



September 2018 Newsletter

With our 2018-2019 school year underway, I'm glad to have this opportunity to share the news and events of the students, alumni, and faculty of the Department of Dance. Though classes just resumed last week, our dancers are already in the midst of rehearsals for our upcoming BFA Choreographic Concerts. Be sure to check out all of our 2018-2019 Season Dates at the end of the newsletter.

Maggi Dueker, Interim Chair

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A Glimpse Inside our Geneva Summer Program

The Webster Department of Dance students experienced a one-of-a-kind study abroad opportunity this summer in Geneva, Switzerland. In collaboration with Webster Geneva and Conservatoire populaire de musique, danse et théâtre in Geneva, nine of our students spent eight weeks studying European Contemporary Dance. This new program featured five different international instructors including Webster University alumnus Ramon Moraes and previous Royal Ballet company dancer, Estelle Bovay.

In addition to their dance classes, the students were exposed to the Geneva arts scene and encouraged to explore throughout Europe on the weekends. "It was an enjoyable experience with lots of lessons learned and amazing new relationships with people I met. The teachers from all over the world were caring and took the time to meet and get to know each and every one of us as dancers and people." said Senior Dance Major Alyssa Perez.

We look forward to continuing this program in the Summer of 2020, alternating it with our Summer Study Abroad program in



Thailand which will be offered in Summer 2019.



Dance Department September Events

Wednesday, September 12th 11:30am-2:20pm: Dance Club Field Trip to Laumeier Sculpture Park. We will be departing from the Jean and Wells Hobler Center for Dance, Gary Hubler Dance Lounge, in the Loretto Hilton Center at 11:30am.

Wednesday, September 26th 11:30am-12:50pm: Smashworks Dance Collective Guest Artist Workshop with director, and Webster Dance Alumna, Ashley McQueen. Class will be located in the Large Studio of the Jean and Wells Hobler Center for Dance, in the Loretto Hilton Center.

Smashworks Dance Collective is a New York-based group of movers dedicated to the strengthening of artistic voice, experiential movement, and political activism.



Alumni Spotlight: Paige Walden Johnson and CommUNITY Arts Festival

CommUNITY Arts Festival is a non-profit organization that uses art to communicate, educate, and heal the effects of Saint Louis violence. The second Annual Festival will take place on September 8, 2018, with a full day of performances, workshops, demonstrations, and informational booths in Grand Center.

The Festival's founder and Webster alumna, Paige Walden Johnson, recently had this to say, "After graduating from Webster, I dabbled in performing, choreographing, and managing with local dance companies. It wasn't until Rain Stippec's terrible encounter with gun violence, that I knew how to focus what I gained from my training at Webster. Art is a powerful catalyst for change through communication, education, and healing. CommUNITY Arts Festival is a way for me to share what I have to offer as an artist to aid the Saint Louis community."

Schedule of Events Saturday, September 8, 2018

12:00-4:00pm Indoor Festival in the Grandel Grand Hall with free arts performances and programming accessible to the community.

6:00-7:00pm Voices Against Violence Q&A Panel at the Grandel Theater facilitating a conversation with local officials and advocates about the issues that manifest through Saint Louis violence.

7:30pm Mainstage performance at the Grandel Theater featuring artists such as singer-songwriter (and Webster University music department graduate) Lola Toben, The Big Muddy Dance Company, and Saint Louis Classical Guitar.

7:30pm Conflict-Resolution Youth Arts in Grand Hall during the show. No need to find a babysitter, Intersect Arts Center is facilitating enriching lessons during the show to make it a full-family event.

Post-show events in the Dark Room include the auctioning of the paintings created by the live artists during the performance, late night grooves with Mo Egeston, and a tap jam with MoSTLY TAP.

Learn more about this event at: <https://www.communityartsfestival.com/>

Faculty Projects

Karlovsky and Company Dance, under the direction of Webster Dance Faculty member Dawn Karlovsky, presents **Playful Pairings: Dance, Beats, Wine & Treats**, September 22, at The Grandel. All new dances and themes with choreography by members of Karlovsky & Company Dance including Vance Baldwin, Summer Beasley, Emilee Morton, Elise Ringenberg, and Dawn Karlovsky. Welcoming guest choreographer and Webster alumnus, Jacob Henss!

Wine pairings and culinary treats by Chef Samantha Preto of the Dark Room

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

<https://www.metrotix.com/events/detail/karlovsky-and-company-dance-playful-pairings>



DINE ON DANCE returns with Public Lunchtime Performances. For 15 years, Karlovsky & Company Dance has been presenting dance outside in the Saint Louis community for FREE outdoor performances of site-specific dance. **DINE ON DANCE** will feature new work by local choreographers R. Vance Baldwin, Alice Bloch, Ashley Tate, Dawn Karlovsky, Elise Marie Ringenberg, Grupo Atlantico, and MADCO 2 with live musical accompaniment by Rick Kramer and Tory Z Starbuck.

Where and When:



Friday, September 21, 12:00-1:00pm
Strauss Park in Grand Center
(Grand and Washington)

Thursday, September 27, 12:00-1:00pm
Old Post Office Plaza (9th and Locust)

Department of Dance: 2018-2019 Season



2019 SUMMER DANCE INTENSIVES
5-Day Intensive • July 29-August 2
13-Day Junior Intensive • July 24-26



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AUGUST 25, 2018
Summer Showcase Concert: A Showcase of Student Works at 8 pm in the Ben and Betty Heller Center for Dance in the Loretta Hilborn Center

NOVEMBER 8-10, 2018
2018 Choreographic Concert: Stage 10 Webster Hall, 7:30 pm on November 8 & 9, and 2 pm on Saturday, November 10

DECEMBER 6-8, 2018
2018 Choreographic Concert: Stage 10 Webster Hall, 7:30 pm on December 6 & 7, and 2 pm on Saturday, December 8

DECEMBER 14, 2018
Students Showcase: A Showcase of Student Works at 7:30 pm in the Ben and Betty Heller Center for Dance in the Loretta Hilborn Center

FEBRUARY 10, 2019
Alumni Showcase: A Showcase of Alumni Works
Concert presented by Webster Grads, for high school graduates in the Ben and Betty Heller Center for Dance in the Loretta Hilborn Center, 8:30 pm-4 pm

MARCH 29, 2019
Creative Concert: A Showcase of Student Works at 8 pm in the Ben and Betty Heller Center for Dance in the Loretta Hilborn Center

APRIL 26-28, 2019
Alumni Showcase: A Showcase of Alumni Works
The Evening Message Theater in the Loretta Hilborn Center, 7:30 pm Friday and Saturday April 26, 27 and 2 pm on Sunday April 28

JULY 24-26, 2019
Junior Summer Tour in Chicago 2019

JULY 29-AUGUST 2, 2019
Summer Dance Intensive 2019

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