



NEFA'S EXCHANGE SERIES FOR DANCE
COMES TO MASS MoCA
March 31 - April 1, 2008
North Adams, MA

February 21, 2008

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The New England Foundation for the Arts (NEFA) is proud to announce the third in a series of seven events intended to encourage the exchange of ideas in New England's dance communities. These first-ever exchanges are the next steps in the Regional Dance Development Initiative for New England as part of NEFA's National Dance Project. The National Dance Project provides a system of support for the production and touring of contemporary dance in the United States, and these regional initiatives seek to strengthen dance communities at the local level.

The events are free, and are designed to bring together local dance artists, educators, presenters, funders, advocates, and audiences to engage in dialogue on topics of significance in the field of dance. Each exchange will include performances by regional dance artists, facilitated discussions, and opportunities for community-building, professional development, and networking. For dates and locations of all seven exchanges, visit:

<<http://www.nefa.org/grantprog/ndp/initiatives.html#RDDIdanceexchange>.

What?

A two-day exchange for dance in North Adams, MA, **FREE OF COST AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**, exploring the topics of:

Non-Traditional Spaces for Dance:

- Using MASS MoCA's multi-disciplinary space as a catalyst for discussion, topics of site-specific dance and dance designed to be viewed in contexts apart from the proscenium stage will be explored.



For Whom?

Dance artists, educators, presenters, audience members, advocates, students, and anyone else with an interest in dance and the topics above.



When and Where?

Schedule:

March 31:

- 10 AM: Introductory remarks: Sandra Burton (Williams College) and Sue Killam (MASS MoCA)
- 11 AM - 12:30 PM: REGIONAL ARTISTS SHOWINGS: Featuring performances by Nell Breyer and Candice Salyers
- 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM: catered lunch
- 1:30 PM -4:30 PM: Break out group discussions
- 5 PM: Private tour of MASS MoCA Galleries
- 6 PM: catered dinner
- 7 PM - 9 PM: EVENING SESSIONS for the COLLEGE DANCER: open rehearsals and opportunities for informal conversation with regional artists. Refreshments provided.

April 1:

- 9 - 11 AM: Introduction to the topics and artists of the day
- 11 AM -12:30 AM: REGIONAL ARTISTS SHOWINGS: Featuring performances by Polly Motley and Dahlia Nayar
- 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM: catered lunch
- 1:30 PM - 3 PM: Open exchange: an open opportunity for all present to share resource, voice concerns, discuss upcoming events and issues relevant to the field

Location:


MASS MoCA is located at 87 Marshall Street, North Adams, Massachusetts, 01247.

For map and directions: [http:// www.massmoca.org/directions.php](http://www.massmoca.org/directions.php)



How? RSVP by 2/29/08

To reserve your spot, RSVP no later than Friday, February 29, 2008 by emailing jmarx@nefa.org with the subject "MASS MoCA Exchange for Dance."



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About NEFA

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NEFA administers nine grant-making programs that support the performing arts, public art, and Native arts, as well as initiatives ranging from the research and analysis of the impact of the creative economy to the creation and administration of resources and online tools linking the regional, national, and international cultural community.

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