

Hello, Vision Series participants! We welcome you to our **10<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Vision Series Dance Festival!** We are so excited to announce that **AXIS Dance Company** will be our **Special Guest Artist** and sharing the stage with us for this exciting milestone! Yippee! Please take note of the following:

1. **NEW to the Vision Series?** Please call us at your earliest convenience so we may discuss basic festival details to help with your general understanding and expectations.
2. **\$75 registration fee:** Please send to NY address if you have not done so. Attached is an invoice you can save to your computer and alter as needed regarding your specific check requests. Keep copies of all requests.
3. **By FRIDAY, SEPT. 5, 2008:** Please go to our website at [www.dancerepertory.org](http://www.dancerepertory.org) and fill out the second online form required for participation. It is called the **10<sup>th</sup> Ann. Part. Info/Contract - Form #2** link on our Home page and/or Vision Series link.
4. **MANDATORY PRODUCTION MEETING change of date:** **SATURDAY, SEPT. 13, 2008** (NOT 27<sup>th</sup>) at Mercy High School in San Francisco from 10:00 am – 12:30 pm (see enclosed directions).
  - a. One person to represent your group (someone integrally involved and responsible) must attend or participation is forfeited.
  - b. This meeting is required and half payment is due based on your \$50 per performer fee, you can approximate if needed. Please call with any budget concerns or problems, we are flexible.
  - c. You will receive a Participant Manual at this meeting and it will be discussed in detail.
  - d. Important details/deadlines/Buddies will be given as well as final registration for all participants.
5. **"BUDDY/MENTOR WEEKEND" change of date:** SAT. AND SUN., JAN. 24 & 25, 2009 (NOT Jan. 31/Feb. 1). Each group will meet with their Buddy and Mentor for a 2 hour session. Exact times to be announced at the above meeting. Participation is required as part of the festivities. See below for description.

**Two important items that will be further discussed at the Mandatory Meeting:**

1. **"Buddy" system** – at the Mandatory Meeting we announce "Buddies," one company paired with one youth group. Each group keeps in contact with each other prior to the performance. As an added bonus to the festivities, each group is required to attend the "Buddy/Mentor Weekend." This weekend is designed to provide one, two-hour session (schedule given at meeting). During the festival day, "Buddy" groups share their tech rehearsals and then meet to further discuss the artistic process and how their works have evolved since the "Buddy/Mentor Weekend" as preparation for the performance.

**Why the "Buddy" System?** It was created to enhance the networking opportunities and to provide role models for the youth participants. Mostly, everyone deserves encouragement and support for their efforts and hard work in preparing for the performances. All participants must make an effort to get to know the other group, participants want to further develop this aspect of the festival, we have been told numerous times it is what keeps people coming back. Many groups go to see each other perform, teach for each other or even share performances in the Bay Area either before or after the event. All past participants really love this feature because it gives everyone more than one day to get to really know each other and cultivate relationships. We pair the buddies based on proximity in location and if groups are too far apart (we do our best to prevent this), then they must send videos of concerts, works and have contacted each other several times to get to know one another. **All groups are responsible for attending the "Buddy/Mentor Weekend" session.** Get together, dance, talk, show your works and help each other! It's what has really made this festival unique. It isn't about individuals, but everyone being treated as an equal and that others are interested in their progress.
2. **Professional Mentor** – this is a different person than your "Buddy." dRep has contacts with several Bay Area professionals that serve as Mentors for the festival participants. This feature expands the educational aspect of the festival. During the "Buddy/Mentor Weekend," one Mentor will attend the 2 hour session and watch the Buddies works, give feedback on choreography, technique, performance quality, etc. If you have a specific person in mind you would like to work with, let us know a contact phone number or name and we will make the initial contact to see if they are interested. We cannot guarantee their participation, but will do our best to have them join us in the festivities. Otherwise, a dRep will designate a Mentor for the 2 hour session.

