Dance USM! Program [2005]

University of Southern Maine Department of Theatre
Department of Theatre presents

Dance USM!

directed by Maria Tzianabos

Friday, April 29 - Sunday, May 1, 2005

Russell Hall, Main Stage
USM Gorham Campus
Director's note

Dance USM! is a show produced by USM students, performed by USM students, and featuring dance pieces choreographed by USM students, faculty, and guest artists. This year's show reflects a variety of different styles and traditions from the world of dance. The processes by which these pieces were created are as varied as their styles. Some of the pieces were built upon traditional dance movements. Others were developed from images, poetry, or events from nature, such as "the way a tree sways." Yet others evolved from improvisation, with the performers allowing the dance to shape itself. We are excited to bring you performances from our Guest artists this year, and are confident that this year's show will entertain you. We hope that it will also expand your horizons. Enjoy. Special thanks to Arthur O'Neil, Louis Gervais, Jill Spiewak Eng, Stella Lado and the Nile Girls, Carol Dilley, and New Dance Studio dancers.

Modern Feets on the Water Dance:
The Water Piece is a collaboration for choreographers Corinne Cappelletti, Hope Hoffman and dancer/photographer Nanci Kahn. Kahn's images of dancers underwater inspire the choreography and are projected into the environment in which the dance takes place. The nature of water, the experience of being water and being in water are all explored throughout the piece. The music is by the Chicago Underground Duo, the Frames and Gustavo Santaolalla.

Dance USM!

Maria Tzianabos, director

"Cautchouc"
Choreographer: Stephanie Sample
Music: "Hello Mr. Zebra" by Tori Amos
Lighting Designer: Michaela Wirth
Costume Designers: Kris Hall
Dancers
Stephanie Sample

"Faint"
Choreographer: Jessica Vashon
Music: "Faint" by Linkin Park
Lighting Designer: Michaela Wirth
Costume Designer: Alexis Pappas
Dancers
Jessica Vashon, Emily Turley, Jenalee Marsters, Jessica Maguire, Annie Tobias, Megan Bremermann, Melissa Patten, Shannon Emery

"Male Bebale"
Choreographer: Emily Carter
Music: by Virginia Rodrigues
Lighting Designer: Corey Anderson
Costume Designer: Jill Shapleigh
Dancers
Emily Carter, Wendy Getchell, Stephanie Sample, Christy McKinnon
"Persephone's Embrace"
Choreographer: Sandra Fletcher
Music: Samples from Poe-house of leaves and Control, K's Choice-breakfast
Lighting Designer: Brian Hapcic
Costume Designer: Chatfar Rodney
Dancers Kate Law, Karre Kern, Kateri Valliere

"Traffic"
Choreographer: Rebecca Angers
Music: "Flip n' Hit" "Free the Bee" by Melt Banana
Lighting Designer: Brian Hapcic
Costume Designer: Corey Anderson
Dancers Kyle Bouchard, Stephanie White, Micah Kramer

"Son"
(Friday & Saturday)
"...these are my family, these ones that I love, and it's love that makes us one."
Choreographer: *Louis Gervais
Music: Franz Shubert/Piano Sonata in A Minor
Lighting Designer: Brian Hapcic
Costume Designer: Louis Gervais
Dancers Louis Gervais

*Intermission (Friday & Saturday)

"Self Portrait"
Choreographer: Stephanie White
Music: "Volcano" by Damien Rice
Lighting Designer: Amy Von Vett
Costume Designer: Johanna Nilsson
Dancers Stephanie White, Becky Angers, Kate Wyman, Cora Matthews

"Pieces"
Choreographer: Christy McKinnon
Music: Arabesque by DJ Quicksilver
Lighting Design: Michaela Wirth
Costume Design: Casey Pratt
Dancers Christy McKinnon, Micah Kramer, Ruth Klemanski
**"The Trial I See"**

Choreographer: Kyle Bouchard  
Music: "Seven Months" by Portishead  
Lighting Designer: Karen Ball  
Dancers: Kyle Bouchard, Ruth Klemanski, Brian Simpson, Amy Simpson, Kristen Stake

