

Pacific University dance students join forces with dance company

The Pacific university dance students will be part of a special performance with the Joint Forces Dance Company and the DanceAbility Project of Eugene on April 28 and 29 at 7:30

p.m. and April 30 at 1:00 p.m. The concert, held at Pacific University's Taylor-Meade Performing Arts Center, will include the annual Pacific University student choreography

showcase and four dances interspersed throughout the performance by the Joint Forces Dance Company and the DanceAbility Project.

About 50 Pacific University

students will perform during the concert in solo and group pieces ranging from hip-hop to jazz to modern dance.

In addition to the three concerts, DanceAbility Project Director Alito Alessi, with assistance from Pacific University Dance Instructor Joan Gunness, will teach two free workshops on Saturday, April 29 at the Pacific University Athletic Center dance studio. The dance workshops are open to all able and disabled persons. The 11 a.m. to noon workshop is for children ages six to ten, and the adult workshop will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information or to register for the workshops, contact Joan Gunness at 645-1252.

Joint Forces Dance Company, which was founded in 1970, established the DanceAbility Project in 1988 with the goal of using improvisational dance forms to promote artistic expression and exploration be-

tween people with and without physical disabilities. The purpose of Joint Forces and DanceAbility is to encourage the evolution and performance of New Dance and to cultivate a common ground for creative expression for all people.

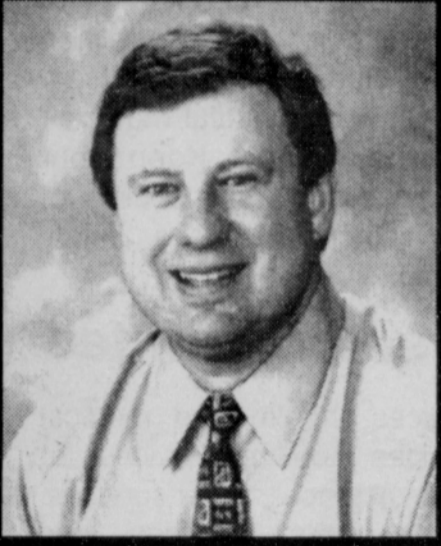
Alito Alessi, who directs both Joint Forces Dance Company and the DanceAbility Project, has been involved with the evolution of Contact Improvisation for the past 20 years, and is internationally known as a pioneering teacher and choreographer in the field of dance and disability. His work has received local, national and international recognition for the past several years.

General admission for the dance concerts is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students, senior citizens, and children. Tickets are available at the door or in advance through the University Box Office at 503-359-2918.

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Al-Anon	Mondays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.	M-BIRKENFELD	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:30 p.m., Main Fire Station	
Alcoholics Anonymous	Mondays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.	M-BRFPD Board	1st & 2nd Thurs.	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	
Alcoholics Anonymous	Saturdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.	M-B Ambulance Assoc.	1st & 2nd Wed.	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	
Arts & Crafts Society	2nd Thursday	1:00 p.m., New Hong Kong	M-B Firefighters Assoc.	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	
Boosters	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., VHS Library	M-B Rescue	2nd Wednesday	10:00 am, 755-2346 for info.	
Boy Scout Troop 201	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.	M-B Helping Circle	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., Grange Hall	
Boy Scout Troop 860	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., LDS Church	Natal Grange			
Cemetery Beautification Comm.	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Library	BANKS			
Chamber of Commerce	2nd Wed.	Noon, Lew's Place	Alcoholics Anonymous	Fridays	8:00 p.m., Methodist Church	
Doll Club	4th Tuesday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center	Banks City Council	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., City Hall	
Friends of the Scout Cabin	4th Monday	7:00 p.m., City Library	Banks Planning Commission	Last Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall	
Girl Scouts	Thursdays	6:30-8 p.m., Christian Church	Banks School Board	2nd Monday	7:30 p.m., Jr. High Library	
Izaak Walton League	3rd Thursday	For location call 429-7193	Banks Youth Group	Sundays, Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., UMC Youth Bldg.	
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	6:30 p.m., Lew's Place	Chamber of Commerce	1st Thursday	12:30 p.m., Brown Derby	
Nehalem Valley Car Club		For Info Call 429-4074	Citizen Participation Org.	3rd Monday, odd months	7:15 p.m., City Hall	
Preschool Story Hour	Mondays	10:30 a.m., City Library	Friends of the Library	1st Saturday	10:00 a.m., City Library	
TOPS	Thursdays	6:30 p.m., 1st Baptist Church	Lions Club	1st & 3rd Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Methodist Church	
Upr Nehalem Watershed Council	4th Thursday	For location call 429-2401	Sunset Park Assoc.	3rd Wednesday	8:00 p.m., Gun Club	
Vernonia Airport Committee	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., City Library	TOPS	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Jr. High Library	
Vernonia Cares Directors	1st Thursday	For location call 429-1414	Tri-City RFPD Board	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Station 13	
Vernonia City Council	1st & 3rd Mondays	6:30 p.m., City Library	COLUMBIA COUNTY (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)			
Vernonia Comm. Dev. Corp.	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.	Board of Commissioners	Wednesdays	10 a.m., Courthouse	
Vernonia Grange	2nd Friday	7:00 p.m., Grange Hall	Citizens for Senior Justice	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Sunset Park Church	
Vernonia Health Center	2nd Thursday	6:00 p.m., 510 Bridge St.	COLCO Transportation	2nd Friday	10:30 a.m., Courthouse	
Vernonia Planning Comm.	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Library	County Council of Seniors	2nd Friday	1:00 p.m., Courthouse	
Vernonia Pride		For Info Call, 429-1204	County Fair Board	2nd & 4th Mondays	7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds	
Vernonia Ridge Riders	Last Wednesday	7:00 p.m., City Library	County Parks Commission	3rd Thursday	6:00 p.m., 1054 Oregon St.	
Vernonia RFPD Board	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station	Emergency Comm. Dist. (9-1-1)	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Courthouse	
Vernonia School Board	2nd Thursday	8:00 p.m., District Office	Historical Society	4th Wednesday	Noon, location call 429-3713	
Vernonia Sr. Center Board	1st Friday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center	Traffic Safety Commission	1st Wednesday	7:00 a.m., Village Inn	
Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station				
WOEC Directors	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., WOEC				

Organizations and meeting dates not listed may be included by calling 429-9410 or by mail to The INDEPENDENT, 725 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064.