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THE UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH PRESENTS THE 13TH ANNUAL 5X5 DANCE FESTIVAL



Lorelei Chang of dancEnlight

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (October 2, 2015) – The Center for the Arts and Humanities at the University of Saint Joseph will present its 13th Annual 5x5 Dance Festival — a premier Connecticut dance event — on Friday, October 16 and Saturday, October 17, 2015 in the Bruyette Athenaeum, located on the University’s main campus at 1678 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford, Conn. Showcase Performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. both days with master classes on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The 5x5 Dance Festival, which highlights professional and collegiate dancers, brings together choreographers, performers, educators, and students to study, perform, and create new work while exploring a wide spectrum of dance/movement disciplines. Artists, students, and audiences interact and inspire through master classes, workshops, discussions, and performances.

Featured ensembles include: Ballet Theatre Company/Exit 12 Dance, Dimensional Dance, dancEnlight, ATTAK Dance Company, Ekklesia Dance Company, Naugatuck Valley Community College, Central Connecticut State University, and the University of Saint Joseph. The event will also feature exhibits by participating companies and professional photographers.

Two free forum discussions will also be part of this year’s Festival:

- Friday, October 16 at 6:00 p.m., Jacqueline Coleman, Educational Consultant for the Arts, will lead a Connecticut Department of Education Forum on “Adopting the New Connecticut Arts Standards.” All educators who attend either forum will receive a \$5 discount to the 5x5 Dance Festival Showcase Performances.
- Saturday, October 17 at 6:00 p.m., a discussion entitled, "Is Dance Relevant?" will be moderated by Susan Murphy, 5x5 Artistic Director and USJ dance instructor. Panelists include David Dorfman (David Dorfman Dance, Connecticut College Dance chair) and Nicole Stanton (Wesleyan University Dance chair).

Showcase tickets for the 5x5 Dance Festival are \$20 for adults; \$10 for seniors, students, USJ faculty/staff; Free for USJ students. Master class tickets are \$20 for a single class; \$45 for 3 classes. Group discounts. Tickets are available online at tickets.usj.edu or at the Frances Driscoll Box Office: 860.231.5555.

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