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DANCE GALA CELEBRATES 10th ANNIVERSARY OF INSTITUTE OF NEW DANCE & CULTURES **Established, Professional Choreographers Work Alongside Cal Poly Pomona Students**

POMONA, Calif. — Cal Poly Pomona’s Institute of New Dance & Cultures is celebrating its 10th anniversary with special **gala dance concerts** on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, at 8 p.m. in the University Theatre.

Established choreographers in the Southern California dance community have worked with university student dancers to present eight dances. They range in style and perspective, from rigorous to exuberant and dramatic to buoyant.

“It’s important for this gala to represent what the institute is about,” says Gayle Fekete, the gala’s artistic director. “We really enjoy the creative storytelling process through contemporary dance. Contemporary dance is progressive and embracing. Some of the pieces have political agendas and others offer insights into cultural and societal issues.”

The choreographers include professional theatre choreographers, former dance company members, national touring troupe members and dance educators. They are: Suchi Branfman, Phyllis Douglass, Kim Gregg, Carla Lubow, Valerie Vera-Mineer, Shyamala Moorty, David Mullen and Deborah Rosen.

The dance institute aims to be student-centered, culturally diverse and artistically inclusive. It has a humanistic, cross-cultural, interdisciplinary approach to the way art functions

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Gala Dance Concerts celebrating the Cal Poly Pomona Institute of New Dance & Cultures’ 10th anniversary.

WHEN: Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 8 p.m.

WHERE: University Theatre, Cal Poly Pomona, 3801 W. Temple Ave. in Pomona

WHY: Audience will be treated to dances by established professionals.

TICKETS: \$15/\$10, (909) 869-3926

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in society on a personal, local, national and global levels.

The 10th Anniversary Gala Concert will be at 8 p.m. **Nov. 30** and **Dec. 1** at the Cal Poly Pomona University Theatre, 3801 W. Temple Avenue in Pomona. General admission tickets are \$15. Tickets are \$10 for seniors and student, faculty and staff with IDs.

For more information about the dance performances, call (909) 869-3926.

EDITORS: Print-quality photos are available by calling (909) 869-5331 or downloading them online at <http://www.csupomona.edu/~news>.



Photo caption: Michaela Brooks, a freshman kinesiology major, performs during rehearsals for the 10th Anniversary Gala Concert for the Institute of New Dance and Cultures at Cal Poly Pomona. **Photo credit:** Tom Zasadzinski, Cal Poly Pomona



Photo caption: Students rehearse a dance number in which they never leave their chair but manage the use the entire stage. This performance is part of the 10th Anniversary Gala Concert for the Institute of New Dance and Cultures at Cal Poly Pomona. **Photo credit:** Tom Zasadzinski, Cal Poly Pomona

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ABOUT CAL POLY POMONA — Striking the perfect balance between urban excitement and rural charm, Cal Poly Pomona is nestled in 1,428 rolling acres in the heart of sunny Southern California. With 2,600 faculty and staff to serve 20,000 students, Cal Poly Pomona's mission is to advance knowledge by linking theory and practice while preparing students for leadership and careers in a multicultural world. The university champions an approach that places learning at the center of every program, course, and activity on campus. Students are afforded opportunities to apply their knowledge through hands-on projects, collaborate with faculty members on research, and participate in valuable internships and service-learning programs. Seven colleges and one school offer 66 undergraduate and 21 graduate degrees, as well as eight credential programs.