

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Dec. 4, 2009

Contact:

Laura Faure, Director
207-871-0509
bdfpress@bates.edu
www.batesdancefestival.org

For press releases, photos and artist information, visit:

<http://abacus.bates.edu/dancefest/pressinfo.php>

Bates Dance Festival announces first details of 2010 season

LEWISTON, Maine -- In the first preview of the 2010 season, the Bates Dance Festival announces its 28th summer of workshops and public events, taking place June 25 through Aug. 8 on the Bates College campus.

The six-week festival will host creative residencies, workshops and performances by [Monica Bill Barnes & company](#), [Doug Varone and Dancers](#), [Cynthia Oliver/COC Dance Theatre](#) and [Axis Dance Company](#). Complementing the roster will be emerging choreographers and visiting artists from Africa, Asia and Latin America who will develop and share new work with our community.

The festival offers two intensive three-week training programs, the **Young Dancers Workshop** for pre-professional dancers ages 14-18; and the **Professional Training Program** for dancers, choreographers and educators ages 18 and up. Both programs offer a wide range of dance and movement classes including modern, ballet, jazz, Mideast fusion, repertory, improvisation and yoga as well as computer-mediated composition, the business of dance and the "teacher's toolkit."

The acclaimed faculty of master artists includes members of the companies in residence as well as Claudia Lavista and Omar Carrum of Delfos Danza Contemporanea, Michael Foley, Cathy Young, Michel Kouakou, and Dawn Stoppiello of Troika Ranch, among others.

All told, the festival comprises classes, performances, panel discussions, films and lectures by more than 30 internationally recognized dance artists from across the United States and abroad.

For more information about faculty, courses and program enrollment, visit the festival Web site at: <http://www.batesdancefestival.org>.

MORE

About the Bates Dance Festival

Founded in 1982 at Bates College, the Bates Dance Festival brings together an international community of contemporary dance choreographers, performers, educators and students in a cooperative community to study, perform and create new work.

The festival serves as an annual destination for artists, students and audiences to engage in a full range of dance activities and performances that foster a creative exchange of ideas, encourage exploration of new ground and provide the opportunity to experience a wide spectrum of dance/movement disciplines.

#