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CityDance Ensemble presents its annual concert series *Bold Steps*—two weekends, two different programs—featuring the premiere of new works by renowned choreographers and showcasing the dances of CityDance company members

Washington, DC—In two concert weekends brimming with new choreography and company premieres, **CityDance Ensemble** presents its annual *Bold Steps* program on March 17-18 and 24-25. Pairing choreography by renowned artists such as **Sophie Maslow** and **Susan Shields** with choreography by CityDance Ensemble company members, the *Bold Steps* program promises to deliver CityDance’s signature **power, passion, and purpose** at every turn.

The concerts take place **Saturday, March 17 at 8pm; Sunday, March 18 at 7pm; Saturday, March 24 at 8pm; and Sunday, March 25 at 7pm** in the elegant **Studio 405, CityDance Center at Strathmore**, Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda, MD. Tickets are available online at **www.citydance.net** or by phone at **301.581.5206**. Tickets for the concerts are \$15 and include light hors d’oeuvres and wine. A post-performance discussion with the choreographers and performers will follow each performance.

“The Bold Steps program is always a highlight of our performance season, as it gives us an opportunity to showcase the creative talent found right here in our studio next to the expertise and artistry of today’s most acclaimed choreographers,” comments Artistic Director Paul Emerson. “Audiences have always enjoyed the Bold Steps program for its versatility and innovation, and we are eager to present it this season in the intimate, inviting setting of CityDance Center at Strathmore’s Studio 405.”

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The concert program will include CityDance's premiere performance of Sophie Maslow's legendary *Dust Bowl Ballads* (1941). Inspired by the music by Woody Guthrie, *Dust Bowl Ballads* is widely recognized as a choreographic masterpiece. The piece presents a wryly poignant picture of migratory workers who were driven from their Midwestern farms by drought and the economic depression of the 1930s. **Lynn Frielinghaus**, who danced and studied with Ms. Maslow, reconstructed *Dust Bowl Ballads* and rehearsed its two solos with CityDance company members in Fall 2006. CityDance Ensemble's premiere of *Dust Bowl Ballads* will serve as a fitting tribute to esteemed Ms. Maslow, who passed away in June 2006.

The program also includes the world premiere of *White*, a female quartet choreographed for CityDance Ensemble by Susan Shields. Ms. Shields is an Associate Professor of Dance at George Mason University and has danced with the White Oak Dance Project, Lar Lubovitch Dance Company, Mark Morris Dance Group, and others.

In addition to these premieres, CityDance company members **Bruno Augusto**, **Kyra Jean Green**, **Jerome Johnson**, and **Eileen Beth Mitchell** will debut new works of their own, showcasing their talent as both choreographers and performers. Further highlights of the program include *Galileo*, a solo choreographed by **Simon Dow**; *SuitCase*, a charming duet choreographed by **Vladimir Angelov**; and *Han*, a dynamic group work choreographed by Paul Gordon Emerson. The Saturday, March 17 concert will also include a performance by the young dancers of **CityDance Select**, a pre-professional training program for serious dancers ages 12-18.

Concert tickets \$15 and are available online at www.citydance.net or by phone at **301.581.5206**.

About CityDance Ensemble, Inc.

CityDance Ensemble, Inc. is the parent organization to **CityDance Ensemble**, an award-winning contemporary repertory dance company; **Early Arts**, an arts outreach program for youth serving more than 25,000 students each year; **CityDance Education Centers**, facilities committed to excellence in dance training for youth and adults; and **FilmWORKS**, a creator and presenter of dance-on-camera. The mission of CityDance Ensemble, Inc. is to advance the appreciation for and participation in the art of dance through excellence in performance, education, film, and artistic innovation.

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