



INVIGORATING LIFE THROUGH DANCE!

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2013-2014 Season Premiere Bash at Casa Loma Ballroom

(St. Louis, MO) – The Big Muddy Dance Company, a St. Louis based repertory dance company, will perform on November 1st, 2013 at the Casa Loma Ballroom. Under the artistic direction of former Hubbard Street Dance Chicago dancer Paula David, the 17-member company will present **two company premieres and one world premiere**, followed by live music and fun with the well-known St. Louis jazz band The Ambassadors of Swing. The night promises an invigorating experience from beginning to end with exciting dance styles, talented live music, and a relaxed atmosphere with food and drink.

WHAT **The Big Muddy Dance Company Season Premiere Bash at Casa Loma Ballroom**, a performance by St. Louis contemporary jazz dance company, followed by live music with jazz band The Ambassadors of Swing

WHEN **Friday, November 1**

7:00 pm Doors open

8:00-9:30 pm The Big Muddy Dance Company in concert

9:45 pm Live music with The Ambassadors of Swing

WHERE **Casa Loma Ballroom**

3354 Iowa Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

TICKETS \$15 in advance or at the door

Go to www.thebigmuddydanceco.org or call 314-338-4058

MORE ABOUT THE EVENING

Two company premieres, and one world premiere being presented:

World Premiere- “Stolen Season” choreographed by Thom Dancy, company dancer

Company Premiere- “Bare Inside” choreographed by Abdur Rahim-Jackson, former dancer with Alvin Ailey

Company premiere- “Dance Sport” choreographed by Harrison McEldowney, renowned American choreographer

Also featuring audience favorites:

“Group Therapy”

“The ‘40s”

“The Beat”

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THE BIG MUDDY



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MISSION The Big Muddy Dance Company invigorates life through dance.

VISION

The Big Muddy Dance Company, a St. Louis- based repertory dance company, seeks to build a love of dance by providing fun, experiential, and highly entertaining performances while training and developing talent for the future. By engaging emerging and renowned choreographers, we continue to intrigue audiences. We aim to invigorate life through dance by collaborating across the community through outreach.

ABOUT THE COMPANY

The Big Muddy Dance Company, named for the numerous rivers that flow through and around St. Louis, is dedicated to creating high-quality, entertaining dance performances through artistic excellence in classic and contemporary jazz dance. The Big Muddy will bring recognition to St. Louis for its major contribution to jazz music through live music collaborations, and will help with the revitalization of the downtown improvement district through quality public performances, dance education at the Downtown Dance Center, and community partnerships.

St. Louis Dance Theatre, Inc., now doing business as The Big Muddy Dance Company, was founded in April of 2010 by Artistic Director Paula David, former dancer for Hubbard Street Dance Chicago and dance instructor for over 25 years. Her talent and drive was acknowledged when she was featured in ALIVE Magazine's "Buzz List" as one of the most influential St. Louisans in 2011. Her vision of a full-time professional jazz dance company led to an audition for 6-8 dancers, mostly from the local dance community. Since that time, The Big Muddy Dance Company has booked over 60 performances due to their flourishing reputation, and completed their second season in June 2013 with two sold out shows and two standing ovations at the Touhill Performing Arts Center. As the company began their third season in August, they have 17 company dancers and were recently awarded "Readers' Choice- Best Local Dance Company" by Go Magazine, St. Louis Post Dispatch. More at www.thebigmuddydanceco.org