

## LehrerDance to Teach and Perform at Stockton College Oct. 7-19

Community Invited to Take Beginners or Advanced Classes

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**Galloway Township, NJ** – LehrerDance of Buffalo, New York will be in residency at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey **Oct. 7-19**, working with Dance students, offering classes to the public and performing.

While in residence, LehrerDance will provide master classes to Stockton students and the community, work with Stockton dance majors and develop a work for Stockton Dance Company members to be performed in the Spring Dance Concert.

Three members of LehrerDance, along with Jon Lehrer, founder and artistic/executive director of the company, will be in town lending their dance experience to beginners and advanced dancers alike.

All Stockton dance classes will have at least one class meeting with the company. Students in the college's modern dance courses, LehrerDance's specialty, will have three meetings with the company.

"These master dancers are a good thing for our students to work with," said Rain Ross, assistant professor of Dance, who helped coordinate the residency. "It's important for the dancers to talk with the artists about their experiences and to ask, 'How did you get here?"

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LehrerDance will also be teaching open classes to the Stockton and southern New Jersey community. Those with little to no dance experience are welcome to take a course for beginners. An advanced class will also be held for those with more dance experience.

The company's residency will reach far beyond the dance majors at the college. Students in writing classes will have a chance to take in a performance and write a review. The Occupational Therapy program will have a one-hour dance class followed by a discussion on disabilities and dance. Older adults will have their own dance class sponsored by the Stockton Center on Successful Aging (SCOSA) on Thursday, Oct. 17.

The residency will culminate with a performance by LehrerDance Company in the Stockton Performing Arts Center on Friday, Oct. 18.

For more information on LehrerDance, please visit their <u>Web site</u>. For more information about the open dance classes or to register for one, please e-mail Rain Ross at <u>Rain.Ross@stockton.edu</u>.

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