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Sisters dancers will perform in the recital "Journeys" on May 30.

## Dance recital set for Saturday

The Sisters Dance Academy will put on their 11th semi-annual recital on Saturday, May 30, at Sisters High School. This year's theme, "Journeys," will be representing many different kinds of journeys through dance. Some of the light-hearted journeys include a group of hip-hop space explorers, another piece includes jazz dancers who are pirates searching for treasure. The teen hip-hop class will be depicting the journey of hip-hop dance — beginning with it's roots in Africa — and the stage will be brought to life with live drummers.

On a more serious note, there will be a ballet work representing the emotional journey of having cancer.

The senior performance ensemble will be representing the journey of young Malala Yousafzai, a 12-year-old Pakistani girl who survived a shooting in her fight for girls and women to get education.

Join them on their Journey Saturday, May 30, 6:30 p.m. at Sisters High School auditorium. Admission is \$10, \$5 for youth 12 and under.

## SFF, Circle of Friends partner up

Sisters Folk Festival (SFF), in support of Circle of Friends, is presenting Steve Seskin in concert on Thursday, June 4, at The Belfry in Sisters. Seskin, a hit songwriter, accomplished teacher and anti-bullying advocate performed at last year's Sisters Folk Festival. The June 4 concert is presented as Music & Mentors.

"We felt a partnership with Circle of Friends was a perfect fit because of our similar shared visions," said Brad Tisdell, creative director of Sisters Folk Festival. "Rather than having Steve only doing a concert, we saw an opportunity to help raise awareness and support for Circle of Friends, while at the same time connecting young people to a great music teacher and inspiration."

SFF is planning on having a few Americana Project students who have been mentors in the community perform, and a collaboration between the mentees of Circle of Friends and Seskin on an original song.

Seskin will be working in the schools that day through the Americana Project as a guest artist. The Americana

Project, the educational outreach of SFF, has mentored young people in music and self-expression through the arts for the past 15 years. It is the organization's intention to create lasting, meaningful, student-to-student connections, and is one reason for the success and sustainability of the program.

Steve Seskin is one of the most successful writers in music today, with a boatload of songs recorded by music luminaries such as Tim McGraw; Kenny Chesney; Collin Raye; Peter Frampton; Waylon Jennings; Alabama; and Peter, Paul and Mary. A Steve Seskin concert will have you wiping away a tear one minute and laughing out loud the next. His songs all have messages that touch the heart: from the feelings of a little boy missing his father, to growing up and being true to yourself, to one of his most well-known themes of being considerate to

and respectful of one another as expressed in "Don't Laugh at Me."

Other Seskin hits include: "I Think About You," "Life's A Dance," "No Doubt About It," "If You've Got Love" and "Grown Men Don't Cry." "Don't Laugh at Me" was a finalist for CMA Song of the Year in 1999 and has spurred a tolerance movement launched by Operation Respect.

Seskin met and partnered with Peter Yarrow in bringing the program into thousands of schools nationwide.

"Music is such a great inspiration in a child's life. We are very excited for Circle of Friends to have this opportunity with Steve Seskin. His contagious passion for music and children will create a great experience for all," said Debbie Newport, executive director of Circle of Friends.

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