

SCDA News

Mission Statement: The South Carolina Dance Association fosters an environment which supports and promotes dance in our state.

- Register today for the 2009 SCDAncing Festival to be held October 16-18 in Spartanburg www.active.com
- Submit teaching proposals for SCDAncing Festival 2009 www.scahperd.org
- Call and reserve your room for SCDAncing at the Marriott! 1-800-327-6465

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SCDAncing Festival 2009

Ballet Spartanburg and Converse College have graciously donated their space to host the 2009 SCDAncing Festival October 16-18. Additionally, SCDA has teamed with the Marriott of Spartanburg at Renaissance Park as the official hotel. Registration for the festival is \$25 for k-12 student groups, \$35 for all other students

and \$45 for professionals. You must be a SCDA member in good standing to register for the festival. Remember that k-12 groups are eligible for an institutional membership. Register now at www.active.com. Hotel reservations may be made by calling 800-327-6465 and be sure to mention you are with SCAHPERD/ SCDA room block to

receive our special rate. Festival planners are working diligently to ensure a stellar docket of guest artists. Classes will be offered in modern, ballet, jazz, tap, hip-hop, cultural dance, yoga, pilates and composition to name a few. There will be a college scholarship audition for eligible festival participants who plan on becoming a dance major in South Carolina. (Cont. p.8)

SCDA Online Calendar and Facebook



SCDA is committed to improving member benefits. We have organized an online calendar to provide a full list of all members' events. Currently there are several performances, master

classes and special events that SCDA members are hosting posted on our calendar. Visit www.scahperd.org, go to the SCDA page and click on calendar of events to view a complete list of wonderful dance happening across SC.

Additionally, SCDA now has a presence on facebook. Join facebook and

become a member of SCDA online. This is an easy way stay updated with meetings, festival updates and other important SCDA news. Additionally, we can share information with each other with great ease. A SCDAncing Festival page will be updated regularly with news of guest artists and performances.



-The Power Company

Low Country South Dance Events

Beaufort County recently hosted several lecture demonstrations and a performance by the Dance Theatre of Harlem. On Friday, January 16th they performed two lecture demonstrations for schools south of the Broad River and on Tuesday, January 19th they performed for schools north of the Broad River. During their stay in

Beaufort County they also had a full evening length concert at the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina and a master class for local dancers.

Tap City will be performing at the University of South Carolina Beaufort on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 7:00pm. For additional information, contact

USCB Performing Arts Center in Beaufort, SC.

The Lowcountry South Regional Coordinator would love to hear from more of our members with your past, present, and future dance events. Please e-mail me at teresabaker@embarqmail.com or call (843) 252-1030.

Greenville Dance Festival

"The main purpose of the festival was to bring in guest artists to teach a variety of dance styles in an effort to broaden the breadth of understanding in our dancers and community."

Gerri Houlihan, Associate Professor of Dance at Florida State University and faculty at the American Dance Festival having participated in fifteen international residencies, was the special guest artist at the Greenville Dance Festival on October 11th. Ms. Houlihan was also artist in residence at The Fine Arts Center prior to the festival. Funding for her residency was made possible in part by a grant from the Metropolitan Arts Council. The Fine Arts Center hosted the festival for over 125 dance students primarily from the Greenville County Schools' dance

programs. The main purpose of the festival was to bring in guest artists to teach a variety of dance styles in an effort to broaden the breadth of understanding in our dancers and community. Dance classes in the traditional techniques of Classical Ballet and Modern/Contemporary as well as dance from other cultures were offered. Other guest artists were Sybil Huskey, Professor of Dance and former Chair of the Department of Dance and Theatre at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte; Stephanie Milling, Assistant Professor of

Dance Education at Winthrop University; Wanda Ebright, Associate Professor of Dance at Coker College; Susan Woodham, past president of SCDA, and for Classical Indian Dance, Krishna Kumar Venkataraman and Sivakami Bhavnandan ("Sivi") who trained at the world renowned Dhananjayans and Padmashri Adyar Lakshman of Madras, India. Lauren Scott, the President of SCDA, led an informal meeting about SCDA to the gathered dance teachers and guest artists.

