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**DANCE PROGRAM OF UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S DEPARTMENT OF DRAMA  
PRESENTS ANNUAL FALL EXPERIMENTAL DANCE CONCERT**

**CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA- October 18, 2011-** The Dance Program of the University of Virginia's Department of Drama is honored to present this Fall's *Experimental Dance Concert*, October 27-29 at 8pm in the Culbreth Theater.

The Dance Program is excited to bring to the U.Va. and Charlottesville communities an evening of new, innovative dance works that is sure to kick-off the Halloween weekend with movement that inspires and excites. Showcasing the talents of both student and faculty choreographers, the concert reflects a multitude of artistic visions from exploring various states of mind and trance, to the amusing dynamics between a couple at an evening party, to manifesting a sense of play and harnessing youthful energy.

Courtney Nelson, fourth year Engineering Major and Dance Minor, is choreographing for the second time for the *Experimental Dance Concert*. Motivated by the counterculture of the 1960's, Nelson is exploring its impact on today's society. "I have always been intrigued by the quiet power the 1960's counterculture exuded" said Nelson. "Recently I was inspired by this power to create a sort of multimedia exploration into the era that brought about so much change in our nation".

Kim Brooks Mata, Interim Head and Artistic Director of the Dance Program, is also choreographing a piece, featuring twelve students ranging from first to fourth years. Inspired by the energy and playfulness of her two young sons, Mata's piece is all about the energy young children infuse in their interactions and play, an energy all adults could perhaps benefit from re-kindling.

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.artsboxoffice.virginia.edu](http://www.artsboxoffice.virginia.edu), by calling 434-924-3376 or in person at the U.Va. Arts Box Office, located in the lobby of the U.Va. Drama Building. Tickets are \$10 for adults and seniors, and \$5 for U.Va. students, children, faculty, staff, and alumni association members. Free parking is provided in the Culbreth Road Parking Garage, located next to the Drama Building.

For more information on the Fall *Experimental Dance Concert*, U.Va. Dance Program, and more, please visit <http://www.virginia.edu/drama/danceproductions.htm>.

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