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WELCOME TO *Dances We Dance:* CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS!



For several years, I have wanted the dance program to present a themed, seasonal event to close out the fall semester. This showcase answers that call by featuring works that celebrate the holidays (i.e., Halloween, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, Christmas, the Winter Solstice, the New Year) in spirit and/or name. In the spirit of the holidays these dances are meant to spread thoughts of joy, thanks, love, peace, remembrance, freedom and even fear!

In the spirit of arts education and collegial sharing, visiting instructor Ariel Baron-Robbins's classes are exhibiting in the lobby what they created from viewing the Modern Dance 2 class in the dance studio this semester and during rehearsals on stage.

The Department of Theatre and Dance does not have a dance major, but a dance minor is in the offing. This showcase is populated by students from numerous other areas of study and from almost all of the colleges at FAU. If the dances you see inspire you to study dance, please reference the Department of Theatre and Dance course listings in FAU's online catalog (at www.fau.edu) and/or the contact information for each club at the back of the program.

Club participation is ongoing and open to FAU faculty, staff and students as well as alumni and community members for a nominal fee.

Dances We Dance is a capstone experience for students enrolled in all genres and levels of dance in the Department of Theatre and Dance. After a semester of dance studies, students have the opportunity to create dances, learn choreography, work cooperatively and collaboratively, exhibit technical skills, explore expressiveness and experience performance in front of an audience. This showcase would not be possible if not for the hours of dedication that these students, club leaders, guest choreographers, alumni, staff and faculty have contributed to bring a production like this to its feet. I am so deeply indebted and grateful to them all for their sweat, effort and energy in bringing dance to this community. Thank you to you as well for your patronage and happy holidays to you.

- CLARENCE BROOKS
Associate Professor, Director of Dance

Dances We Dance: CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS!

The Land of Snow

Ballet 1

Choreography: Clarence Brooks

Music: Peter I. Tchaikovsky

Dancers: Jordon Armstrong, Alasha Banks, Angela Caruso, Ariana Chapman, Fookloy Ford, Launtia Gentiles, Corinne Hurtado, Chelsie Hustad, Eric Jaffe, Kristofer Johnson, Mikayla Larson, Brittany Lugo, Kaleb Marazon, Samantha Middlestead, Claudia Morais, Brenda Nicholas, Giselle Perez (soloist), Linzi Schattinger (soloist), Kayla Smith, Paula Stack, Valentina Villamizar, Reba Wahrburg and Monshakeria Young

Freeker by the Speaker

Guest Choreography

Choreography: Jack Bloeser, Music: Keller Williams, Dancer: Ilana Robbins

Thanksgiving of Life

Island Spice

Choreography: Makini Cruickshank

Music: Chabin, Ar Rahman and Ding Dong

Dancers: Makini Cruickshank, Talithia Stuart, Cassandra McDonald, Jerome Mitchell, Starcresant Aponte and Chris Dowdell

Viewpoints

Movement for Actors

Choreography: Susan Cato, Music: Michael Bubl 

Performers: Simonie Andres, Tony Bartley, Tamara Brown,

Ariana Chapman, Kristen Marie Croucher, Michael Edmonds-Osetek, Brie Goldsobel, Daniella Mason, Kenna Mclendon, Teresa Morgan, Matthew Morrell, Lori Schiesl, Kayla Smith and Johnny Dee Ulysse

A Night Before X-Mas

Florida Atlantic Dance Theatre

Choreography: Akeem Edwards

Music: Criss Angel and Cirque du Soleil

Dancers: Kaitlyn Alise, Natalia Antezana, Jordan Bontrager, Fatima Caines, Jazzmine Dixon, Akeem Edwards, Jasmine Johnson, Courtney Pearce, Yuberca Pena, Sharon Quimbay, Jerquaid Quinn and Andrea Stevenson

Caminando por la Calle

World Dance/Flamenco

Choreography: Damaris Ferrer

Music: Ojos de Brujo

Dancers: Kyle Arp, Brittany Buscemi, Angela Caruso, Brittanie Carzola, Isemaelle Charles, Sasha M. Diaz, Alana Ernst, Anne-Elie Etienne, Moreen Forrest, Racquel Goldman, Laura Gomez, Saiesha Graham, Kimberly Herman, Gladys Hernandez, Khaliah Jack, Brittany Lugo, Daniella Mason, Jalyssa McDonald, Naomi Moise, Johnetta Nuby, Sabiny Pierrevil, Kylee Plevin, Ilana Robbins, Kara Schwarz, Monica Taylor, Corrina Thisler, Danielle Wenzlaff and Catalina Yutronic

INTERMISSION

(15 minutes)

