

### **Take a look at the new Dance Toolkit!**

The Dance Arts Toolkit was developed to provide teachers with high quality K-12 teaching resources aligned to Kentucky academic core content. The toolkit has been very well received since its release in June, and is in use in schools across the state. Another purpose of the project is to spotlight Kentucky artists and to help raise awareness of resources available from Kentucky arts organizations. The Arts Toolkit is a partnership of KET, the Kentucky Department of Education, The Kentucky Center, The Kentucky Arts Council, and other arts organizations in the state. Teachers played a major role in developing the toolkit, both as prototype testers in 2001 and 2002, and as contributors of lesson plans, idea cards, and other resources used in the expanded kit. The Dance Toolkit includes almost 8 hours of video(broken down into classroom-appropriate excerpts of about 5-15 minutes in length). There are dances from many cultures, including a segment that explores The African Root, as well as model lessons in Teaching Creative Dance. These excerpts are offered in a choice of VHS tapes or DVDs. The toolkit also includes a DVD version of KET's popular instructional series DanceSense, and additional Dance video footage. The toolkit also includes a binder full of lesson plans, glossaries, and informational material; a multidiscipline CD-ROM from the Kentucky Department of Education, a set of Dance Idea Cards; and a color Dance Timeline poster for classroom display. You get all of this for just \$89 plus \$8 shipping (with discounts available for multiple-copy orders). You can order by phone at 800-945-9167. School POs are accepted, along with checks and credit cards. If you prefer to FAX or mail your order, you can obtain an order form at the Arts Toolkit web site [www.ket.org/artstoolkit](http://www.ket.org/artstoolkit). I encourage everyone to visit the web site, as there are additional resources and lesson plans online, along with a news page, a Kentuckians in Dance page, and Field Trip ideas. All of these resources can be accessed at no charge, and will continue to be updated with new resources added to the site. If anyone has any questions about the toolkit, they can e-mail Teresa Day at [tday@ket.org](mailto:tday@ket.org) or call 859-258-7294.

### **Interested in volunteering your time to help KPDA?**

We are looking for people to help man the KPDA booth during the Singletary Center performances this year. If you are available to help, please contact Linda Granacher at [kypartindance@aol.com](mailto:kypartindance@aol.com). The dates and events are listed below:

October 26 Luxembourg Philharmonic (7:30)  
November 13,14 UK Dance Ensemble (8pm, 2pm)  
November 14 King's Singers (7:30)  
February 25 Chinese Folk Dance Company (7:30)  
March 1 Prague Symphony Orchestra (7:30)  
March 31 Opera Verdi Europa's "Aida" (7:30)

**Get a sneak preview at the KPDA General Meeting!**

### **Congratulations to the KPDA Scholarship Recipients!**

Recipients of the KPDA Merit Award were Mary Brown from the University of Kentucky, and from Eastern Kentucky University. The Merit Award, an honorarium of \$50, is given to a student who demonstrates great leadership and enthusiasm in their dance department, as well as good academic standing. The KPDA Scholarship of up to \$500 is given to a student to travel for further study in a summer dance program. This year's scholarship went to Allison Harris from Eastern Kentucky University. Allison went to study with Chicago's River North.

### **Dance Certification News**

In the spring of 2004, the University of Kentucky submitted paperwork to the Kentucky Educational Professional Standards Board as an initial step in offering a cooperative Dance Certification Program between the UK and Eastern Kentucky University. The Dance Certification was approved through UK and is expected to be approved for ECU at the November meeting of the EPSB. This will be the first program of this type in the state of Kentucky! Plans are underway for the first summer intensive course. Congratulations UK and ECU!

Join in on the fun at the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting at Mecca! Performances will be given by the University of Kentucky Dance Ensemble, the School for the Creative and Performing Arts and by Rakadu Gypsy Dance. The meeting will begin at 3:00. Excerpts will be performed from "Dances for Isadora", a dance choreographed by Jose Limon as a tributary to Isadora Duncan. This dance will also be performed at the UK Fall Dance Concert November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14th at the Singletary Center at 8:00. Tessa Harris will also discuss the process of choreographing "Translucent", which the UK Dance Ensemble plans to take to the Amercian College Dance Festival in March 2005.

### **Put these Master Classes on your calendar now.....**

KPDA is hosting two very exciting master classes this year. The first master class is scheduled for January 28 to be taught by Broadway dancer Peggy Taphorn. Also scheduled is Lula Washington, who will be teaching a class on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Lula, who was featured in October's issue of Dance Magazine, founded the ten member company Lula Washington Dance Theatre in 1980. The company, based out of Los Angeles, often depicts inner-city life in their dances. Participants are asked to pay \$5 for the class. Both classes will be held at Barker Hall at the University of Kentucky.

