



INVIGORATING LIFE THROUGH DANCE!

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Hot Dancing and Cool Treats at The Big Muddy Dance Company's Summer Soiree

(St. Louis, MO)- *The Big Muddy Dance Company*, a St. Louis- based repertory dance company, will perform on Friday and Saturday, June 20-21, 2014 at 8:00 pm at the Touhill Performing Arts Center in the Lee Theater. Under the artistic direction of Paula David, a former dancer for *Hubbard Street Dance Chicago*, the 11-member company will premiere 2 new works in addition to performing several audience favorites. After the performance, the company dancers will host an ice cream and lemonade social on the Lee Theater balcony to celebrate the culmination of the organization's third season. The night promises to fulfill The Big Muddy's mission of invigorating life through dance with exciting choreography, strong and talented dancers, and diverse styles!

WHAT **Summer Soiree: The Big Muddy Dance Concert in Concert**

Live performance by St. Louis' contemporary jazz dance company, followed by an ice cream and lemonade social.

WHEN **Friday June 20th, 2014 & Saturday June 21st, 2014**

8:00 pm - The Big Muddy Dance Company in Concert
10:00 pm - Ice Cream and Lemonade Social

WHERE **Touhill Performing Arts Center, Lee Theater**

University of Missouri- St. Louis
One University Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63121

TICKETS **\$22, Seniors and students \$18 with valid ID**

Go to www.touhill.org or call 314-516-4949

MORE ABOUT THE EVENING

World Premiere: "Most Glorious Opening No. 5, Hold Frosting" by Thom Dancy, former dancer with Grand Rapids Ballet

World Premiere: New duet work by Brian Enos, renowned choreographer & former dancer with Houston Ballet and Hubbard Street Dance Chicago

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Also featuring audience favorites:

“Chasing Utopia”

“Group Therapy”

“The ‘40s”

...and more!

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 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 with *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 100 performances due to their flourishing reputation, and was awarded “Readers’ Choice- Best Local Dance Company” by *GO Magazine*, *St. Louis Post Dispatch* in 2013. The Big Muddy’s constituents created a successful pre-professional training program at its home studio (Downtown Dance Center), and kickstarted its senior citizen outreach program, “Senior Embrace: honoring our senior community through dance.”