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Blackfriars Dance Concert **Angell Blackfriars Theater, Smith Center for the Arts**

The Blackfriars Dance Concert, presented by the Providence College Dance Company, on December 2nd and 3rd, will include work from guest choreographers Laura Bennett, Melissa Ham-Ellis, and Brian Jones, as well as resident choreographers Wendy Oliver and Christina Tsoules.

Ms. Bennett offers a dance to music by Duke Ellington, and Ms. Ham-Ellis's "Draw" is set on a group of nine women to the meditative beats of DJ Spooky, inspired by the many meanings of its name: to draw a conclusion, to choose at random, to depict, to pull closed or toward, to end in a tie, and to draw upon are just a few examples of multi-usage. Ham-Ellis will also perform a solo entitled "Gemini" by Arlene Steiner. Mr. Jones mixes hip-hop beats and tango rhythms with swing moves for a crew of eleven Providence College dancers in "SWITCHED." Accompanying themselves with hand claps and foot stomps, Dance Company members dance *a capella* as they pound out an infectious, rhythmic tap symphony sure to shake the rafters of the Smith Center for the Arts.

Dr. Oliver has choreographed a dance to Russell Peck's saxophone quartet "Drastic Measures," which will be performed live by Providence College's student quartet, Saximus Maximus. Ms. Tsoules will contribute three dances, including "Vertically Amiss," a group piece with music by Radiohead; "Stay," a duet to piano music by Brahms, and "Emergent Premise," a solo based on the idea of beginnings.

Providence College's new Smith Center for the Arts, dedicated in October 2004, houses the Angell Blackfriars Theatre as well as a smaller studio theatre, concert hall, classrooms and other facilities and is on Eaton Street in the East end of the campus. The Smith Center Box Office is located at the main entrance of the building and is open for ticket sales. Box Office hours are Monday through Friday, 1:30 to 5:00 p.m., and 1 hour prior to performances. Tickets may also be purchased by credit card by calling 401-865-2218. Ticket prices are \$10.00, \$7.00 (senior citizen) and \$5.00 (student.) All seats are reserved.

For more information concerning the Department of Theatre, Dance and Film season, please call 401-865-2218 or visit our website at www.providence.edu/theatre.

What: **Blackfriars Dance Concert**
Where: Angell Blackfriars Theatre, Smith Center for the Arts
When: Friday, December 2 at 8:00pm
Saturday, December 3 at 2:00 pm.
Tickets: \$10.00, \$7.00 (seniors), \$5.00 (students)
Ticket Sales: 401-865-2218 or stop by the Theatre Box Office located in the lobby of
The Smith Center for the Arts on the campus of Providence College

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