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Dear Friends,

We proudly invite you to join us as we celebrate Erie Dance Consortium's 2017 Festival of Dance as either a returning sponsor or by becoming a new sponsor business supporting the art of dance in Erie. For the past sixteen years, Erie Dance Consortium has been striving to foster dance in the Lake Erie region. The non-profit corporation operating entirely by volunteers was formed to not only celebrate the art of dance through education and performance, but also to build the audience for dance in our community.

The Erie Dance Consortium produces the Erie Festival of Dance biennially – showcasing Erie talent and recognizing the achievements of local dancers, past and present. The festival gives local dance companies, seasoned professionals and children the opportunity to join as performers and audience members. While exposing audiences to dance in its many forms, we are reflecting our cultural and ethnic diversity and demonstrating the interrelations of the arts through collaboration with other art forms. In addition, the organization is working toward expanding our community reach and impact through the development and administration of Dance Outreach programs within the Erie area.

Our 8th biennial festival performance will take place on **Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 7:00 pm** at the beautiful Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center at Mercyhurst University. The festivities will include a master class lead by our headlining performers and will be offered to all participating performers.

Our Mission:

"We are a collaborative organization of members from Erie's dance community, whose mission is to promote and celebrate the art, education, performance, and experience of dance, while building participation, appreciation, and audience for all dance forms within the Erie community."

Our goals:

- Provide educational events, workshops, master classes, lectures and seminars
- Produce the biennial Erie Festival of Dance

Objectives:

- Expose audiences to dance in its many forms, reflecting our cultural and ethnic diversity
- Recognize and celebrate the achievements of Erie dancers, past and present
- Demonstrate the interrelations of the arts through collaboration with other art forms
- Involve children as performers and audience

We look forward to partnering with you for this exciting event and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Warm Regards,

Michael Patterson and Nathaniel Johnson, Co-Presidents, Erie Dance Consortium

2016 Community Class Offerings



Hannah Baumgarten of Dance Now Miami
Intermediate/Advanced Contemporary Ballet Based Class
Sunday, January 17, 2016 from 2:00 - 3:30
Mercyhurst University (Dance Space)

Hannah Baumgarten grew up between Santa Cruz, California, and Jerusalem, Israel where she began her dance training. Hannah received a B.F.A from the Juilliard School after attending the University of Utah Ballet Department and is a winner of the Florida Choreographic Fellowship; her work has been presented internationally and nationally in ten states; she has taught throughout the US and abroad. Hannah danced with Utah Ballet, Michael Uthoff DanceTheatre, Labyrinth Dance Theatre, William Adair and Dancers, Karen Peterson & Dancers, Momentum Dance Company, Giovanni Luquini & Dancers and Ballet Flamenco La Rosa. While at Juilliard, Hannah danced lead roles in the works of Master Choreographers such as Graham, Limon, Taylor, Sokolow, Harkarvy and Nikolais and had her choreography presented at several venues in Lincoln Center. She founded Dance NOW! Miami with Diego Salterini, and through Dance NOW! has toured the US from New York to Arizona, Central America and conducted residencies in and South America. Hannah Directed the Magnet High School Dance Program at Dillard Center for the Arts in Ft. Lauderdale for 10 years and currently serves as adjunct faculty at the Academy of Arts & Minds High School. Ms. Baumgarten is certified in Pilates through Core Dynamics and has served as a grant panelist for the State of Florida and Miami-Dade Departments of Cultural Affairs. Baumgarten has been on faculty at the Interlochen Summer Camp since 2005 and the Joffrey Ballet School NY Summer Program since 2012.

Erie Dance Consortium **COMMUNITY CLASS**
Ballet with Barbara Sandonato
CLASS FEE: \$15 Pre-Registered (by 2/12), \$20 Register at Door, \$10 OBSERVATION FEE
Sunday, Feb. 21
1-2:30pm (Ages 7-12), 2:30pm-3:30pm (Q & A Session), 3:30pm-5pm (Ages 13 & Up)
LOCATION: Patterson School of Ballet 2415 W. 26th St. Erie PA

Barbara Sandonato was a celebrated leading dancer and now a nationally esteemed Master Teacher. Ms. Sandonato trained at the Lorna London School of Ballet in Larchmont, NY and received a scholarship to study at the School of American Ballet. She was the first dancer to join Barbara Weisberger at the Pennsylvania

Ballet as it formed in 1962. Ms. Sandonato remained Principal Dancer with that company until 1977, except for a one-year stint with the National Ballet of Canada where, as a principal, she performed with Rudolf Nureyev. She won the Bronze medal at the prestigious Fifth International Ballet Competition in Varna, Bulgaria in 1970.

