Core Dance To Participate In National Water Dance

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On Saturday, April 14 at 4pm EST, Core Dance's Core Performance Company will be joining 1,500 dancers from across the country to perform in the 3rd Annual National Water Dance - site-specific dances at rivers, bays, lakes, oceans, or any water sites nearby - uniting to celebrate and take responsibility for protecting our water. Core Dance will be performing at Driftwood Beach, Jekyll Island, GA. The event will be Live-Streamed on Core Dance's YouTube and Facebook Pages that can be found at coredance.org.

Participating dance companies will address their areas' own particular water issues, while connecting to the larger national network of "water dances." These dances will serve as a bridge to public awareness and are a call to action, uniting people through the common need for clean water.

For the performance at Driftwood Beach, Jekyll Island, Core Dance has commissioned a new work by Frank Van de Ven called Carrying Water to the Sea. Through various forms of movement, gesture, and activity, like carrying water to the sea, the dancers of Core Performance Company will seek to replenish life in the ocean, curb the ongoing devastation of our planet, and ask forgiveness for the damage done.

Core Dance has partnered with Glynn Environmental Coalition, Satilla Riverkeeper, and Brunswick Stewdio to build community by uniting arts and environmental organizations on the local, state, and national levels.

"We're all connected," said NWD Projects producer, Dale Andree, founder and artistic director of National Water Dance. "What we've done is create a community of dancers across the country, including Puerto Rico, Canada and Mexico, who want to involve dance in the national conversation about water issues. For the April 14th event, each dance institution will engage with their community creating their own event; and connecting everyone is the internet, where dancers share movement phrases, personal choreographic processes, and local stories about water. On Saturday, April 14 at exactly 4pm EST everyone will begin their performances with the same phrase, uniting us all through movement."

National Water Dance continues to forge alliances between the arts and the national environmental community. NWD Projects and artists living in the Great Lakes region are working with CELDF (Community Development Legal Defense Fund), who are fighting for the legal rights of nature around the world. NWD Projects is partnering with Pedestrian Wanderlust, a NYC-based movement of dance artists creating dances in public places.

Over one hundred schools, colleges, universities and dance companies are participating, as well as independent choreographers in 2018 National Water Dance. According to Ms. Andree, "making connections is one of the most important aspects of National Water Dance."
About Core Dance

Celebrating its 37th season, Core Dance, an award-winning contemporary dance organization, creates, performs and presents compelling and distinctive original dance works that ignite the creative spirit and foster cultural conversations. For nearly four decades, Core Dance has initiated and supported innovation, collaboration, artistic risk-taking and sustainable art-making in dance. Core Dance was co-founded in 1980 in Houston, Texas by dancer and choreographer Sue Schroeder and her sister, Kathy Russell. Five years later, the organization added Atlanta, Ga. as a second home base, creating a context for dance that is relevant in both cities and around the globe. Core Dance uses dance to educate, question and illuminate. Core Performance Company, the professional contemporary dance company of Core Dance, is internationally recognized for its artistically driven research practices, the underlying humanity of the individual Dance Artists, as well as its rigorous physicality. (www.coredance.org)

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