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Santa Barbara Dance Alliance presents

Santa Barbara Dance Day!

Dance in Public Places!

Summary Facts:

- Celebrating Santa Barbara Dance Alliance's 30th Anniversary, 30 dance groups will take over State Street in downtown Santa Barbara, repeating site-specific dance pieces from 1-4pm. They will make downtown come alive with dance, jumping, leaping and twirling in places you would least expect it!
- Saturday, April 25, 2009, 1-4pm
- Up and down State Street from Sola to Gutierrez
- Mayor Marty Blum has proclaimed the day Santa Barbara Dance Day in honor of National Dance Week
- Free to the public
- For more information, contact Santa Barbara Dance Alliance at (805) 966-6950 or visit www.sbdancealliance.org
- Editors note: Photo opportunities and interviews available upon request
- **High Resolution 300dpi photos are available under "Gallery" on the SBDA website**

Santa Barbara, CA – To celebrate Santa Barbara Dance Alliance's 30th anniversary, we are taking dance to the streets with **Santa Barbara Dance Day!**

On Saturday, April 25, 2009, 30 dance groups will be placed up and down State Street, from Sola to Gutierrez Streets, repeating their performances throughout the afternoon so that a person can virtually walk from one end of the street to the other and see each group. It's a fantastic opportunity to celebrate dance in public places, right in the cultural center of downtown. All dance styles will be represented from ballroom, swing and salsa in front of Macy's with **Derrick Curtis**, SBDA's 2009 Lifetime Achievement winner, with his wife and dance partner **Trudie Olsen-Curtis** ... to contemporary/modern on the Museum steps with **Erin Martinez** and dancers. **Robin Bisio's** dancers will do a play on words, improvising to verbs selected by the audience at the new Anthropologie.

Other groups include Tango, Hip Hop, Tap, Ballroom, Ethnic Folk Dance, and even young choreographers presenting their own creative work. Pieces will be set on patios, in store-front windows, balconies, around fountains and wherever the creative imagination can find. Each of the dance performances will be site specific and will reflect the range of dance styles in Santa Barbara.

Deborah Ko and **Fernando Magana** of the UCSB Salsa Performance Team dance a spicy salsa at Paseo Nuevo Center entrance while **Alana Tillim's** youngsters from Santa Barbara Dance Arts will perform a hip-hop in the Paseo Nuevo Center Court. **Marilyn Romeo** of Got Country? will perform Country Line Dance at Borders. Youth sensations **Paloma Rios** & **Marlon Dorantes** and **RoseMarie Cruz Dance & Entertainment** perform Flamenco at the El Paseo Walkway. **Everybody Dance Now** with Alina Wattenberg will perform hip-hop at the Peace Store. **Santa Barbara will be alive with dance!**

For application information, call Santa Barbara Dance Alliance at (805) 966-6950 or visit www.sbdancealliance.org.

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About Santa Barbara Dance Alliance

Santa Barbara Dance Alliance is a unique service organization focused on promoting dance and dance education in Santa Barbara County. In addition to Santa Barbara Dance Day, SBDA presents year round performances and community events including the DaM Festival (Multicultural Dance and Music), NEW WORKS: Santa Barbara Choreographers, master classes in collaboration with UCSB Arts & Lectures, ON THE VERGE: Teen Choreographers Showcase, and BASSH: Ballroom, Argentine Tango, Swing, Salsa & Hip Hop. In the past five years, SBDA has awarded 99 scholarships to local, talented, dedicated young artists in need of financial support.

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