

Dance Day features classes for all ages **Reward** from page A1

A dance festival held in the Farmington area four years ago has led to the creation of the Farmington Area Dance Day, slated Saturday, Jan. 26 at Harrison High School.

The one-day workshop features instruction by professional dancers and choreographers in a variety of age-appropriate classes that will fit the needs of dancers male or female, ages 6 and older. Instruction will be offered in tap, ballet, musical theater, modern jazz, hip hop, Afro-Haitian and creative movement, with a sharing session at the end of the day.

For a fee of \$10, Farmington and Farmington Hills residents can take up to four classes. The fee for non-residents is \$15. The price also includes lunch and a Dance Day T-shirt.

According to Arts Commission member Nan Reid, interest in this kind of dance event started in 1997, when Barbara Selinger, co-director of the Detroit Dance Collective, was named Artist-in-Residence. Normally, artists display their works at both City Halls. Instead, Selinger and her company gave a public performance, combined with juried performances by local dancers.

Over the years, that event has expanded. January's Dance Day is funded by the Arts Commission, with the school district covering the cost of the facilities.

"It's been a nice partnership," Reid said.

Registration forms, due Dec. 21, are available at the Farmington Community Libraries, city offices in Farmington and Farmington Hills and Farmington Public Schools Fine Arts Department, 33000 Thomas Street in downtown Farmington.

Hip Hop and Modern Jazz dancing for participants 8 and older will be taught by Erica Wilson-Perkins and William McClellan, Jr. of CounterGroove



Dance Day: Jazz and hip hop dance will be among the classes taught during Farmington Area Dance Day on Jan. 26. Erica Wilson-Perkins and William McClellan, Jr. of CounterGroove Dance Company will be among the instructors.

and floor work and rhythm studies in dances of African and Caribbean origin.

Children ages 6-7 can participate in a creative movement class, taught by Wayne State alumna Linda Buckwitz. She has been a member of the Wayne State Dance Company and Detroit Ballet Theater and has taught creative movement classes since 1995.

The best part of her class, she said, is that there is no right or wrong way to express or discover, and there is no failure, because movement and skills are not specifically taught, but experienced. Children will dance in bare feet.

Jennifer Hoemke will teach tap and musical theater for students ages 8-12. An instructor for Farmington Public Schools' Summer Fine Arts Camp, she received a bachelor of fine arts degree from Wayne State, where she performed with the college's touring musical theater company.

relating to their job. City Manager Steve Brock said he has no worries about the offer.

"I don't think anything of it," he said.

How the information will be handled will be on a wait-and-see basis, Gordanier said. It must also be decided which law enforcement agency would be the best to contact, he added.

"We'll figure it out as it's thrown at us," he said.

When asked if he may file another lawsuit against the city, Gordanier said he hasn't dismissed the idea.

"We may be going in a different direction if their arrogance doesn't stop," he said of Brock and Police Chief William Dwyer. "It's no secret I am angry with them."

Dwyer said, "I'm not going to get into a public debate with Mr. Gordanier. The reputation of this department is sterling and recognized as one of the most professional departments in the state and country."

Gordanier said people wishing to share their information may call his attorney, Jay Schwartz, at (248) 553-9400.

Dance Company. Wilson-Perkins holds a master's degree in fine arts in Dance from Florida State University and is an artist in residence at Wayne State University.

McClellan received his bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of Illinois and teaches dance at Oakland University. The class, he said, basically comes from what feels natural. Students will learn how to execute a range of movement from intricate and precise to fulfilling and spacious.

Ballet instructor Marie Aversa will teach intermediate and advanced ballet for students ages 8 and older. She holds a bachelor's degree in dance from Marygrove College and has toured Japan and France, danced in a national touring production of "Phantom of the Opera" and with the Ohio Ballet and MoreDances Contemporary Dance Company.

Afro-Haitian dance instructor Lisa McCall is a former scholarship student from the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in New York. She has appeared with Aretha Franklin, Grace

Jones and Penbo Bryson in stage shows like Dream Girls and The Wiz.

McCall is a faculty member at Wayne State University and builds her class on a technique that will focus on body placement and alignment, articulation of isolated body parts, aerial

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CORRECTION

In last week's story regarding the "Pet Talk" cable television show, the name of the show's host was misspelled. Sandy Dupuy works with her husband Jeff Scheeter on the program, which airs regularly on cable channel 12.

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