Message from the SCDA President

Hello SCDA members!
Happy 2009! My name is Ashley Stock and I am the current President of SCDA. I am so excited about all that we have planned for this year. Stephanie Milling (President Elect), Lauren Scott (Past President) and myself just returned from our leadership conference in Hilton Head and have so many wonderful plans for this year.

First, I would like to say what a fantastic convention we had this year in Myrtle Beach. We had new classes and workshops thanks to convention planner Eliza Ingle, our past President and a wonderful Kaleidoscope performance, thanks to coordinator Lauren Scott and all of our great performers and choreographers. We were also so fortunate to have the performance on a stage with all kinds of amazing technical support. We really appreciate Ivy Hale and the School of Arts and Sciences in Myrtle Beach for the

use of their beautiful facility and their efforts on our behalf. Our guest artist, danah bella was tremendous; she taught numerous classes and even offered feedback for choreographers after Kaleidoscope. I also want to congratulate our award winners from the SCAPHERD convention: Susan Woodham, Honor Award; Katy Strickland Dallas, SC Dance Teacher of the Year; Marty Martin, Advocacy Award; and Crystal Bedford and Pamela O'Bryant, President's Awards.

Members from SCDA have been chosen to perform at the "Artful Weekend" at the Sanctuary Resort at Kiawah Island on January 31st. This is an extraordinary opportunity for SCDA to get recognition within the different art sectors throughout the community.

We are looking forward to our first board meeting February 28th in Columbia. If you have ideas or would like to be involved in some

capacity, we would love to have your input. If you cannot attend and would like for something to be added to the agenda for discussion email me at scdanceassociation@gmail.com.

We are also planning furiously for the SCDAncing festival October 16th- 18th in Spartanburg. The festival will be hosted by Ballet Spartanburg and Converse College. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. We have lots of great classes and artists in store for that weekend.

Check out our calendar of events on our webpage. There may be local dance performances or festivities that you would be interested in participating in or attending. If you want to add something that is going on in your region to our calendar, send it to scdanceassociation@gmail.com.

I am looking forward to an exciting year with you.

-Ashley Stock

Classes for Professionals

*Dancers in the upstate have come together to form the **Greenville Dance Collective**, a group of dancers who collaborate in the studio to give each other a modern dance class. The dancers have a varied background, but share the common interest in their love of dance and movement. Currently the dancers are meeting on Saturdays. For more information, please e-mail Sarah Covington Kolb: sarah.covkolb@gmail.com*

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16th Annual Beaufort County Dance Festival

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On February 18th, 19th and 20th, 2009, Lady's Island Middle School and Beaufort High School will open its doors to approximately 300 dance students from Beaufort County Schools for the annual Beaufort County Dance Festival. The festival, which began in 1993, is an opportunity for local dance students to join together in a non-competitive environment for dance technique classes and a choreography showcase.

Lady's Island Middle School will host the first two days, February 18th and 19th, with Beaufort High School hosting the Showcase on February 20th.

Schools participating in this year's festival include Beaufort High, Battery Creek High, Bluffton High, Lady's Island Middle, Lady's Island Elementary, Hilton Head School for the Creative Arts, MC Riley Elementary and Bluffton Elementary. The festival rotates to different schools and locations within the county.

Special guest teachers this year include the Beaufort Shag Club, Dawn Rosa, Erin Demers, Angel Campos, Carrie Carper, Elyse Larew and Martha Connerton. Classes will be geared towards grade and skill levels with the seventh through twelfth grade students on February 18th and

the elementary through sixth grade students February 19th. On February 20th all grades will convene to participate in the informal showcase, a highlight of the festival. The showcase allows the students to perform choreography that has been preselected by each school's dance teacher.

The Dance Festival is organized by the Dance Teachers in the school district with assistance from the Arts Coordinator's Office. For additional information about the festival, contact Teresa Baker, Publicity Coordinator, at Beaufort High School, 322-2153 or Kathy Ingram, On Site Coordinator, Lady's Island Middle School, 322-3100.

