

FIRST-RATE TROUPES THROUGHOUT STATE

There are many dance performances throughout this week, from modern to ballet.

The **Aspen Santa Fe Ballet Company** performs tonight at 7:30 at the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts, 2132 Hillside Road, Storrs.

The company blends classical tradition with innovation to create a dance experience alive with musicality and athleticism. Tickets are \$25, \$27 and \$30. Tickets and information:

860-486-4226 or www.jorgensen.uconn.edu.

Connecticut's **Pilobolus Dance Theatre** performs Friday at 8 p.m. at the Shubert Theater, 247 College St., New Haven. The dance troupe stretches the boundaries of human movement with an eclectic mix of humor, intelligence, physical invention and raw athleticism. Tickets are \$15 to \$45. Information:

800-228-6622 or www.shubert.com.

New Haven's **Clark Dance Theatre** and Hartford's **Dance Connect** combine to present "Mingle: Between Two Places," a program of contemporary dance, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Charter Oak Cultural Center, Hartford. Tickets are \$20; \$10 seniors, Charter Oak and Let's Go Arts! members; \$5 students. Partial proceeds benefit the Hartford chapter of Food Not Bombs. Information:

860-249-1207 or www.charteroakcenter.org.

The **Hartt School Dance Division** presents Hartt Dances Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. in Lincoln Theater at the University of Hartford.

The program includes "Steps in the Street," a Martha Graham work restaged by Kim Stroud, guest choreographer and former Martha Graham Company dancer, and "A Choreographic Offering" by Jose Limon, restaged by former Limon Company principal dancer Stephen Pier.

The University of Hartford is at 200 Bloomfield Ave., West Hartford. Admission is \$20; discounts are available. Information: 860-768-4228 or www.hartford.edu/hartt.

The **Naugatuck Valley Community College Dance Ensemble** present its annual spring concert, "Our Stories, Our Worlds: A Dance Concert," Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Mainstage Theater of the Fine Arts Center on the Waterbury campus.

Students perform choreographed works featuring the theme of "our stories, our worlds." The first half will feature student choreography using personal cultural backgrounds; the second half features guest works that reflect various cultural heritages.

Guests include Sounds of Afrika, a group of African drummers and dancers from Danbury; and a Tibetan folk dance by Alison Wang, the college's technical librarian.

Suggested donation is \$10. The show is appropriate for ages 10 and older. Information: 203-575-8179.

Judy Dworin Performance Project's "Moving Matters" is performed Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity College's Koepfel Community Center. Led by JDPP teaching artists and student assistants from Trinity, a diverse group of more than 200 children in Grades 3 through 6 will perform their own original production, "The Skin You're In," inspired by Michael Tyler's children's book "The Skin You Live In." The performance is free.

Trinity College is at 300 Summit St., Hartford. Information: www.judydworin.org.

The public is invited to a free performance by the **Saeko Ichinohe Dance Company** Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Eastern Connecticut State University's Betty R. Tipton Room in the Student Center, Willimantic.

The company merges traditional Japanese movement, music and costumes with modern Western movement. Saeko Ichinohe, a native of Japan and a graduate of the Juilliard School, is the founder of the dance company.

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