**"The Feminine Mystique"**

Choreographer: Wendy E. Getchell  
Music: from The Piano soundtrack, recorded poetry is Ortus by Ezra Pound edited by Joe Ferell and Wendy E. Getchell, Emily Zack, Wendy Getchell, Michael Toth, Stephanie Sample, Joe Ferell.  
Dancers: Lindsay Spizzirri, Emily Carter, Megan Bremermann, Christy McKinnon

**Untitled**

Choreographer: Stella Lado  
Music: Untitled/Live Drumming  
Lighting Designer: Brian Hapcic  
Dancers: Nile Girls

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**Biographies**

**Maria A. Tzianabos, artistic director**  
Maria graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Boston Conservatory in 1992, where she studied with many artists including Yasuko Tokunaga, Peter Dimuro, Jennifer Scanlon and Ed Desoto, both formerly of the Jose Limon Company. While at the Conservatory, Maria performed works by Jose Limon and other guest choreographers, also performing for the Boston Conservatory Company. After graduating, Maria performed with many local choreographers and was a soloist for the Granite State Ballet. Since moving to Portland in 1997, Maria has collaborated and performed with Lisa Hicks, Berg, Jones & Sarvis, Jill Eng, and Harold Philbrook and has been choreographing her own work. Maria teaches contemporary dance at USM, Bates, and New Dance Studio in Portland. She is also the artist in residence and Ballet Instructor at the Arts Academy in Portland. She performs modern dance in Maine and Boston. She is currently pursuing an MFA in interdisciplinary Art at Goddard College.

**Corinne Cappelletti, guest performer**  
Corinne Cappelletti studied culture, photography, and dance at Goucher College. She collected diverse influences in movement theory and practice from classical and contemporary dance in Ghana, Bali, and Java. Corinne participated in an international performing arts festival as a member of the Parmin Ras Theatre of Java and returned to Indonesia a second time, on a language scholarship through the US-Indonesia Society. She continues to explore how the body communicates and interacts with people and cultures in dance production, studies, and instruction. She recently traveled, to Genoa Italy with New York University, for dance education courses and labs with interactive technologies. The collaborative models for teaching and dance making with the technicians, dancers, and musicians culminated in a night's performance in San Remo, Italy. Corinne fuses different methods and styles from here and abroad into her ongoing performance and choreography at the New Dance studio in Portland, where she teaches modern technique, creative movement, and choreography.

**Carol Dilley, guest performer**  
Carol Dilley has been a choreographer, performer and teacher internationally for nearly 20 years. Based first in New York, then Barcelona, Seattle, Sydney and now Maine, she has worked with many companies and independent choreographers as well as her own companies, Radio Suec and Carol Dilley & Co. She earned an MFA from the University of Washington and a Graduate Certificate in Arts Management from the University of Technology in Sydney. She is currently Director of Dance and at Bates College in Lewiston. Carol continues to perform choreography and teach internationally, presenting her work locally in Southern Maine as well as in Australia, Spain, Costa Rica and the United States.

**Louis Gervais, guest performer**  
Dancer/performing artist and storyteller Louis Gervais doesn’t just tell stories... he dances them. From his humble beginnings hammering it up on a neighbor’s coffee table, Louis has gone on to travel the world as a professional dancer. Louis is a two time grand prize recipient from the Dance Portland Choreography Competition, and is a popular artist-in-residence around the state of Maine. Bringing together his dance background and a love of storytelling, his genre breaking works are gifts of the imagination and joyful expressions for all audiences. He is currently on the faculty at Bowdoin College.
Hope Hoffman, guest performer
Hope Hoffman received her B.A. in journalism and creative writing in 1998, and has been self-employed since 1999 as a performing artist, dance teacher, writer, editor and musician. She presents original theater shows, directing the Town Hall Theater Group, and teaches and plays the fiddle for the Bowdoinham String Band. Highlights of her work include assistant teaching at a Montessori school and directing a modern dance company in Bloomington, Indiana. She has studied and performed dance since 1980, and has been presenting her choreography since 1993.

