

## **DANCE CHICAGO 2012**

**John Schmitz, Founder and Artistic Director**

### **ABOUT DANCE CHICAGO**

In 1995 Artistic Director and Curator John Schmitz and Fred Solari of the Athenaeum Theatre created Dance Chicago with generous donations from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Philip Morris Companies Inc. and WPWR Channel 50 Foundation. Now celebrating its eighteenth season, Dance Chicago offers the city's broadest range of dance styles from over 350 choreographers. Dance Chicago focuses on the development of Chicago-area choreography. We have featured major artists from such companies as the Joffrey Ballet, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, the Dutch National Ballet, and a host of national and international companies, as well as the most talented Chicago area choreographers, small dance troupes and independent artists. For more information on Dance Chicago, visit [www.dancechicago.com](http://www.dancechicago.com). (Dance Chicago is a program of Emergence Dance Theatre)

### **DANCE CHICAGO 2012 First Night in Orland Park**

Saturday, November 3 at 8:00 pm

Carl Sandburg Theatre in Orland Park

Dance Chicago presents its classic Opening Night showcase in Orland Park at the Carl Sandburg Theatre. Sample the high energy of urban, tap, aerial, Irish, ballet, break dancing, jazz and more. See Stick & Move Dance Crew, fresh from America's Got Talent season premiere, Jump Rhythm Jazz Project, Mexican Dance Ensemble, Trinity Irish Dancers, NoMi Dance Company, Tre Dumas' Jus' LisTeN, Full Effect Dance Theatre, Aerial Dance Chicago, Kate Jablonski and others. Curated by John Schmitz

### **ATHENAEUM MAINSTAGE SHOWS**

#### **DC 2012 Dance Slam**

Saturday, November 10 at 8:00 pm

Athenaeum Theatre

Athenaeum Theatre Dance Chicago's interactive dance competition with a non-stop beat! Works are five minutes or less and the audience votes for the winners! Many choreographers and dancers got their start here, including just seen Stick & Move Dance Crew on America's Got Talent! Who is providing the next generation of star power? - Come and decide for yourself. This is the biggest Chicago dance competition of the season - from breaking to ballet! FAST AND FURIOUS! We return to the Athenaeum, first time since 2008. Curated by John Schmitz

#### **DC 2012 Inaside Chicago Dance**

Friday, November 16 at 8:00 pm

Athenaeum Theatre

Inaside Chicago Dance showcases an entertaining, family-friendly, "something for everyone" program. The evening is full of meaningful, thoughtful, heartfelt artistry and athleticism. World premieres and crowd favorites by are sure to provide spectacular impressions to take home!

#### **DC 2012 Future Stars**

Saturday, November 17 at 8:00 pm

Athenaeum Theatre

Fantastic young dancers and choreographers from the Chicago area are showcased. Future Stars creates a forum for these young artists to show the world they are the future of dance. We pick the best and brightest - a real crowd-pleasing event. (Note: This is not a dance competition - See Dance Slam for that event.) Curated by John Schmitz

#### **DC 2012 Chicago Streets**

Friday, November 23 at 8:00 pm

Athenaeum Theatre

HIPPIN' HOPPIN', POPPIN' LOCKIN'...THERE'S NO STOPPIN' THE MASTERS OF URBAN DANCE. COME SEE THE FRESHEST AND HOTTEST CREWS IN THE CITY showcasing hip hop, urban tap, jazz, rhythmic percussion, break dancing, footworking, stepping, bhangra, and more. Hundreds of artists and a full house - buy early. Curated by Chris Nasadowski and John Schmitz

## **DC 2012 NoMi Dance Company**

Saturday, November 24 at 8:00 pm

Athenaeum Theatre

NoMi Dance Company (formerly NoMi LaMad) opens its sixth season with one of the most ambitious self-produced concerts to date, a first time ever shared performance with critically acclaimed Chicago choreographer Eddy Ocampo accompanied by the breath-taking and brilliant light design of Jared Moore and Josh Weckesser. It will be an evening of exciting premieres including an exciting, athletic, intricate and witty new work by the award-winning Chicago artist Paul Christiano, Artistic Director Laura Kariotis, guest choreographer Laura Wade, and NoMi principle dancer Sarah Robinson. NoMi continues to surprise, entice, entertain, and inspire audiences of all tastes. This collaboration is one show not to be missed! Curated by Laura Kariotis

