

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Largest Dance Ever on Sunday

Portland's White Bird dance group presents *Le Grand Continental*, starring 150 Portlanders who've taken a break from their day jobs as FedEx drivers, professors, city planners, etc. to learn and perform the company's season opening production.

Le Grand Continental's premiere features line dance, infused with contemporary movement that incorporates the rhythms of country, techno, cumbia, waltzes, and R&B.

Two free performances will be held Sunday, Sept. 30 at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at Pioneer Courthouse Square, downtown.

For three months, volunteer photographer Carolyn Campbell has followed the diverse team to every rehearsal, capturing the dancers learn the nine sections to *Le Grand Continental* under the direction of Montreal's acclaimed choreographer Sylvain Émard.

Drop into the Alberta Street's Living Room Realtors, 1422 N.E. Albera St., on Last Thursday, Sept. 26, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., to see a photo display documenting the evolution of the largest dance ever held in Pioneer Courthouse Square.



In the largest outdoor line dance this city has ever seen, 150 Portlanders of all ages move their hands, bodies and feet in White Bird's production of Sylvain Émard's *Le Grand Continental* to take place Sunday, Sept. 30 at Pioneer Courthouse Square.

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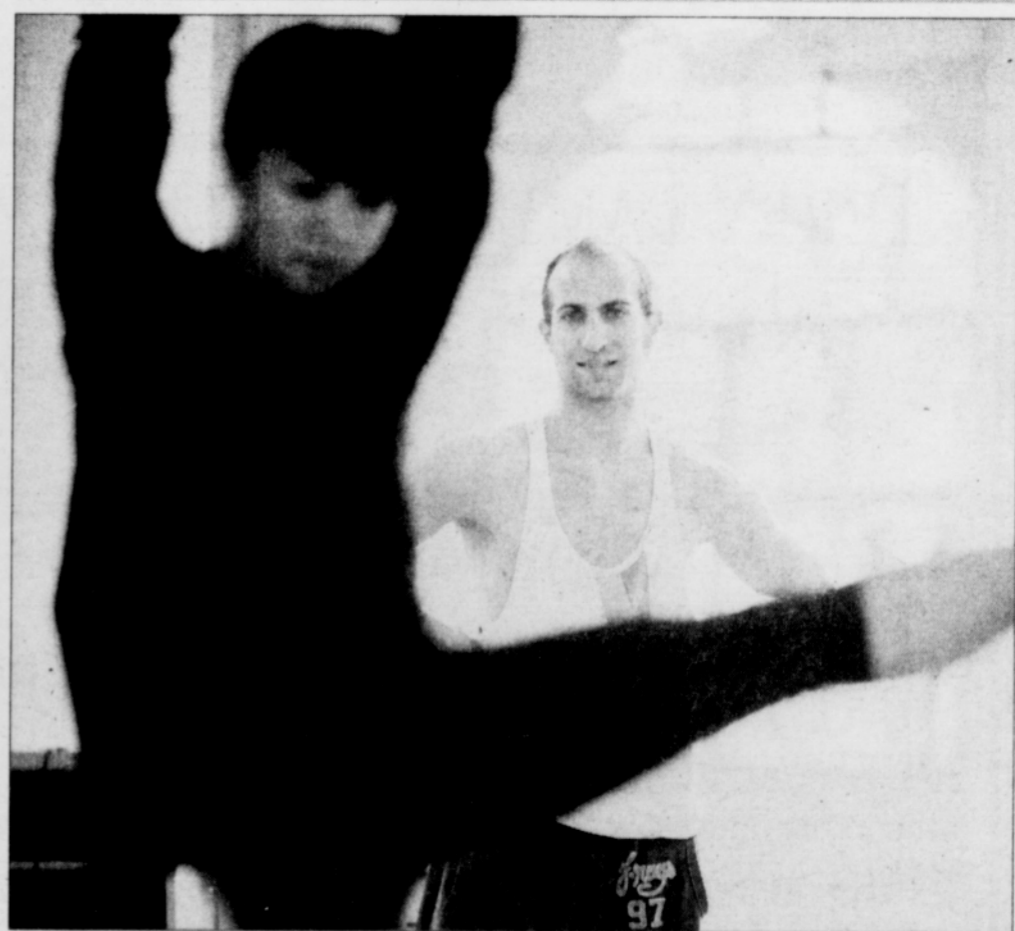


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Northwest Dance Project dancer Ching Ching Wong (left) and choreographer Ihsan Rustem rehearse his new work, "Mother Tongue" for the dance company's upcoming show.

Three for One Dance

Three award-winning choreographers converge in Northwest Dance Project's season opener "New Now Wow!" a world premiere of works by Ihsan Rustem, Gregory Dolbashian and Alex Soares.

Rustem is following up on his 2010 premiere *State of Matter* which won multiple international awards. Dolbashian and Soares are winners of the *Pretty Creatives*

International Choreographic Competition.

"New Now Wow!" plays on Thursday, Oct. 4 through Saturday, Oct. 6 with 7:30 p.m. performances at Lincoln Performance Hall on the Portland State University campus, 1620 S.W. Park Ave. Tickets are \$25 and up. For more information, visit nwdanceproject.org or call 503-828-8285.