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Drexel University Announces a New Bachelor of Science in Dance Beginning in Fall 2008

“Dance Day at Drexel” To Celebrate the Achievement

Philadelphia PA— Drexel University’s Antoinette Westphal College of Media Arts and Design has announced the creation of a Bachelor of Science in Dance beginning in the Fall of 2008. The new program has been designed for the serious dancer who is interested in exploring dance as a physical and intellectual discipline and as well as the academic preparation necessary to become a dance / movement therapist or dance educator.

The new major will feature academic course work in dance along with a full range of studio technique classes taught exclusively by professional performers and choreographers. In addition to the academic study, students will have opportunities to perform and choreograph work as part of the Drexel Dance Ensemble. As with all Drexel University majors, Co-op and internship opportunities are available within the fields of dance education and dance/movement therapy. Dance majors at Drexel can elect to continue on to an MA degree in Dance / Movement Therapy at Drexel’s School of Nursing and Health Professions, or an MS in education through Drexel’s School of Education.

“We’re delighted to have received the University’s approval to add this new program to the eleven undergraduate and five graduate programs currently offered at Westphal College. Miriam Giguere has created a Dance Program unlike any other in the country. It offers dance majors all the hallmarks of a Drexel education: working professionals as teachers, highly relevant Co-op opportunities, and arts instruction focused in an applied and practical way,” said Dean Allen Sabinson.

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Please contact Dr. Miriam Giguere at 215-895-4914 or email danceprogram@drexel.edu. For more information on the Dance Program please visit, www.drexel.edu/westphal/dance.

About Drexel's Dance Program

The dance program at Drexel University provides intensive exploration of dance in its physical, intellectual, creative and therapeutic aspects. Studio, performance, real-world and academic experiences help each student to understand the expressive and communicative nature of the art form and to develop their own artistic vision.

The mission of the dance program is to guide each student in developing their own unique artistic voice through performance experiences, classes, and exposure to a wide range of dance techniques and approaches. We believe that dance is not only a pleasurable and challenging physical activity, but also an opportunity to grow intellectually, emotionally and socially. Dance develops creativity and problem solving ability as well as discipline, responsibility, and a strong sense of community. The development of a personal artistic voice is a strong fundamental quality necessary for both dance / movement therapists and dance educators.

About Drexel's Department of Performing Arts

The department of Performing Arts at Drexel University exists to enhance the cultural literacy of all Drexel students by providing them with opportunities to study, create, perform, manage and experience art.

About the Antoinette Westphal College at Drexel University

Drexel University's Antoinette Westphal College of Media Arts & Design offers eleven undergraduate and five graduate programs in media, design and the performing arts. The college empowers students with the knowledge, skills and techniques to succeed in highly competitive creative fields. Programs are taught in small studio settings, featuring hands-on learning and a faculty of industry practitioners who emphasize the use of the latest technologies. Drexel University is the premiere co-op school in the United States and is a top ranked comprehensive university. For more information about Drexel's Antoinette Westphal College of Media Arts and Design, go to: www.drexel.edu/westphal.

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