Nanci Kahn, guest performer
Nanci Kahn has been a widely exhibited multimedia photographer, visual artist, and dancer for over 25 years. She graduated with a BFA from Cornell University and received her MFA from the San Francisco Art Institute. She exhibits her photographs nationally and is included in permanent collections both here and abroad. Nanci has studied Ballet, Jazz, Modern, and traditional Haitian dance. She has been performing with New Dance Studio Company for five years. This is Nanci's first collaboration combining her passions for dance, underwater movement and photography.

Stella Lado, guest performer
Stella was born and raised in Sudan Africa. She came to America due to the Civil War between the North and the South. Her family fled the country in 1992 to go to Egypt. She lived in Egypt for five years, and came to America eight years ago. She started dancing at the age of four at family gatherings and celebrations and spends her leisure time dancing and listening to music. She started the NILE GIRLS five years ago because she realized that she loved to teach younger people from her country about their culture. They dance traditional Sudanese and crusades, which are based on after school fun dances composed of many tribal/traditional dances. They also dance to modern music from different parts of Africa. The NILE GIRLS is composed of twenty-two dancers but only eight dance year round. They dance with drums as well as other music and instruments.

Jill Spiewak Eng, guest performer
In 1989 Jill Spiewak Eng started her dance career in Boston studying with Adrienne Hawkins and performing under Christien Polos. In NC, Jill performed with Clay Taliaferro, Killian Manning, Anne Griffiths, Amy Chavasse and many others. She has received scholarships from Jacob's Pillow and the American Dance Festival where she studied with Lynn Simonson, Ronald Brown, Mark Haim, Barbara Grubel, Eric Franklin and Wendell Beavers. In Durham, NC Jill founded a dance collective called Independent Dancemakers, and in Brooklyn, NY initiated the concert Table Talk at University Settlement. In NY Jill has performed at Judson Church, 550 Broadway, Movement Research, Purchase College and the Limon Studio. She studied dance with Zvi Gotheiner and Barbara Mahler and became a certified teacher in the Alexander Technique. Jill currently teaches dance at New Dance Studio and holds a regular private teaching practice in the Alexander Technique in Portland while offering workshops at True North, Bates College, and other health and educational facilities around southern Maine. Jill continues to present her own dance works in Portland and Boston, and performs with several local choreographers.

Rebecca Angers
Rebecca is an ex-gymnast with thirteen years of experience. She has had two years of ballet and one year of modern dance. Rebecca is a senior political science major and is graduating this May. This is her first USM performance.

Kyle Bouchard
Kyle Bouchard is a student of French and Economics at USM. He has been dancing for three years, mostly ballet and modern. His performances include The Nutcracker Burlesque '03 and '04 with Vivid Motion, Dance USM! '03 and '04, Heroine's Journey with Two Lights Theatre Ensemble and Vivid Motion's Spring Show '04.

Emily Carter
Emily Carter has been dancing for 7 years mainly with the Art Moves Dance Studio, and is now a member of the Art Moves Company. She has danced in the Vagina Monologues, the Maine Festival, and the Cassandra Project. This is her first Dance USM! show.

Sandra Fletcher
Sandie is a graduating senior from Rockport, Maine. In her six years at USM she has been involved in practically all aspects of theater: performance, lighting, sound, props, set building, costume design, dance, research and now choreography. She is very excited to finish her well rounded education with the experience of Dance USM! 2005.

Wendy E. Getchell
Wendy E. Getchell is an English major from Portland. She has a BA in theatre from USM with a focus in directing. She has performed in many shows throughout Portland since 1996. Her most recent dance performances and choreography have been in Dance USM! 2004 and the Vivid Motions Inc. performance of the Nutcracker Burlesque 2003 as well as their 2004 Spring Show. Some of the most influential local artists which she has had the great opportunity to study and perform with are Maria Tzianabos, Harold Philbrook, Esduardo Mariscal, Jolyn Arisman, and Randy James. More of her choreography can be seen in the Vivid Motion Inc. 2005 Spring Show in June. Her passions include acting, writing and directing for the stage and being a great mother to her 5 year old daughter Egypt!

Christy McKinnon
McKinnon, though not professionally trained, has been a dancer her whole life. This is her first time performing in Dance USM! and also her first time creating a dance. She'd like to thank her wonderful patient dancers, Ruth and Micah, who pulled her from the quicksand on more than one occasion.