My Gift to You

Student Choreography

Choreography: Akeem Edwards and Ilana Robbins

Music: Elton John

Dancers: Akeem Edwards and Ilana Robbins

A Second Chance for Christmas

Guest Choreography

Choreography: Andre and Natalie Paramonov

Music: Adele and Ursula

Dancers: Tom Sampieri and Virginia Gonzalez

Seasons of Friendship

Student Choreography

Choreography: Amber Kirby, Krystle McGrady and Rebecca Rosenfeld

Music: Sara Bareilles and Ingrid Michaelson

Dancers: Amber Kirby, Krystle McGrady, Rebecca Rosenfeld and Paula Stack

Coalition Gold

Alumni Choreography

Choreography: Jennifer Jimenez

Music: John Williams

Dancers: Jennifer Jimenez, Chelsea Roth, Chelsie Thomas and Vance Vlasek

Cannibal

Ballroom of FAU

Choreography: Tommy Engler

Music: Ke\$ha

Dancers: Ricky Barrett, Jordan, Bontrager, Allison Borders, Christian Cabrera, Taylor Cowell, Megan DeVries, Katie Dickerson, Shane Eggleston, Ana Lourdes Guerin, Ben Krieger, Giselle Perez, William Santana, Brandon Siegler, Ella Tepper and William Trevino

Zenos' Freedom Moves

Modern Dance 2

Choreography: Clarence Brooks

Music: Phillip Glass

Dancers: Diannelly Aquino, Clarence Brooks, Akeem Edwards, Jamileth Hudson, Mikayla Larson, Lindsey Parker, Ilana Robbins, Margeaux Vallee and Amelia Windover

Narrative Drawings

Instructor: Ariel Baron-Robbins

Visual Artists: Jamard Bossicot, Trevor Clement, Diana De Francisco, Aleck Ford, Tyler Franco, Amber Frank, Laura Garcia Pisani, Lesa Goltz, Gregory Johnson, Luis Mayo, Ashlynn Quiery, Scott Schoeck, Chance Stillman, Melissa Thomas, Sabin Tinglof, Katryna Vanande and Alyssa Veira



PRODUCTION CREW

Artistic Director.....Clarence Brooks*
Audition Judges.....Clarence Brooks, Christie Diehl**
and Matthew Morrell
Stage Manager.....Susan Cato**
Assistant Stage Manager.....Richard Gamble
Light Board Operator.....Casey Foster
Sound Board Operator.....Liliana Franky
Camera Operator.....Gabrielle Bargoot
Projector Operator.....Kevenique Allen
Props.....Rachel Lehrman and Kara Schwarz
Crew.....Kyle Edwards and Brad Wells
House Manager.....Lysette Perez**
Ushers.....Dillian Cohen, Ashley Horowitz,
Anthony Howe, Daniella Mason
Monica Taylor and Brian Williams
Poster.....Christina Valentine***
Playbill PowerPoint.....Clarence Brooks*

* Faculty

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*** MFA Candidate

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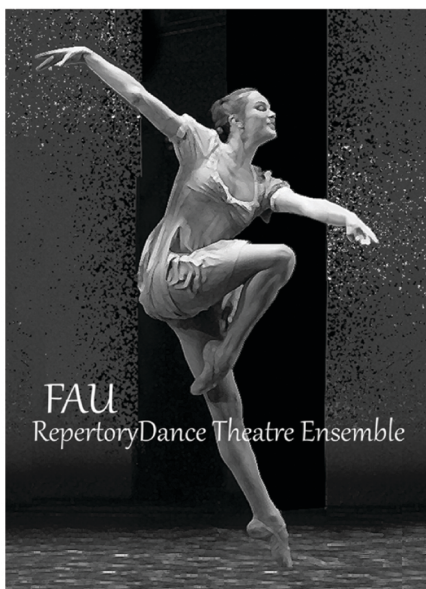
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Coming Events



For information about FAU dance courses, please consult the Department of Theatre and Dance course listings in the FAU Course Catalog (www.fau.edu).

For additional information about dance at FAU, email Clarence.Brooks@fau.edu.

FAU Repertory Dance Theatre Ensemble

University Theatre |

The University's professional dance company performing works by emerging and established artists.

Friday, February 10, 7 pm

Saturday, February 11, 1 pm

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Sunday, February 12, 1 pm

Tickets: Single \$20; Faculty, staff and alumni \$16; FAU Students \$12; Groups 15+ \$14; (Facebook fan page – **FAU Dance Theatre Ensemble**)

Dances We Dance: Spring Showcase 2012

University Theatre |

Showcasing FAU student dancers.

Friday, April 27, 7 pm

Saturday, April 28, 1 pm

Saturday, April 28, 7 pm

Tickets: Adults, faculty staff, students and alumni \$10; Children under age 12 \$5. (Facebook fan page – **Dances We Dance**)

For tickets, visit www.fauevents.com or call **1-800-564-9539**.