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SPRING DANCE CONCERT

A Showcase of Student Choreography *and the*
25th Anniversary Celebration of the Providence College Dance Company
Angell Blackfriars Theatre, Smith Center for the Arts

The Department of Theatre, Dance and Film presents the Providence College Dance Company's Spring Dance Concert on Friday April 23rd and Saturday April 24th, both nights at 8:00 PM. On Saturday night, Dance Company alums from the classes of 1992 through 2009 will join the performance, contributing original choreography and performing in a group piece.

The Providence College Dance Company was started 25 years ago in 1985 by Wendy Oliver when she began teaching at PC. For many years, the Dance Company rehearsed in a dance studio in the Ceramics Building and performed in an open hall in the Student Center, until the Smith Center for the Arts was completed in 2004. At that time, Company rehearsals and performances moved to a large new studio and a state-of-the art theatre. The Company has primarily had a modern dance focus, with jazz dance, ballet, and tap also playing a role. Many choreographers from Rhode Island and other states have worked with the Company. Some of the Rhode Island artists have included Michael Bolger, Jamie Jewitt, Eva Marie Pacheco, Heidi Henderson, Nikki Carrara, Katie McNamara, Marty Sprague, Deb Meunier, Laura Bennett, Melody Ruffin Ward, and Angelica Vessella. Artists from outside RI have included Patrick Scully of Minnesota, Billbob Brown of Amherst, MA, Melissa Gendreau of Boston, Caitlyn Trainor of New York, Kristin Horrigan of Vermont, and many others. Various PC dance faculty have also choreographed for the Company, including Christina Tsoules and Lindsay Craven Guarino.

The concert is directed by Dr. Wendy Oliver, chair of the Department of Theatre, Dance and Film. Eleven student choreographers will present their work and dance styles will include modern, jazz, contemporary, tap, and ballet. Music ranges from Ludwig van Beethoven to Sting, Madonna, John McLaughlin, and Something Corporate.

Tickets are available through the department website www.providence.edu/theatre and at the Box Office in the lobby of the Smith Center for the Arts. Hours for walk-up sales are from 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday, and one hour before curtain. Tickets may also be purchased over the phone by credit card by calling 401-865-2218 during Box Office hours.

What: Spring Dance Concert,
25th Anniversary Providence College Dance Company

Where: Angell Blackfriars Theatre, Smith Center for the Arts

When: Friday April 23 at 8:00 PM
Saturday April 24 at 8:00 PM

Admission: All seats \$5.00, reserved seating
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