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Snappy Dance Theatre Comes to Spanos Theatre Oct. 13

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- In the style of visually-rich dance companies like Pilobolus and Momix, Boston's Snappy Dance Theater brings a whimsical and fascinating short-works program to the Spanos Theatre at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 2004.

Cal Poly Arts presents Snappy Dance as part of their innovative "Director's Choice" series.

"If a series event is annotated with the 'Director's Choice' logo, it's because it was simply too good to pass up," explains Cal Poly Arts director Ralph Hoskins. "Snappy Dance is one of those events."

The critics agree: "Eye candy and brainpower make Snappy dance." (Boston Globe) "...extremely compelling...intelligent without being high-minded, and aesthetic with a sharp sense of humor." (Boston Herald)

The Philadelphia City Paper declared, "Snappy was outstanding."

The collaborative eight-member ensemble uses dance, circus skills, theater, martial arts, gymnastics, and even puppetry to stimulate and inspire audiences.

Snappy Dance Theater creates an edgy, yet accessible style of dance for audiences of all ages and, in the process, enhances the audiences' perception of dance.

For the Spanos Theatre program, the evening features "Fall Collection" (2002), "Light Lunch," "Pants" (1997), "Fardel" (2002), "Limning Twilight" (1997), "Movement in D'Flat" (2001), "Chalk Border" (1996), "Mirabile Dictu" (1998), "Tango Tangle" (2002), "Out of the Blue" (2002), and "Flip/Switch" (2003).

The Company will also perform two excerpts from "The Temperamental Wobble," based on the illustrations of Edward Gorey: "Les Cousins Ambigus" and "The Lavender Leotard."

Founded in 1997, Snappy Dance Theater is a Boston-based contemporary dance company under the artistic direction of Martha Mason. The troupe has grown rapidly to become the ninth largest performing arts organization in greater Boston, touring nationally and internationally.

A pre-show lecture will be held by Snappy Theater Artistic Director Martha Mason, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Philips Recital Hall.

Tickets for the performance are \$28 & \$34, with student discounts available, and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call 805/756-2787; to order by fax: 805/756-6088. Order on-line at www.pacslo.org.

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