



# LA DANSERIE: NEWS ON THE MOVE

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Tamara McCarty & Yoko Ambe in Artistic Director Patrick Frantz's Proof Sheet

Hello friends and happy New Year! We look forward to the coming year with hope and optimism while recognizing that times are difficult for many of us. Now more than ever we turn to Dance to inspire and move us; read on and see what's in store.

## PERFORMANCES

On Saturday March 7, 2009, 8:00 pm, for **one night only**, we are proud to present *Pathway*, an evening of premiers by Artistic Director Patrick Frantz, Resident Choreographer Judy Pizarro-Grant, Nicole Mathis, and Guest Artist Rei Aoo.

From classical romanticism to contemporary cool, from Beethoven, to Stravinsky to Mingus, *Pathway* features our outstanding dancers in the company's always fresh and inventive choreography. The performance takes place at the Plaza del Sol Performance Hall, California State University Northridge. Tickets available through Ticketmaster or the Plaza del Sol Box office (818-677-2488). General admission is \$20, students, seniors and Dance Resource Members \$15.

Next up after CSUN, La Danserie is delighted to be invited to appear as **guest artists at the Moorpark College faculty and student show**. Performance dates are April 23 through April 26. For ticket information call Moorpark College (805-378-1485).

## LA DANSERIE PEOPLE



Rei Aoo



Ellen Rosa and Rei Aoo in Lisa Lock's Transposed

**Rei Aoo's** amazing live dance/video solo was an audience favorite at La Danserie's last show. Rei first appeared with La Danserie in 2002 and we are delighted to have her back for our March 2009 show. A big welcome-back also to **Ellen Rosa**, joining us again for the first time since 2006.

And, finally, congratulations are in order for new company member **Ksenia Litomisky** who just received her United States citizenship this January. Ksenia was born in Baku, Azerbaijan and moved to the U.S. in 2003.



Ksenia Litomisky

## **SCHOOL OUTREACH**

Many of you may have seen the December 22 front page LA Times article about the LAUSD budget freeze on its Arts Community Partner Network program. Hundreds of arts programs for children in public schools throughout Los Angeles have been cut; thus far there is no information as to when those programs might be restored. La Danserie was able to complete its outreach program at two schools before this cut was instituted, but, sadly, our bookings with three more schools that were to have taken place between January and June have been canceled. Many arts organizations are working together to raise awareness about this situation and to try and forestall what often seems to be the inevitable: when money is tight, arts funding is the first to go. You can add your voice: write your state senator, write the LAUSD Arts Education Branch, write the Times!

There is some good news, though, on the education front; we are proud to announce that La Danserie has been approved for listing on the **Los Angeles County Arts Education Program Directory** ([www.LAArtsEd.org](http://www.LAArtsEd.org)). This is a resource directory for schools throughout Los Angeles County that is designed to centralize access to quality arts education programs that meet the Content Standards for CA Public Schools. La Danserie was one of thirteen organizations approved, of the twenty-nine that applied.



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**That's all for now, we look forward to seeing you in March and April!**