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## **University of Saint Joseph Sponsors the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual *5 x 5 Dance Festival***

WEST HARTFORD, CONN. (October 2, 2013) – The University of Saint Joseph will present the *Eleventh Annual 5 x 5 Dance Festival* featuring four collegiate ensembles and seven professional companies on October 18-19, 2013. The event showcases performances on Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and also includes a master class for dance students and the community on Saturday at 10 a.m. The festival will take place in the Bruyette Athenaeum's Hoffman Auditorium located on the University of Saint Joseph's West Hartford campus at 1678 Asylum Ave.

Tickets for each evening showcase performance: \$20 Adult, \$15 Senior Citizen, \$10 Youth. Discount ticket packages are available for both evening showcase performances: \$30 adult, \$20 Senior Citizen. For more information, call the Frances Driscoll Box Office at 860-231-5555 or purchase tickets online at [tickets.usj.edu](http://tickets.usj.edu).

- **The 5 x 5 Dance Festival kicks off with a showcase on Friday, October 18 at 7 p.m.**
- **The event continues with a showcase on Saturday, October 19 at 7 p.m.** and will feature original choreography from four collegiate ensembles: University of Saint Joseph, Central Connecticut State University, Eastern Connecticut State University, Trinity College, and seven professional companies: dancEnlight, Exit 12 Dance Company, Ballet Theatre Company, Attak, Cristin Crawley and The Nadine Project, and Earl Mosley.
- **A master class will be offered on Saturday, October 19, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Master classes will be offered for dance students and the community of Saturday, October 19. Classes will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Bruyette Athenaeum. Classes will feature master teachers from the presenting dance companies in the festival's performances. Master classes are \$15 per class or \$40 for three classes.

The goals of the 5 x 5 Dance Festival are to provide opportunities for interface and sharing among pre-professional and professional artists; to foster a collaborative spirit among dance companies; to provide Connecticut dance audiences with a festival offering multiple dance genres and diverse cultures. Audience talk-backs with choreographers and dancers will follow the performances.

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*The University of Saint Joseph (USJ) offers a wide range of graduate, undergraduate, and certificate programs that combine a professional and liberal arts education with a focus on service. Coeducational graduate master's and doctoral degree programs are taught on the University's two campuses in West Hartford and Hartford, Connecticut; at off-campus locations throughout the state; and online. Undergraduate programs for women and for coeducational adult students take place on our beautiful suburban campus and include more than 22 majors and six pre-professional programs, each of which provides personal attention in a caring environment. Founded in 1932 by the Sisters of Mercy, the University of Saint Joseph welcomes students from diverse backgrounds and religious traditions. To learn more, view our website at [www.usj.edu](http://www.usj.edu).*

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