

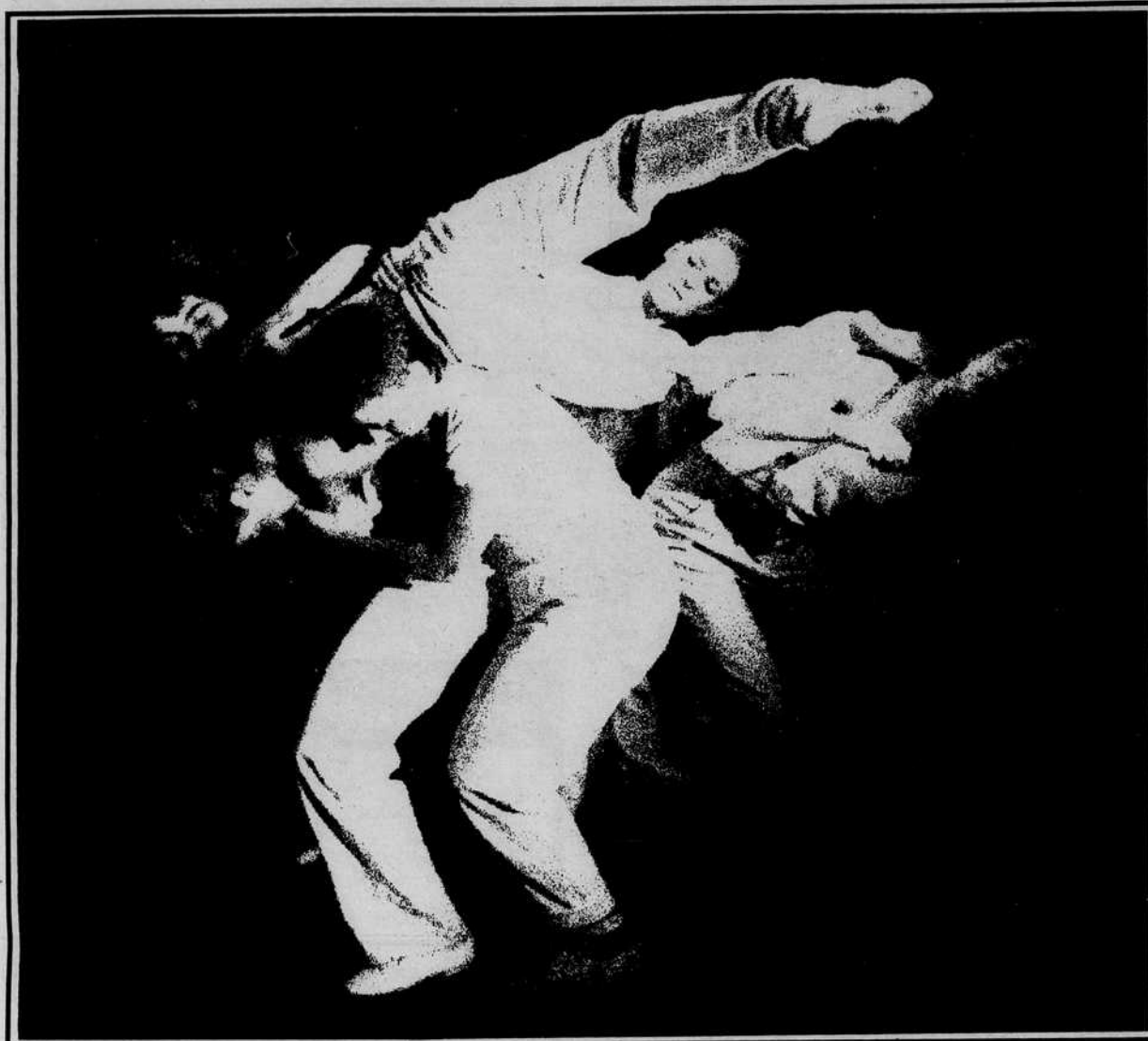


Photo by Sharon Rose.

White Truck

White Truck is a new work by **Oslund and Company/Dance of Eugene** which will be performed at the Hult Center in the Soreng Theater on Feb 19th at 7:30 pm.

The members of **Oslund and Company/Dance of Eugene** are a combination of Joint Forces, a group of improvisors founded by Alito Alessi and Karen Nelson in 1979, and Oslund Dance Co. founded by Mary Oslund in 1977. Alito danced with the Eugene Dance Collective from 1973-1975, studied martial arts extensively, choreography, and has performed and taught in various collaborations, contact movement and theatre improvisation on the west coast and midwest. Alito is presently a practicing body worker and movement therapist utilizing dance and movement as a healing art discipline. Karen Nelson began her studies of dance, choreography and martial arts at Naropa Institute in Boulder. She has performed Contact Improvisation with various groups, including Joint Forces, clowning/street theatre with "Dr. Hot's Thermal Therapy Show," and theatre improvisation with Eugene's only Minimalist Moving Theatre. Karen is interested in the "living quality of dance" and the connection between movement and healing. Mary Oslund danced with the Eugene Ballet, founded Oslund Dance Co. and has choreographed, performed and taught regularly in Oregon and throughout the Northwest.

Back in 1980 Joint Forces and Mary Oslund collaborated on a piece called "Weight Elsewhere" which was very successful and laid

the groundwork for these people to work together quite extensively. Dance Works was the laboratory for the initial experimental work bridging Oslund's technical dance forms and Joint Forces' improvisational approach. The choreography of Nelson, Alessi and Oslund produced collectively has a refreshing original quality which arises from their diverse backgrounds. They are negotiating now to regain their Dance Works space.

