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NEW YORK dance festival

World class dance in the Finger Lakes.

Dear Artistic Directors:

This summer dancers from around the world will gather in Auburn, NY for the 2008 season of the **New York Dance Festival**. The Festival is a two-week celebration of dance, diversity and culture in the Finger Lakes.

As a special part of the Festival, we have collaborated with Senator Michael F. Nozzolio to create **Michael Nozzolio Night at the New York Dance Festival**. This event will encompass the **International Stage Dance Concert and The DeLavallade Awards**, Wednesday July 16, 2008 at 8:00pm, at the Smith Opera House, Geneva, NY. Dance companies from around the upstate region are invited to submit video applications to participate! This is a powerful and eclectic dance performance that has many different style of dance with world-class personalities. The evening includes everything from classical ballet, to African dance, modern dance, breakdancing, tap dance and even breathtaking cultural and ethnic dance. It's a great crowd pleaser! What's more, it's also an opportunity for area dance schools, choreographers and dance companies to submit a video application to perform along side world-class personalities. The goal is to give upstate dance entities the opportunity to have their work recognized, and to create a venue for some of the top media outlets and leading publications to come and critically review the concert, giving national attention to dance companies from the upstate NY region.

If you are interested in this special opportunity, please move quickly and submit a videotape of your company's work! Interested parties should send a ten-minute performance video of repertory you've already performed or that is presently in rehearsal for a debut. Videos and a cover letter should be sent ASAP to:

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Please do not send your originals or videos that need to be returned. If you have any questions, please send us an email at brian@nyide.com. We hope you can take advantage of this unique opportunity and we look forward to seeing your work!

At the end of the concert, the New York Dance Festival will present the annual **DeLavallade Award for Dance!** This award is named in honor of one of dance's greatest and most humble icons, Mrs. Carmen DeLavallade, and is presented for excellence or service in dance. The 2008 recipients are **Kazuko Hirabayashi**, celebrated dance personality and professor at Purchase & Juilliard, and **Denise Jefferson**, Director of the Ailey School at the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. The 2007 recipients were **Patricia N. Nanon**, founder of The Yard, and **Carol Walker**, recent Dean of the Dance Conservatory at Purchase College. The 2006 recipient was **Garth Fagan**, choreographer of Broadway's *The Lion King*. We also have a few other categories, which are nominated awards, the *DeLavallade Award for Outstanding Achievement*, and the *DeLavallade Spirit Award*. These awards are focused at personal dance accomplishments of choreographers, dancers, or teachers that are primarily - not always - from upstate NY. This evening of opportunity and recognition for dance performance is culminated with a moment of reflection and appreciation for CNY's pioneers and visionaries of dance.

We hope you will take advantage of this unique and exciting opportunity to celebrate dance in the Finger Lakes!

With sincere regards,

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