

Second Annual Renaud-Wilson Dance Festival at Cal State East Bay University Theatre Feb. 3-5

The second annual Renaud-Wilson Dance Festival will unfold across the Hayward campus of California State University, East Bay during the first weekend of February. The College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences invites the public to participate in workshops directed by teachers from throughout Northern California and to enjoy watching the performances.

Dance workshops will take place on Friday, Feb. 3 from 4:30-6:15 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 4 from 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 5 from 10 a.m.-1:15 p.m. on the Cal State East Bay campus, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd., Hayward. The performances will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in the University Theatre.

A portion of the festival will focus on "Activist Choreography: Dance as a Vehicle for Social Change." This theme will be explored through featured master classes by AXIS Dance Company (Physically Integrated Dance), Big Moves (Size Diversity in Dance) and Erika Schuch of New College's Experimental Performance Institute (Activist Dance/Theater Choreography), as well as numerous other offerings. There will be a performance Saturday night featuring a diverse collection of professional and faculty choreographers that integrate activism into their dance work.

The festival will include master dance and dance/theater classes, student performances, and faculty/guest artist performances.

"This year's festival will build on the jubilant response we received last year, and will add provocative new elements," said Eric Kupers, event organizer and lecturer in the university's Department of Theatre and Dance.

The festival is named in honor of Laura Renaud-Wilson, a Bay Area dance advocate and the guiding light for Cal State East Bay's dance program for more than 20 years. This year's festival has been extended from two to three days to accommodate the overflow of requests for teaching and performing.

This festival provides an opportunity for university, college and high school dance departments throughout Northern California to come together in a non-competitive, yet vigorous and passionate environment, for learning, performing, sharing approaches, networking and celebrating our diverse dance community."

Tickets to the performances are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students and seniors. An advance purchase pass to everything in the festival is available for \$40, or \$25 for a one-day pass. After Jan. 25, the latter prices increase to \$50 and \$35, respectively.

Festival information is available online at http://class.csueastbay.edu/theatre/Department_Events.php (click on "Dance Festival"). Tickets to performances will be available starting Jan. 30 by telephoning the CSUEB Theatre and Dance Department Box Office at (510) 885-3261.