Peace Center Artist-in-Residence

The Peace Center for the Performing Arts is presenting an Artist-in-Residence Program with Brian McGinnis and Kate Skarpetowska February 11-March 3,

2009. **Modern dance classes for beginner, intermediate and advanced dancers will be offered February 14, 16 and 21 at the Peace Center.** The fee for

classes are \$15.00 until January 31 and \$20 per class after January 31. Call the Peace Center Box Office to pay for class and to reserve a space: 864-467-3000.



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-Parsons Dance

Master Classes held in the Upstate

Alonzo King, Artistic Director and Choreographer for LINES Ballet, based in San Francisco, taught a master class for the Fine Arts Center advanced dancers on December 2nd. His visionary choreography is represented in repertoires throughout the world in major dance companies such as Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, Joffrey Ballet, Frankfurt Ballet, Dance Theater of

Harlem, and Washington Ballet. Mr. King, always the consummate artist, made it clear during his master class why he is considered a living legend in the art world. The dancers were totally focused on the power and energy of dance and how to trust their own individual movements. The challenging, memorable master class will resonate with the dancers for years giving them ideas and information that they will continue

to use and revisit as they continue to develop as dancers and artists.

Brian McGinnis was in residence at the Fine Arts Center setting one piece of choreography on two different classes. Brian graduated from The Juilliard School and has danced with Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, Elisa Monte Dance, and Parsons Dance Company and is currently dancing with the Lar Lubovitch Dance Company

(<http://www.lubovitch.org/>). Brian's piece of choreography is titled "Sirens and the Undercurrent". The piece will be performed in the **District Dance Showcase February 8th at 3:00 pm in the Wade Hampton High School Theatre.**

Mr. McGinnis will also be teaching a master class at Pine Street Elementary on February 19th.

Ballet Spartanburg presents DanSynergy

DanSynergy, an entertaining and artistically meaningful evening of new and eclectic dance works, featuring a ground breaking collaboration between artistic director Carlos Agudelo and Spartanburg Hub-Bub's artists in residence, Ellie Pierson and Sarah Witt, and featuring members of the

Spartanburg Philharmonic Orchestra will be presented Saturday, **March 21, 8:00 p.m** at the David Reid Theater in the Chapman Cultural Center.

For tickets call (864)542-ARTS. Adults \$25, Seniors \$20, Students/Children \$15.

Parsons Dance

With boundless energy, charismatic stage presence and powerful athletic grace, David Parsons creates thrilling choreography that is accessible and thought provoking.

Parsons Dance is a contemporary dance company founded by choreographer David Parsons. The company tours nationally and internationally, and includes an annual season in New York.

February 24, 2009 7:00pm
David Reid Theater, Chapman Cultural Center

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SCDAncing Festival Class Proposals

SCDA is inviting you to share your expertise at the SCDAncing Festival. Please consider submitting a proposal for the festival to teach your favorite class, lead a discussion or any

other creative activity you have in mind. Visit www.scahperd.org to find a proposal form. Email completed forms to scdanceassociationpast@gmail.com.

The deadline for submissions is **May 15th**. Remember that you must be a SCDA member and registered for the festival to attend the festival, present and/or perform.

SCDAncing Festival Performances

SCDA will present four performances during the SCDAncing Festival. Friday evening will feature a live dress rehearsal involving Artistic Director Carlos

Agudelo to familiarize participants with the process. Friday and Saturday afternoon will feature informal performances of selected participants. Saturday evening will feature an

adjudicated gala performance with feedback from the guest artist panel. Information about submissions will be found on the [scahperd](http://scahperd.org) website and the deadline will be **August 15th**.

About Our Organization...

SCDA is inviting you, as a valued dance supporter, to join us in our efforts to build a mutually supportive network for the purposes of advocacy, promotion and professional development. The future

of dance in this state depends upon those of us who are passionate about the art and are willing to join together to meet challenges ahead. Your individual involvement can make a critical difference.

Your membership in SCDA will help promote and strengthen dance throughout the state. Increased visibility, broader participation and artistic excellence are important as we build support for dance.

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