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**U.Va. Department of Drama Presents Fall Dance Concert Oct. 17 and 18**

**September 29, 2008** — The University of Virginia Department of Drama's dance program will present "Strands in Motion: Fall Dance Concert" in three Culbreth Theatre performances, Oct. 17 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 18 at 2 and 8 p.m.

The event features a variety of dances choreographed and performed by three dance faculty members and seven students. The all-original choreographed pieces encompass two genres, modern and belly dance.

**The faculty performances:**

In her aerial composition, dance lecturer Rose Pasquarello Beauchamp will explore flow and flight.

For dance lecturer Autumn Proctor, abstract ideas of industrial, environmental and mechanical systems and our fast-paced lifestyles are themes for her strong contemporary/modern dance movements.

In dance instructor Keira Hart's "To Have and To Hold" she explores men and women and their searching, looking and wanting, and the wanting to be seen, wanting to be held and wanting to be loved.

**The student performances:**

Drama major Ashley Romanias will portray the fall of man in a dance theater piece.

Dance minor Lindsey Turner will represent the passage of time through modern dance.

Mary Catherine Saunders, also a dance minor, will focus on mirror images to convey a message about the power of conforming to standards.

Sarah Santos' flirty, playful infatuated composition uses cabaret-style belly dance as her medium.

Faith was the inspiration for drama major and dance minor Jake Alex Pasco's choreographed piece, "El Credo."

Dance minor Colleen Shendow will explore the properties of cells using deep blue and green squishy balls in her modern composition.

Dance minor Kai Salmon Chang will present a modern dance composition exploring nightmares, death and slapstick humor in his "That Nothing Walks with Aimless Humor."

Tickets (\$10 for the public, \$5 for U.Va. students, faculty and staff) are available by calling 434-924-3376 or stopping by the Drama Department box office weekdays from 1 to 5 p.m. Arts\$ Dollars are not accepted as payment for dance program events.

Free parking for the performances will be available in the new Culbreth Road Garage.

For information about the dance program at U.Va., visit [www.virginia.edu/drama/danceminor.htm](http://www.virginia.edu/drama/danceminor.htm).

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