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February 2018 Newsletter

Hello again,

Guess what. We've been working in our studio with our super talented dancers for the past few months and we've got a new show. We hope you can come around to **SoMar, Circles, and Cycles**.

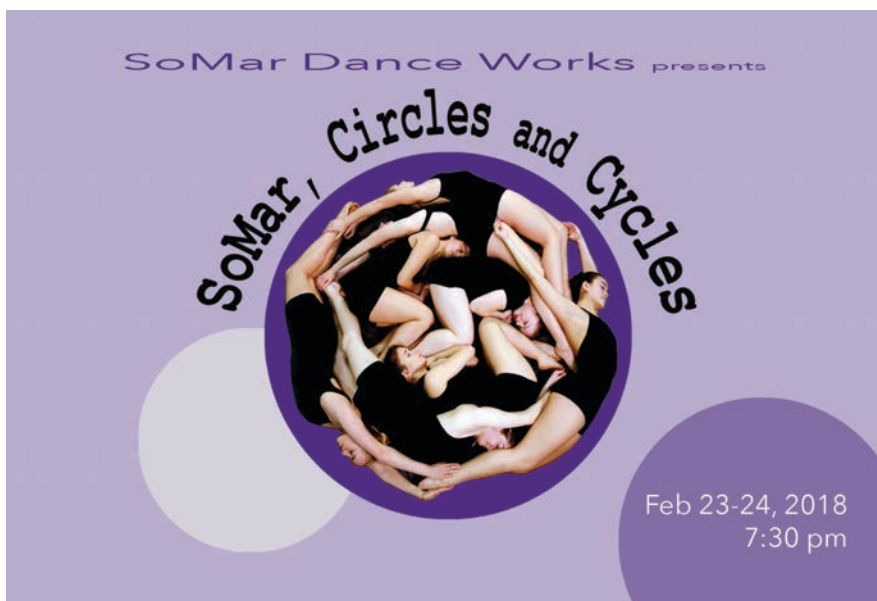
Where the wheel of fortune meets the circle of life, and the beginning is the end is the beginning, again. Our new concert explores the nature of the most fundamental of shapes, the circle. Just as the hands circle round the clock, and the moon circles the earth, and the earth circles the sun, our lives are constantly revolving and evolving. Where each round trip reveals something new about our world, and about ourselves.

We're presenting our concert at the Erie Art Museum, and we couldn't be more thrilled. We've performed there before (for the grand opening, and this past summer), but this will be the first time we're doing a full concert there. Our friends/colleagues there have always been very supportive of our work, and we love the idea of presenting our art in a beautiful space filled with art.

We're also very excited because, joining our fifteen dancers, we've got Tim Theisen and Andy Hasenpflug performing their new musical compositions live. We're all in for a big treat.

As always, the concert will be family friendly, and full of variety. In addition to some favorites from the company repertory, the program will also include Igor Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring* and the premier of SoMar's rendition of *Carmina Burana*. The seating will be "in-the-round" so every seat is a front row seat. So, grab your circle of friends and join us downtown.

February 23rd and 24th at 7:30 pm.
Tickets are \$15.00 – available at the door.



GIVE IT A TRY

One of the things SoMar is known for is our creative partnering skills, the innovative ways we physically support each other.

Do you want to learn how to do what we do? Well, now's your chance. Solveig and Mark Santillano, co-directors, will be teaching a community master class on **Saturday February 24th at 1:00 pm at the Erie Art Museum.**

All are welcome to join the fun. The class is in collaboration with the Erie Dance Consortium. The fee is \$10.00



DONATE TODAY

It's been said that "money makes the world go 'round." It may or may not be true, but money can certainly help keep SoMar dancing and contributing to our cultural community. So, we are asking for your help. Your financial donations go directly into creating our work and producing our concerts. To quote Hellen Keller, "Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much."

And speaking of help, we are ever so grateful for the ongoing support we receive from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, Erie Arts and Culture, and Mercyhurst University. Thank you for supporting the arts.



Meet the "SoMarians"

- 1st row: Carrie VanOsten, Lucas De Marinis, Jenna Swartz.
2nd row: Hannah Schayes, Meg Rebuzzini, Rachel Rhodanz, Megan Lay, Elizabeth Hite, Sarah Taylor.
3rd row: Kerry Schroder, Lucie Schultz, Dominic Fortunato, Jo Theisen
4th row: Mark Santillano, Solveig Santillano

LOOKING BACK / LOOKING FORWARD

Since our last newsletter we presented our show, *Once Upon a Story* in November of 2016. After that, we performed *Quicksilver* (our contemporary pointe piece) at the Erie Festival of Dance. Over the summer we had a blast at *ARTrageous!* (a fundraiser for the Art Museum) with our giant puppets by Deborah Sementelli. Following that we were back at Frontier Park for their fundraiser, *arborEATem'*. We also had performances at Mercyhurst's Northeast campus, and at Bill Evans' Somatic Movement Conference.

What's next? SoMar Dance Works will be turning twenty next year! We're already making plans. Stay tuned.



NATIONAL WATER DANCE

When

April 14, 2018
Events begin at 4:00

Where

Downtown Erie
- Dobbins Landing;
- Erie Maritime Museum;
- H.O Hirt Auditorium

Why

Fun, Entertainment, Activities,
Education, Community



MAKING WAVES

This spring SoMar Dance Works plans to make waves with their upcoming community collaboration *National Water Dance Erie: The Ripple Effect*, a project designed to build community, celebrate one of earth's precious resources, and raise awareness for global to local water concerns. Occurring across the nation at local waterways on April 14th at 4pm, the interdisciplinary Erie performance pathway will begin at Dobbins Landing (weather permitting), follow along the waterfront, enter the Erie Maritime Museum (transformed into interdisciplinary exhibits in unexpected spaces), continue past activity tables, research displays, and exhibits, and culminate with a short, but meaningful program in the HIRT Auditorium that interweaves science, dance, poetry, music and more. Hope to see you there!



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