## **DC 2012 Choreography Showcase**

Saturday, December 1 at 8:00 pm

Athenaeum Theatre

THE NEWEST AND THE BEST CHICAGO CHOREOGRAPHERS AND NATIONAL GUEST CHOREOGRAPHERS SHOWCASE THEIR ART, DISCIPLINE AND INGENUITY...THEN SET THEIR WORKS ON ACCOMPLISHED DANCERS. THIS PAIRING IS CONSISTENTLY AN AUDIENCE AND MEDIA FAVORITE. The best choreographer receives the Cliff Dwellers' Arts Foundation Dance Chicago 2012 Choreographer of the Year Award (COTY) and \$1,000 prize. Curated by John Schmitz

## **ATHENAEUM STUDIO ONE SHOWS**

### **DANCE CHICAGO 2012: New Moves**

**Nov. 13-15, 27-29 - SIX ALL-DIFFERENT SHOWS**

**Athenaeum Theatre – Studio One**

NEW MOVES BRINGS YOU BRAVE NEW UNSEEN WORKS CONJURED UP BY NEW AND SEASONED CHOREOGRAPHERS. FUTURE CLASSICS SPRING UP. DANCE AFICIONADOS WILL TREASURE THIS PROGRAM. Curated by John Schmitz

Six Completely Different Programs!

Program A: Tuesday, November 13 at 8:15 pm

Program B: Wednesday, November 14 at 8:15 pm

Program C: Thursday, November 15 at 8:15 pm

Program D: Tuesday, November 27 at 8:15 pm

Program E: Wednesday, November 28 at 8:15 pm

Program F: Thursday, November 29 at 8:15 pm

### **DANCE CHICAGO 2012: Dance Carnival**

**Nov. 16, 17, 30 - THREE ALL-DIFFERENT SHOWS**

**Athenaeum Theatre – Studio One**

LIVE ON OUR STAGE, DANCING, SINGING, SPECIAL EFFECTS, LIVE MUSIC, COMEDY - A PROGRAM WHICH DEFIES DESCRIPTION. YOU'LL SEE! This is Madness! Curated by John Schmitz

Program A: Friday, November 16 at 8:15 pm

Program B: Saturday, November 17 at 8:15 pm

Program C: Friday, November 30 at 8:15 pm

## **STAGE 773 SHOW**

### **DANCE CHICAGO 2012: Jump Rhythm Jazz Project**

Emmy Award-winning JRJP, Billy Siegenfeld, Artistic Director

Curated by Billy Siegenfeld

Thursday, November 8 at 8:00 pm

Friday, November 9 at 8:00 pm

Saturday, November 10 at 8:00 pm

Sunday, November 11 at 3:00 pm

JUMP RHYTHM JAZZ PROJECT, led by Dance Chicago's 2011 "Choreographer of the Year," JRJP artistic director Billy Siegenfeld, celebrates its the opening season of its 23rd year with 5 premieres! - two premieres by guest choreographers Jeff Hancock and Kevin Durnbaugh, 3 revised premieres by artistic director Billy Siegenfeld, and, from the repertory, excerpts from Siegenfeld's audience-rocking tribal celebration, *god of dirt*.

**PREMIERES:**

***MY UNDECIDED SHADOW***, choreography and text by Jeff Hancock. A duet for Hancock and Siegenfeld, SHADOW's verbal play, song fragments, and commonplace movement explore doubt, possibility, and acceptance.

***MAYBE?NO. YES!***, choreography by Kevin Durnbaugh. Counterpointed rhythms to Plan B's "She Said" and Jessie J's "Mama Knows Best" first shake up a group's togetherness, then re-combine it into a fiercely body-pusling finale.

**REVISED PREMIERES:**

***THERE NEVER WAS A WAR THAT WAS NOT INWARD*** (2011; revised 2012), with choreography, text, and vocal arrangements by Billy Siegenfeld. *War* starts as a picnic among friends. Pleasure turns dark as one of the group relives the trauma they all experienced.

***WHY GERSHWIN?*** (2010; revised 2012). Choreography, text, and vocal arrangements by Billy Siegenfeld. An updated homage to moviedom's screwball romances features a wrangling man-woman duet and a quartet of wacked-out Cupids.

***THE SUMPTUOUS SCREECH OF SIMPLICITY*** (2011; revised 2012). Choreography and vocal arrangements by Billy Siegenfeld. A quintet of not-so-prim schoolgirls rhythmically deconstructs, first with voice then with taps, the words and music of the Isley Brothers' rock classic, "It's Your Thing."