**MANDATORY PRODUCTION MEETING**  
**VISION SERIES DANCE FESTIVAL 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

1. One director/choreographer or a primary representative (someone integrally involved with the company; i.e. Assistant, Co-Director) in their place is required to attend this meeting.
2. This meeting provides vital information and required forms for participation will be due.
3. Information or details will not be mailed.
4. Company members are not required to attend.
5. Failure to attend (Director/Choreographer or Representative) will result in forfeiture.

**ATTENTION! THOSE THAT ATTEND AS A REPRESENTATIVE FOR A GROUP:**

1. **This representative must bring required payments for their group to this meeting.** If not, your group will be forfeited.
2. This representative is responsible for giving/sending additional festival forms to their group as well as conducting a Group Review to inform participants of festival goals, pertinent deadlines and rules. If additional deadlines or other information is not adhered to by the group due to failure of the representative, your participation will be forfeited.

**Date:** Saturday, September 13, 2008  
**Time:** 10:00 am - 12:30 pm for Vision Series 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance Festival  
**Location:** Mercy High School in San Francisco  
**Address:** 3250 19th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94132  
(Mercy is located on 19th Ave., near Lake Merced and SF State and across the street from the Stonestown Shopping Centre)  
**Director:** Janine Nolfi; call Donnette Heath in case of emergency or tardiness at 415.225.0934  
**Directions** (see below) or [www.mercyhs.org](http://www.mercyhs.org) (go to Maps/Directions link) or call 415.334.0525 during regular school hours

**By Car**

From the **Bay Bridge** there are 2 ways to go, depending on traffic (I usually go the Market Street/Portola directions to avoid traffic during busy times of the day, either way is fine and takes just about the same amount of time).

**OPTION #1:** Coming from the Bay Bridge, take the first Mission Street exit shortly after you cross the bridge; then take 1st exit Duboce/Mission. Get in left lane to exit and go straight through lights (do not turn right onto Mission Street) until it dead ends at Market Street. Take a left onto Market Street and follow it, it will wind around quite a way and become Portola. Follow (quite a way), staying in left lane as you travel straight, to intersection of Junipero Serra and Sloat. Take a left onto Junipero Serra, then go to Winston and take a right. Take another right at the major intersection at 19th Ave. Very shortly after turning onto 19th Avenue, you will see Mercy High School on your right, take a right into the school.

**\*OPTION #2:** Cross the Bay Bridge and continue on 101 South. Take I-280 South to Daly City. Exit Ocean Avenue and it will bear right. Keep going straight on Ocean Avenue to the Junipero Serra intersection and turn left. Take a right on Winston and right on 19th Avenue. Mercy HS is half a block on the right.

**From I-280:**

\* Coming from the south on I-280, take the Highway 1 (19th Ave.) exit (it will be on the left.) After turning left onto 19th Ave, you will cross Winston Drive (at Stonestown Shopping Centre) before making a right into Mercy's driveway.

\* If you are coming from the north on I-280, take the "Highway 1 north / 19th Avenue" exit, turn right at the Chevron service station onto Sagamore St. Make a "soft" right onto Brotherhood Way, then take a right onto Highway 1 just before the underpass. Continue north on Highway 1, same as below.

**From Highway 1:**

\* If you are coming from the north on Highway 1, you will have no trouble finding the school, since 1 is 19th Ave. However, you will need to go past Mercy, turn right in the Stonestown parking lot, and make a U-turn. Exit Stonestown and take a left onto 19th Avenue (you are now going Northbound), Mercy will be immediately on your right.

**By Muni**

\* Bus Lines: bus 28 (19th at Eucalyptus), bus 29 (at Stonestown)

\* Streetcar: M line (exit at Eucalyptus)

**By BART**

\* From the East Bay, get off at either Embarcadero, Montgomery, or Powell station, exit the station and enter the Muni station. Take the M line and exit at Eucalyptus. Continue south, towards Stonestown Shopping Centre, and Mercy is on the left.

\* From the South Bay, get off at Balboa Park station, take the 29 Muni bus and get off at Stonestown Galleria. Cross 19th Avenue and walk north and we are on the left.

**Once you arrive at Mercy:**

Go through the front door; take a right and go to the room at the end of that hall.