### **Join the Kentucky Partners in Dance Alliance**

Kentucky Partners in Dance Alliance is a not-for-profit dance advocacy organization that was established in 1999. The mission of the organization is to promote dance and quality dance education throughout the state of Kentucky. KPDA is seeking a statewide base of members who are committed to this mission. Members will receive the following benefits:

- ❖ Receive the biannual newsletter and calendar of dance events in the state
- ❖ Be listed in the dance concert programs for the University of Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky University
- ❖ Receive invitations to pre-concert lectures, studio performances and receptions

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### **KPDA Membership Card 2004-2005**

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## FALL 2004 NEWSLETTER

### SPOTLIGHT ON.....

#### MECCA LIVE STUDIO AND GALLERY

In this issue, we welcome Mecca to the spotlight! Mecca is a gallery/studio space located at 209 North Limestone, in downtown Lexington. Co-founder Teresa Tomb explains how the name was chosen: "Mecca is a place that is regarded as the center of activity or interest. It's also defined as a place visited by many different peoples. We're here to bring together a vivid variety of folks by using a common language: dance and movement." Mecca offers a community spirit, with a strong emphasis on cultural dance forms. You can find explosive passion in the Flamenco dances of Spain, poetic languor in the Ancient Hula, and hypnotic sensuality in Middle Eastern Belly dance. Non dance offerings at Mecca include frequent music concerts and Gallery Hop showings. Mecca is also the home of Rakadu Gypsy Dance, a performance group that promotes Tribal style Belly Dance. Mecca is currently holding rehearsals for members of the community to perform in the popular annual evening showing of *Thriller* on the streets of downtown Lexington. You can find a current schedule of events and classes at [www.meccadance.com](http://www.meccadance.com) Each issue we will spotlight an artist, dance company or dancer. If you or someone you know would like to be considered for SPOTLIGHT, please contact Linda Granacher at [Lgranacher@aol.com](mailto:Lgranacher@aol.com).

#### COME SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE UNIVERSITY DANCE DEPARTMENT CONCERTS!

**Berea Dances**, a collection of Dances ranging from Modern to Folk will be performed November 4 at 8 pm at the Seabury Center on Berea College Campus.

**University of Kentucky Dance Ensemble** will be presenting their fall concert November 13<sup>th</sup> at 8pm and November 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at the Singletary Center Recital Hall. Guest choreographer for UKDE this fall will be Jennifer Scianterelli. She is a former UKDE officer and choreographer who is currently at graduate school in Arts Administration at The Ohio State University. Tickets are \$12 general admission, \$10 senior citizens and students, \$3 ages 10 and younger. Call (859) 257-2949 for more information.

#### Eastern Kentucky University's Dance

**Theatre** will be presenting their fall concert November 17<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>. The performance will be held at the ECU Student Services Building Auditorium at 8 pm. Call (859) 622-1901 for more information.

## **Election of KPDA Officers**

The June 5<sup>th</sup> general meeting was held at Joseph Beth Bookstore Café in Lexington, where an election of new officers was held. Linda Granacher was elected as incoming President; Larry Neuzel was elected as Treasurer; Rebecca Stephenson as Vice President; Rayma Beal as Artistic Advisor; Lara Sedlaczek as Secretary.

## **KPDA Board Bios**

**President: Linda Granacher**

**Past President: Cynthia Matthews**

**First Vice President: Rebecca Stephenson**

**Secretary: Lara Sedlaczek** has enjoyed dancing for 23 years. She started at the age of four in Louisville, Kentucky. She graduated in 1995 from Louisville's Youth Performing Arts School, where she was a dance major. After high school, she attended the University of Kentucky, where she earned Bachelors degrees in Art History and Arts Administration. She was also a member of the UK Dance Ensemble, and was later a member of RADAR: Dance in Reverse, a modern dance company in Lexington. Currently, she is completing her Masters degree in Art History and Women's Studies while also working as the Fiscal and Education Outreach Coordinator at the UK Singletary Center for the Arts. In the future, she hopes to earn her Ph.D. in African Art History and teach at the college level.

**Treasurer: Larry Neuzel**

**Publicity: Rebecca Vice**

**Legal Advisor: Mindy Barfield**

**Artistic Advisor: Rayma Beal**

## **We want to hear from you!**

We would like to encourage any KPDA Members to submit pictures and/or announcements of performances or events for future publications.