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Accomplished Vancouver dancers present diverse works in electrifying mixed- program

A Connecting Community Dance Series presentation
Thursday, Nov. 2nd, Friday, Nov. 3rd and Saturday, Nov. 4th 2006
MACC Studio Theatre (Moberly Arts & Cultural Centre)
7646 Prince Albert Street, Vancouver, BC
8 PM - Tickets \$15, available at door one hour prior to show time
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The ninth installment of the original Connecting Community Dance Series promises a dynamic display of dance diversity.

STATIC features new solo works danced and created by three of Vancouver's most powerful male dancers, Kevin Bergsma, Donald Sales (Nov. 2,3) and Chengxin Wei (Nov. 2,3). The contemporary pieces reflect each dancer's diverse background in the traditional styles of Ballet, Butoh and Chinese Classical dance.

Three colourful and dynamic duets offer insight into various cultural traditions. Long-time partners and renowned artists Rosario Ancer and Victor Kolstee (Nov. 4) exhibit the complexity and passion of Flamenco. Contemporary dancer Desirée Dunbar and Bharata Natyam dancer Sudnya Naik explore commonalities in their two unique art forms. Raakhi Sinha and Gurpreet Sian give a lively interpretation of the popular Punjabi dance, Bhangra.

STATIC highlights the work of three distinctive female contemporary choreographers. Chick Snipper, artistic director of Dancestabat since 1985, is heralded for her theatrical approach. Her solo "The Return" is performed by Nanaimo dancer Holly Bright (Nov. 4). Anne Cooper, veteran Vancouver dancer and recipient of the Isadora Award for Excellence presents a quirky, engaging solo. Natasha Lutz and Vanessa Goodman (also dancers with Judith Garay's dancersdancing) premiere a vibrant, energetic duet.

Community dance company stARTdance, performs the work of Artistic Director Desirée Dunbar. stARTdance is a unique program for the pre-professional/ recreational dancer who wants to further develop technical and performance skills in a professional setting.

The Connecting Community Dance Series, produced by Desirée Dunbar (INSIGHT Performance) in partnership with MACC Studio Theatre, is committed to the presentation of dance that reflects diverse cultures and highlights the vision of professional, emerging and community dance artists. This series provides a venue for local choreographers to present their work in a collaborative performance.

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