White Truck is a cyclic journey with Alito Alessi, Karen Nelson and Mary Oslund as principal designer choreographers of the piece. Input from other dancers Mae Chesney, Marc Siegel and Jean Fogel as well as the musicians involved have had influence in shaping the piece. The musicians include: Michael Harrison, Don Lax, Mike Van Lieu and Phil Morgan, as well as San Francisco's progressive women's band "Permanent Wave" whose members are Jo Chinburg, Kat Podgornoff and M. Rocco. **White Truck** deals with transformation and change, and includes choreography and improvisation for small and large groups. Elements of Contact and Theatre Improvisation are used in conjunction with set movement scores. Their dancing has great energy and vitality, and deals with weight, gravity and strong group interaction.

The Oakland Tribune (1982) hailed Oslund and Company as "reflecting an increasingly rare honesty about the essentials of dance," while the San Francisco Examiner (1982) noted that "the Company may yet find its name up in lights in more venturesome dance circles around the country... more pieces like this may yet put Eugene on the map."

Oslund and Company/Dance of Eugene is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization and has been funded regularly by city, state and national monies, and continues to receive grants, donations and support from the community of Eugene. Any contributions are greatly appreciated and help sustain the work of these artists—who work independently in order to make possible their work together.

This performance is sponsored in part by funds from the Oregon Arts Commission, the City of Eugene Dept of Parks and Recreation with Room Tax Funds, and the UO Cultural Forum. Don't miss this chance to see these artists perform in Soreng Theatre.



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Film

The Road Warrior, 150 Geology, 7 & 8:45 pm, \$1.50.

The Harder They Come, 177 Lawrence, 7 & 9:30 pm, \$1.50.

Honeysuckle Rose, 180 PLC, 7 & 9:15 pm. See Willie Nelson in Eugene again in his first starring role in this romantic drama. With Dyan Cannon, Amy Irvin and Slim Pickins. Sponsored by Ananda Marga. (Concert for Kampuchea was cancelled. Sorry.)

Fairs/Festivals

Computer Fair at South Eugene High, 10 am-4 pm. Parents Advisory Council on Computers sponsors this exhibit of software, books and magazines and computers.

Valentine Date Party for Daddies/Daughters, Mommies/Sons at the Springfield Mall, 2-4 pm. \$1.50/couple. Party food, games and entertainment. Sponsored by Wilamalane Parks Dept.

Theater

The Legend of Johnny Appleseed will be presented by the Community Children's Theater at 2 pm, Sheldon Community Center. 1 hour full of music, tall tales, puppets and masks. \$1.50/person, \$5/family. 687-5312.

Personal Theater: Creating theater out of our lives. Led by the women of Fly Away Home. No previous theater experience necessary. For women only. \$7. 12-4 pm, 1645 High St. 683-8400.

Saturday

Radio

OSU Men's Basketball team plays UCLA at 11:30 am. KEED, 1450 AM.

Live from Gilley's, country music show featuring Mickey Gilley and Johnny Lee. KEED, 1450 AM. 11 pm.

Oviva Fiamma, from Book 7 of the Madrigals of Monteverdi. 9 am, KWAX 91.1 FM.

The Met: Ponchielli's La Gioconda. 10 am, KWAX 91.1 FM.

New Dimensions features "Is a Non-Violent America Possible?" with Michael Nagler. 11 am on KLCC, 89.7 FM.

Workshops/Classes

Scuba diving equipment workshop covers topics from regulator design and maintenance to wetsuit function to spear guns. 8 am-6:15 pm. Conference Room, Bean Residence Hall 15th & Moss. \$40. Continues on Sunday, 8:30 am-4:15 pm. (One physical education credit available for \$25.) Equipment specialist certification available for \$10. Dinner and social hour at 6:30 pm. \$6.

Money Evolution. Experiential exercises allow you to release blocks to having money. Call Alan, 11-5:30 pm, Tues-Sat for reservations, 683-5548. 7:30 pm, 771 W 7th Ave. Donation.

How's and Why's in Buying Bulk Foods teaches you how to save dollars while purchasing nutritional foods in bulk quantities. 7-9:30 pm at Sheldon Community Center, 2445 Willakenzie Rd, \$5.

Being a Parent Can Be Fun, 4-J school district's parent workshop series, deals this week with how to implement systematic home programs and how to evaluate them. 7-8:30 pm at 200 N Monroe, Tower Room.

Econo-Living Road Show is a free two-hour program on "living better with less," sponsored by the Lane Co. Extension Service. 7:30-9:30 pm, Sheldon High School. Call 687-4243 for more information.

The Evolving Couple workshop continues, see Feb 11 listing.

Lane Unemployment Project, organizational workshop. Plan for a displaced worker center. Speaker is Tom Croft, coordinator of the North Coast Worker Center in Eureka. 1-5:30 pm. Amazon Community Center, 2700 Hilyard. 683-6398.

Dance Music

Sweethearts Ball is tonight at the WOW Hall. One of Eugene's favorite bands—James Thornbury/The Passengers—with special guest Sunnyland and his Blues Band from South Beach start rock 'n' rolling at 9 pm. \$3. Sponsored by your favorite weekly, *What's Happening*.

The Starlighters play at the Annual Valentine's Day Swing Dance sponsored by the EMU Cultural Forum. Starts at 9 pm. Free. Refreshments will be served.



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