Stephanie Sample
Stephanie is finishing her junior year at USM. She is a Maine native who loves to dance, and is returning to Dance USM! 2005 as a choreographer.
Jessica Vashon
Jessica, a 2nd year Resident Assistant, is excited to graduate this May with a major in Communication and an Education minor. She has choreographed for the USM Dance Team for two years. This is her first year choreographing for Dance USM!, but participated as a dancer in last year’s show. After graduation, she plans on pursuing her modeling career in Miami.

Stephanie White
Stephanie White has been dancing for a year and a half and is excited to have the opportunity to choreograph and dance in the USM Dance show. Stephanie is a freshman and a media studies major.

Costume designers:

Kris Hall, Costume Shop Director
This is Kris Hall’s fifth season as the Costume Shop Director. This year she is also enrolled as a Masters degree candidate in Studio Art at Maine College of Art. Last summer she designed Pump Boys and Dinettes at Maine State Music Theatre.

Johanna Nilsson, costume design
She is a first year student majoring in art. This is her first costume design for dance USM. In Karlskrona Sweden, she concentrated in Media Studies at Chapman Skolan. She also did Make-up and Hair Design at the Make-Up Institute in Stockholm. While there, she designed costumes and scenery for the Culturama Children’s Theatre.

Casey Pratt, costume design
Casey is a senior theatre major and will be graduating in May. She has worked with the USM theatre on many productions including playing several characters in The Laramie Project and Amy in Company. Her most recent role was Pease Blossom in S.P.A.'s production of A MidSummer Night's Dream. She was very thrilled to have the opportunity to work on Dance USM! Thank you to family and friends.

Corey Anderson, costume design
Corey is a senior theatre major. Prior design work for USM includes a sound design for last fall’s Laramie Project. You can look for more of his work this summer in Titus Andronicus with Two Lights Theatre Ensemble, and this fall, when he will be involved in a TBA black box production.

Chatfar Rodney, costume design
Chatfar is a senior Theatre Major originally from Bangkok, Thailand. This is her first costume design for Dance USM, although Chatfar has performed several Thai classical dances in Thailand, including the New Year Dance, Blessing Dance, Coconut Dance, and her Moon dance. Chatfar has contributed to other USM productions, including The Glass Menagerie, The Laramie Project, and November/December.

Kate Law, costume design
Kate Law is a junior Theatre Major focusing on costume design and technology. This is her second costume design for Dance USM! and she is grateful to have this opportunity again. You can see more of her work in upcoming spring shows such as Dancing At Lughnasa with AIRE Theatre Co., Titus Andronicus with Two Lights Theatre, and also this fall in Under Milk Wood here with the Student Performing Artists.

Alexis Pappas, costume design
Alexis is a Junior Media Studies Major from York, Maine. This is her second year designing costumes for Dance USM! Her work also appeared in the WMPG fashion show held at Space Gallery in March of this year. After graduating from USM next May, Alexis plans on attending graduate school in marketing or advertising. She hopes to continue to design as a hobby.

Jason Edward Cook, costume design
Jason is a junior musical theatre major from Pittsfield, ME. Previously at USM he has been seen in The Laramie Project, A Midsummer Night’s Dream, November/December, Company, and Cabaret among others. This is his first ever costume design and is extremely excited to see his ideas come together. Many thanks to Kris and Jodi for the never-ending help!

Production Staff

Producing Director Assunta Kent
Stage Manager Andrea Meadows
Assistant Stage Managers Andrea Leslie, Meghan Benton
Technical Director Matt Meeds
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Costume Shop Director Alexis Pappas, Autumn Rose, Jill Shapleigh,
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Master Electrician Kate Law, Michele Lee,
Lighting Director Alexis Pappas, Autumn Rose, Jill Shapleigh,
Deck Crew Andy Sawyer
Wardrobe Shawn Reardon, Andrew Coffey
Light Board Operator Jen Shapleigh,
Sound Board Operator and Costume Lab
Gel Changer
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June 26 - July 1

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Acting: Performance
May 20 - 22 and May 27-29

Theatre in New York City
May 15 - May 19

Michael Chekhov Institute
June 18 - June 25

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May 16 - July 1
July 5 - August 19

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May 26 - June 2

Reader's Theatre
July 10- July 23

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