In great demand as a teacher, Ms. Sandonato has taught at the University of the Arts, Point Park University, SUNY Purchase and Barnard College. She has also been on the faculty of the Pennsylvania Ballet, Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet, Ballet Academy East, STEPS on Broadway, Alvin Ailey American Dance Centre, Philadanco, Princeton Ballet, Stamford City Ballet School, and Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre School.



Erie Dance Consortium **COMMUNITY CLASS**
Tap with Elec Simon
Sunday, April 10

CLASS FEE
 \$15 Pre-Registered (by 3/25)
 \$20 Register at Door
 \$10 OBSERVATION FEE

1-2:30pm (Ages 7-12)
 2:30pm-3:30pm (Q & A Session)
 3:30pm-5pm (Ages 13 & Up)

LOCATION: Erie Dance Theater 1603 Cherrv St. Erie PA

Elec Simon has been influencing both aspiring and established musicians of every age for most of his life. From early childhood on, this self-taught musician and tap dancer has viewed everything around him as an instrument for sharing his passion for music and percussion. In 2005 Elec first joined the

professional realm as a cast member of the critically acclaimed Broadway production of STOMP where he still performs occasionally on tour. In 2005 Elec also performed in Tap Extravaganza in NYC, along with Savion Glover, whose performance in Bring in Da Noise Bring in Da Funk inspired Elec to embark on a life of dance and percussion.

As a percussionist, Elec has been invited to sit in at several legendary Harlem jazz clubs, including St. Nick's Pub, Minton's Playhouse and Lennox Lounge, where he has jammed alongside jazz artists Patience Higgins, Andy McLeod, and Dave Gibson. Elec has also accompanied funk master Justin Miles and hip hop artist Ace Boogie as the percussionist on recent recordings.



Erie Dance Consortium **COMMUNITY CLASS**
Musical Theatre with Tome' Cousin
Sunday, May 1

CLASS FEE
 \$15 Pre-Registered (by 4/27)
 \$20 Register at Door
 \$10 OBSERVATION FEE

1-2:30pm (Ages 7-12)
 2:30pm-3:30pm (Q & A Session)
 3:30pm-5pm (Ages 13 & Up)

LOCATION: Erie Playhouse Rehearsal Hall • 1154 E. 12th St. ERIE, PA

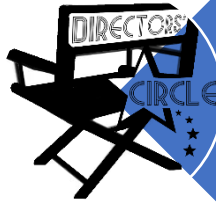
Tomé Cousin - An "interdisciplinary artist", heavily influenced by his eclectic range of creative mentors. As a result he has molded an award winning international career that includes collaborations in dance, theater, music, film, photography, television and literature. He holds a Bachelors of Arts in

Dance History and Choreography from Point Park University and a Masters of Fine Art in New Media Art and Performance from Long Island University. Additionally he studied at the Museum of Fine Arts (Baltimore), The Bauhaus School (Dessau, Germany), The Alvin Ailey School of American Dance, and The Martha Graham School.

For nine seasons Tomé appeared as "Ragdoll Tomé" on PBS' award winning children's program Mr. Rogers Neighborhood. Other television appearances include: Sesame Strasse (Germany), Flitterabend (Germany), The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (NBC), The Rosie O'Donnell Show (ABC), The Today Show (NBC), The 2000 Tony Awards (CBS), The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade (NBC) and Contact Live From Lincoln Center (PBS - 2003 Emmy Award Best Live Entertainment).

His dance credits include The Physical Theater Project (Co founder /Artistic Director), Pina Bausch's Tanztheater Wuppertal (Germany), Bill T. Jones and Arnie Zane Co in collaboration with graffiti artist Keith Haring, Ballett Bern (Switzerland), and The American Dance Ensemble.

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- Individual Acknowledgement on the Dance Consortium Facebook Page



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- Listing on the Dance Consortium Website (logo included)
- Individual Acknowledgement on the Dance Consortium Facebook Page



Spotlight: \$1,000+

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 - Listing on the Dance Consortium Website (logo and link included)
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