



Music & Motion Dance Productions Announces 2009 Season!

the 9 muses

What inspires you? In ancient Greece there were nine muses who ruled over the arts and sciences and offered inspiration in those subjects. For dancers it is a sacred space, where you can find yourself again and again. A place where one can retreat, nourish the muse and ultimately find oneself. It is a playground that has the power to transport us and help us to resuscitate our imagination. Or in the words of Carl Jung "what you have to do, you do with play".

The Nine Muses, a sculpture by artist Carlos Dorrien, is located at the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, New Jersey. This installation has been a source of inspiration for many of Music & Motion's past performances and is now the focus of a new dance work being created for the 2009.

Muses have the potential to inspire, motivate, uplift, create solace, fill us with joy and allow us to reveal ourselves in new and undiscovered ways. What they ultimately do is allow us to create. To that end, each dancer in Music & Motion has sought their own muse in creating and choreographing eighteen new dance works to premiere in late Spring.

A departure from previous dance works created by Music & Motion, there is no central theme to the individual pieces being created. Rather these vignettes offer a brief insight in to a range of feelings and emotions which drive the movement on stage and offer a glimpse of each dancer's own muse.

Founded in 2000, under the artistic direction of Steven Weisz, Music & Motion is a fresh, innovative, performance-oriented, youth dance company. Rather than relying on a single dance style or technique, Music & Motion has developed its own unique movement for each new dance work created. The variety of eclectic styles incorporated into its programs include ballet, jazz, tap, lyrical, modern, funk, hip hop and acrobatic styles.

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Music & Motion Dance has performed throughout the tri-state area and even internationally to a range of audiences in its short yet diverse history. With a deep commitment to group collaboration and exposing new audiences to dance and the performing arts, the company has won both critical acclaim as well as many new fans.

The collaborative effort of this group is rich in synergy, imagination, celebration and spirit. Audiences have responded with enthusiasm, finding themselves caught up in a world of exhilarating rhythm, movement and music created by this multi-talented group.

Music & Motion Dance fulfills the need of providing young dancers with performing experience in a nurturing environment with professional guidance, while continually exciting audiences wherever they perform.

2009 Cast Members

- Emily Alexander, Jenkintown, PA
- Breanna Dancy, Pennsburg, PA
- Jennifer Durham, Newfield, NJ
- Jessica Lynn DiFrancesco, Limerik, PA
- Brooke Fiorito, Palm, PA
- Stacey Folks, Pennsburg, PA
- Melissa Hunt, Howell, NJ
- Andrea Piovane, Bensalem, PA
- Tasha Saleh, Southampton, PA
- Courtney Schiff, Ambler, PA
- Morgan Woroniecki, NJ

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