



NEFA'S EXCHANGE SERIES FOR DANCE "Presenting Native American Dance" Providence, RI - April 13, 2008

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The New England Foundation for the Arts (NEFA) is proud to announce the fourth 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 one-day exchange for dance in Providence, RI, **FREE OF COST AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**, exploring the topics of:

Presenting Native American Dance:

- Engaging Native American dance artists in dialogue with presenters around opportunities and contexts for regional Native dance artists to present work

For Whom?

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

Schedule for April 13:

- 10 AM: Introductory remarks: Dawn Spears, Native Arts Program Coordinator, NEFA
- 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM: REGIONAL NATIVE ARTISTS SHOWINGS: Featuring performances by regional Native dance artists
- 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM: catered lunch
- 1:30 PM -3:00 PM: Group discussion on the topic of native dance presentation in the region
- 3:00 PM: Open exchange: an open opportunity for all present to share resource, voice concerns, discuss upcoming events and issues relevant to the field

Location:

Perishable Theater's 3rd Floor Studio, 95 Empire Street, Providence, RI, 02903
For map and directions: <http://www.perishable.org/directions.htm>

To reserve your spot, RSVP no later than Friday, March 28, 2008, by emailing jmarx@nefa.org with the subject "Rhode Island Exchange for Dance."

The exchange series for dance is a part of NEFA's Regional Dance Development Initiative in New England, which is made possible with the generous support of the Aliad Fund at the Boston Foundation, and national support for the National Dance Project from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, the Ford Foundation, and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation with additional support from the National Endowment for the Arts and the six New England state arts agencies.

About NEFA

NEFA creatively supports the movement of people, ideas, and resources in the arts within New England and beyond, makes vital connections between artists and audiences, and builds the strength, knowledge, and leadership of the region's creative sector. NEFA is a 501 (c) 3 that operates with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, the New England state arts agencies, and from corporations, foundations and individuals.

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, which link and advance the regional, national, and international cultural community.

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