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WHO'S WHO AND WHAT'S WHAT IN DANCE THIS MONTH

BY RACHAEL CARNES

Dance in 2015 is beginning to bloom! The **Eugene Ballet Company** offers **Carmen**, a sultry love story set to Bizet's romantic score. Choreographed in 2007, the piece pulses with the passionate influence of Spanish flamenco and features **Danielle Tolmie** and her fiancée **Mark Tucker** in the lead roles. Check out the free "Ballet Insider" conversation with EBC Artistic Director **Toni Pimble** 45 minutes prior to each performance. *Carmen* runs Feb. 14-15 at the Hult Center; \$28-53.

Annual EBC fundraiser "Table Dances" on Feb. 21 gives ticket holders a chance to wine and dine with EBC dancers. Individual tickets are \$125, or \$1,000 for a table of ten. And don't miss the collaboration between EBC and the **Eugene Concert Choir** when they perform Mozart's **Requiem** and a *Choral Ballet* in memory of dancer Juan Carlos Amy-Cordero Feb. 28 at the Hult; \$10-\$42.

Ballet Fantastique premieres **The Odyssey: The Ballet**, created in collaboration with composer and live-looping violinist **Cullen Vance**. Based on Homer's epic poem about a war hero's homeward journey, Ballet Fantastique puts its own narrative spin on the Greek classic Feb. 27 through March 1 at the Hult Center; \$29-\$49.

The **UO Department of Dance** presents its annual faculty concert Feb. 12-14 in the UO's Robinson Theatre. Performance highlights include *Light White*. — a new work by New York-based choreographer Michelle Boulé that looks at the "invisible architecture created by movement." Also on tap are pieces by **Steven Chatfield**, **Brad Garner**, **Rita Honka**, **Habib Iddrisu**, **Walter Kennedy** and **Shannon Mockli**; \$5-\$10.

LCC presents its **Collaborations Dance 2015**, Feb. 26-28, featuring pieces by LCC alumni **Shannon Knight**, **Dorene Carroll**, **Eileen King**, **Lisa Bradley** and LCC Dance faculty **Bonnie Simoa**, **Sarah Nemecek**, **Anita Sanford** and artist-in-residence **Heidi Henderson** in the Raggozino Performance Hall; \$8-\$10.

Kudos to the **Eugene Youth Ballet** for securing funding from the **Lane County Cultural Coalition** in support of the **Northwest Dance Festival 2015**, a series of master classes and performances bringing together 150-plus students this spring.

And check out the many dance offerings at this year's **Oregon Asian Celebration**, including Chinese lion dancers, hula and dance from Bali, Nepal, Northern India and more Feb. 14-15 at the Lane County Events Center. All performances are included with admission, which is \$6 for adults and free for children under 12. For a complete schedule of events, visit asiancelebration.org. — *Rachael Carnes*



EUGENE CHINESE SCHOOL CHILDREN'S DANCE TROUPE PERFORMING AT THE ASIAN CELEBRATION

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