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Music & Motion Dance Productions
the 9 muses

Saturday, September 5th, 2009
Shows at 1:30pm, 3:30pm & 7:30pm

at



FilmTech, 2019 S. Juniper St., 2nd Floor Philadelphia, PA 19148
(please note accessibility is limited, stairs only to 2nd floor)

Tickets: \$15 online at www.music-and-motion.com
or through the Fringe Box Office

Music & Motion Dance Productions will premiere their new dance work – **the 9 muses** at the 2009 Philadelphia Live Arts Festival and Philly Fringe on Saturday, September 5th with shows at 1:30 pm, 3:30 pm & 7:30 pm. All performances to take place at the Studio at FilmTech, 2019 S. Juniper Street, 2nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA.

Inspired by the sculpture, the 9 muses, by artist Carlos Dorrien installed at the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, New Jersey, the cast of Music & Motion Dance has created a series of eighteen new dance pieces to be presented. Muses have the potential to inspire, motivate, uplift, create solace, fill us with joy and allow us to

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reveal ourselves in new and undiscovered ways. What they ultimately do is allow us to create and in the case of of music and motion company members - to dance!

For its fifth year at the Philly Fringe, each company member, drawing from their own muses, created new choreography, individually and as part of a group process, seeking to answer the question - What inspires you?

In ancient Greece, the nine muses ruled over the arts and sciences and offered inspiration in those subjects. But 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". Come share our muses and take a flight of your own imagination.

Those in attendance at the performances will also be provided with an opportunity to express their muse and source of inspiration on a graffiti wall to be installed at the venue.

Founded in 2000, under the artistic direction of Steven Weisz, Music & Motion is a fresh, innovative, performance-oriented, pre-professional, 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.

Music & Motion's mission is to empower youth through dance, movement and the performing arts, ultimately building self-esteem and inspiring creative self-expression and community action and interaction.

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.

2009 Cast Members are:

- 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, East Windsor, NJ

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