

DANCE ONTARIO YOUTH BOARD

International Dance Day – Pearson International Airport - Friday April 29th 2011

The Dance Ontario Youth Board including Chair Jade Jager Clark and members Bernardo Valdivia, Madison Gray, Riya Patel, Una Wabinski and Radhika Majmudar are excited to present this year's line up of performers:

YMI Dancing (Young Movement Incorporated) will be presenting their contemporary piece 'Still Time' choreographed by Pia Bouman, Directed by Andréa de Keijzer featuring junior and senior members of YMI company ages 13-18 to the music of Erik Satie. Inspired by friezes seen in classical Greek art, the piece is described as elegant, spacious and calming. Formed in 1991 YMI is known to be eclectic and versatile and has developed over the years the ability to adapt to the dance vocabulary of Toronto's classical and contemporary choreographers. Mentors and teachers include Pia Bouman, Maxine Heppner, Julia Aplin, Susie Burpee and Meagan O'Shea.



Rhythmic Fire Danzers directed by Lupe Valdivia and led and instructed by Katty Valdivia will be presenting an exciting fusion of Salsa, Bachata, Reggaeton, Hip Hop and Step to a master mix of various artists featuring dancers ages 9-28. The genres of dance that Rhythmic Fire performs represent their diverse multiculturalism. In addition to the above they also specialize in a variety of folklore dances and have travelled as far as Ireland, Los Angeles, Connecticut and New York to perform and represent Toronto, Canada.

Keiko Kitano & York Dancers will be presenting "Someday" choreographed by Keiko featuring 2nd and upper year York Dancers ages 18-23 to the music of "Somebody to Love" as covered by the cast of TV show "Glee". The theme of the piece is "the infinite possibility, positive energy and bright future of youth". As a solo dance artist, Keiko has choreographed and performed internationally, and taught technique and improvisation classes in Germany, Russia and Singapore since 1996 and is currently a part time faculty at York University where she enjoys teaching contemporary dance since 2006. She holds a Master's degree in Dance.



Randolph Dance Crew directed by Nicole Sloan will be presenting three numbers featuring dancers ages 13-17 including 'Sing, Sing, Sing' a Tap piece choreographed by Stephanie Ramphos, 'Raise it Up' a Contemporary piece choreographed by Megan Oko and 'Day and Night' a Jazz piece choreographed by Lindsay Kramer. The Randolph Dance Crew is part of the Kids Program at the Randolph Academy for the Performing Arts. The Academy offers classes in tap, jazz, ballet, hip hop, acting and musical theatre for kids ages 3-17 as well as an intensive Triple Threat College Program for post-secondary students. The Randolph Dance Crew is a performance-oriented, audition-based dance ensemble designed to give young dancers their first taste of a dance company atmosphere.



Nritya Kala Mandir directed by Kanan Bhatt, will be presenting Riya Patel and Radhika Majmudar in duo titled 'Silsila ye Chahat ka' a classic Bollywood dance that symbolizes the love of a girl for her soul mate. Nritya Kala Mandir is a cultural organization in the Greater Toronto Area working towards spreading the Indian culture of dance and music to the South Asian community of GTA. Nritya Kala Mandir focuses on the classical dance form of Bharat Natyam and educates its students on other dance forms such as garba, raas and also Bollywood dances. NKM provides students with several opportunities to express their talents in talent shows, in dance competitions, annual functions and several other stage functions.

Jade's Hip Hop Academy Performance Company Directed and choreographed by Jade Jager Clark will be presenting their new Repertoire piece titled "Look at Me Now" featuring solo and group sections performed to a master mix of the old school and new school Hip Hop and Contemporary songs. Jade's Hip Hop Academy Performance Company is a dynamic and highly entertaining youth dance company that inspires and captivates any audience. It is unique as it is composed of talented and passionate young dancers ages 18 and under who love to perform and share their skills in authentic hip hop dance including popping, locking, breaking and krump. All JHHA Performance Company members train at Jade's Hip Hop Academy based in Brampton.



The Dance Place founded by Jacque Foesier will be presenting their piece "A little Bit of Everything" performed by dancers ages 10-16 including Tap, Jazz, Modern and Lyrical set to songs like 'Seasons' by Ashley Chambliss, 'Nobody's supposed to be here' by Deborah Cox, 'You raise me up' by Josh Groban, and many more. At The Dance Place with studios in North York and Etobicoke, the principal goal is to guide students toward reaching their maximum potential. Instilling self-confidence, self esteem, and a respectful appreciation for themselves and others engaged in the study of the fine arts of dance.

City Dance Corps Youth Company directed by Melissa Nascimento-So will be presenting 'Cosmic Love' by artists Florence and the Machine a modern-day Victorian piece about individual strength and 'The Tightrope' by artist Joy Williams a circus themed piece about dolls that come alive choreographed by Stephanie Rutherford performed by dancers ages 10-17. CDC Youth Company is a student dance performance company. Enrolment for the company is granted through auditions. The students work with internationally recognized choreographers in various styles of dance. Youth Company members are given the opportunity to perform at various charity, community events and professional showcases.

