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February 2019 Newsletter

Greetings to you all,

Time flies when you're having fun, and what's more fun than dancing with, working with, and creating art with a bunch of amazingly talented people? It's been **twenty years** since SoMar Dance Works was formed, but it seems like yesterday since our first gig at the Missouri Fine Arts Academy. The time has flown by. Not only flown, but flown fast. It boarded the Concord and took off without a second glance leaving 1999 in the wake of its sonic boom. On the other hand, since the company has been so busy and done so much, it makes perfect sense that it's taken two decades to accomplish all that we have. It takes time to amass a repertoire of over one hundred dances. It takes time to produce eighteen concerts. It takes time to collaborate with a dozen musical artists/groups, and teach master classes, and lead lecture/demonstrations, and perform in San Diego, Michigan, Missouri, Maine, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, Austria, and Sweden. It takes about twenty years.

Anniversaries are naturally times to look back at where one has been, and to think about how things were (as individuals and collectively as a community, nation, or world). Anniversaries are also times to ponder what's to come. As for us, what's to come is a celebration, a kind of a party. A palooza of a party, and you are all invited. What's a "palooza?" It's defined as an exaggerated event, and that is a fitting title for our upcoming dance concert ***Super SoMar Palooza!***

We are pulling out all the stops for this concert. We've got the largest, "palooziest" cast in SoMar history. Twenty-five dancers are working together on this show. We're bringing back nine of our favorite pieces and two brand new offerings on the program. You really won't want to miss this one.

Super SoMar Palooza!

February 23, 2019 at 7 pm
Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center
Tickets available online at miac.mercyhurst.edu
or by calling box office, 814-824-3000
\$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and \$7.50 for students/youth.

For more information at 814-824-2176



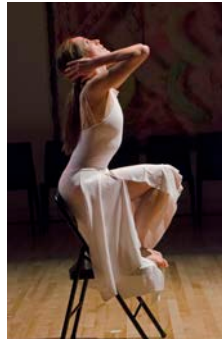
Come see *Piercing Darkness*; *Tailspin Tango*; *Shape Shifters*; *Free Fall*; *Zoom Tube* (with special guest, Anna Meyer on flute), *Dance by Numbers: π* , and the infamous *Crouching Tutu*, *Hidden Drag Queen*. All of these and more are part of the palooza.

The show is Saturday February 23rd at 7:00 pm in the beautiful Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center on the campus of Mercyhurst University. As always, this is a family friendly event with something for everyone. The Mercyhurst Dance Department is sponsoring this concert along with the Mercyhurst Institute for Arts and Culture. It is also made possible by a grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and Erie Arts and Culture.

We at SoMar feel so blessed to be able to do what we love and share it with our audiences. We sincerely hope you can join us for this celebration. The more the merrier; the bigger the better. It's gonna be a Super SoMar Palooza!

*How far that little candle throws his beams!
So shines a good deed in a naughty world.*
~William Shakespeare

Donate today and help SoMar Dance Works continue to provide high quality concert dance in our “naughty world”.
A vibrant arts culture is a critical component of a vibrant community. Thank you for your continued support.



Fan mail

Our last concert, *SoMar, Circles, and Cycles*, was a big success. We took on the new challenge of performing in the round at the Erie Art Museum. Every seat was a front row seat. It was a unique experience for all of us. After the show, we received this very kind message:

*“What an event! Is there anything your dancers can't do??
Circles and Cycles was nothing short of amazing! We enjoyed every moment and are looking forward to your next event!”*

– Jane Windhorst Asher

Share your memories with us

Over the past twenty years, SoMar has performed a lot of pieces in a lot of places with a lot of dancers to a lot of music. It’s been quite a journey. We’d like to know what memories you have. What dances are your favorites? Do you like the poignant or the preposterous? The silly or the sublime? Shoot us an email or message us on facebook. We want to hear from you.

A palooza of a cast

Our current cast members include Mercyhurst Dance majors/alumni/faculty: Gabrielle Bejarano, Kaitlyn Culp, Caitlin Cummings, Lucas De Marinis, Emma Devore, Kate Duane, Austin Duclos, Caroline Enwright, Kristen Faraclas, Dominic Fortunato, Sarah Gregory, Shelby Hildebrand, Niusha Karkehabadi, Nicole Quinn, Rachel Rhodanz, Mark Santillano, Solveig Santillano, Hannah Schayes, Lucie Shultz, Grace Sinke, Jessica Skinker, Jenna Swartz, Sarah Taylor, Jo Theisen and Margaret Vivian.

Coming up: Erie Festival of Dance

SoMar Dance Works has been participating in the Erie Festival of Dance since it began in 2001. This biennial event brings together local dance organizations to perform at one singular event. The next festival will be **March 30th** at the Mary D’Angelo Performing Arts Center. Sponsored by the Erie Dance Consortium, the concert will feature seventeen dance ensembles. As usual, SoMar will be there, and we hope you can make it, too. For the love of dance, come on out.



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