by Michelle AVA

Weave! Liberate! Expand!

Discovering and Enhancing personal empowerment and expanded awareness through movement and the senses

Four Saturdays This Spring

Saturdays May 12 ,19, 26, June 2

12:45-2:00pm

REGISTRATION & LOCATION

City Fitness Gym

3525 Connecticut Ave NW

Cleveland Park

Washington DC 20008

City Fitness 202-537-0539

Michelle Ava 301-704-2935

www.cityfitnessgym.com

Join us for 4 Saturday for TantraDance a journey into the senses and feeling at home in our bodies. Together we engage in expressive dance, meditation, improvisation and creative arts processes as a source to increase joy, community connection, passion and moving from the heart. Each week we will focus on a specific theme that will enliven, liberate and expand our mind body heart and soul. A merging of Yoga and Dance, this series will include exploring the Chakras, balancing our male and female energies, sensual dance & music and the application TantraDance in our daily practice. Arrive ready to play, unfold, liberate and live life more fully and joyfully! No previous experience necessary

5. Dance for the Camera

DANCE FOR THE CAMERA 2007

JULY 30 TO AUGUST 12, 2007

VICTORIA, BC CANADA

Dance for the Camera (DFTC) Intensive Summer Program for choreographers, filmmakers, and dancers facilitated and mentored by award winning choreographer, filmmaker, curator, educator and recipient of the 2006 Guggenheim Fellowship, Ellen Bromberg.

Set on beautiful Vancouver Island in the city of Victoria this two-week program offers in-depth experience for choreographers,

filmmakers, and dancers in shooting and editing dance for the camera in a safe, collaborative, and creative environment.

For more information check out this website ~
<http://www.danceforthecamera.org>

6. Artistic Directors Roundtable

Artistic Directors Roundtable
Monday, April 30 from 1-3pm
Joe's Movement Emporium
3309 Bunker Hill Road
Mount Rainier, MD 20712
(301) 699-1819

This is an opportunity for dance company Artistic Directors to gather in a relaxed environment to build community, to create networks, to jointly address issues of concerns in the field, and to enjoy the camaraderie of your peers! We'll also take a tour of the new Joe's!

This event is free, but please RSVP by providing your name, title, company, and email address. Please indicate "Roundtable RSVP" in the subject line.

And if you can't make it, but would like to join our Artistic Directors listserve, please let us know!
Email info@dancemetrodc.org.

If you are not an artistic director, but would like the opportunity to meet with your peers and colleagues, we are open to suggestions for new roundtables. Send your ideas to info@dancemetrodc.org.

7. Dance is the Answer

Dance/MetroDC is proud to present a collaborative marketing initiative that celebrates the local dance industry of the Metro

DC area. During National Dance Week 2007, area nonprofit dance studios and dance presenters have united to introduce, energize and excite the public of the benefits of dance. From April 20-29, 2007, free classes/performances/lectures/films will be available from over 20 organizations for individuals to experience that Dance Is The Answer.

Dance Is The Answer

to achieving and maintaining good health

Dance Is The Answer

to reaching weight management goals

Dance Is The Answer

to finding an inspiring creative outlet

Dance Is The Answer

to enriching one's social life

Dance Is The Answer

to deepening one's connection to community

A special thank you to all our participating organizations:

American Dance Institute

Capitol Hill Arts Workshop

Center for the Arts at George Mason University

CityDance Ensemble

Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at Maryland

Dance Institute of Washington

Dance Place

Dream in Color Dance Studio

Flashpoint featuring Dhoonya Dance School, Maru

Monteru Dance Company, Sahara Dance, Step Afrika!

Joe's Movement Emporium

Joy of Motion Dance Center

Knock on Wood Tap Studio

Liz Lerman Dance Exchange

Maryland Youth Ballet

Olney Theatre Center

Sitar Arts Center

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

The Musical Theater Center

The Washington Performing Arts Society
