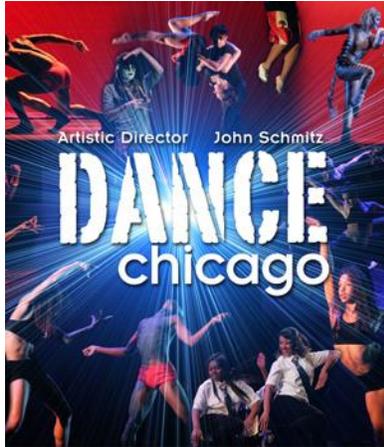


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"Dance Chicago" Returns to Orland Park October 26



World-renowned professional dancers will return to Orland Park on October 26 when the Village of Orland Park Arts Commission presents "Dance Chicago" at the Carl Sandburg High School Performing Arts Center, 13300 South LaGrange Road.

"We're very excited to bring Dance Chicago back to Orland Park," said Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "This is always one of the Arts Commission's most popular shows because it's a great opportunity to see some of Chicago's best dance companies right here in Orland Park," the mayor said.

Dance Chicago will perform in Sandburg's ornate theater at 7:30 p.m. The evening's repertoire includes urban, tap, aerial, ethnic, ballet, break dancing, jazz and more.

"The variety of dance in this show is great," said Trustee Pat Gira, Village Board liaison to the Arts Commission. "I like that our local dancers from Orchesis are able to perform in a show with professional dancers. Having Orchesis in the show also lets the community see how very talented this group is," Gira added.

Dance Chicago Artistic Director and Curator John Schmitz and Fred Solari of the Athenaeum Theatre created Dance Chicago in 1995 with donations from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Philip Morris Companies, Inc and WPWR Channel 50 Foundation. Dance Chicago features the city's broadest range of dance styles from more than 350 choreographers.

"We have featured major artists from such companies at the Joffrey Ballet, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, the Dutch National Ballet and a host of national and international companies as well as the most talented Chicago area choreographers, small dance troupes and independent artists," Schmitz said. "Dance Chicago has become the most diverse and comprehensive exposition of dance in the history of Chicago and is the only festival of its kind in the nation," Schmitz said.

Colleen Panega has served on the village's Arts Commission since it was created by McLaughlin in 2001. "We are very excited to have Dance Chicago come back to Orland Park," Panega said. "Each show is tailored for what the audience enjoys and John Schmitz knows what the Orland Park community likes from past shows. It will definitely include something for everyone," she added.

Reserved seat tickets are available at the Village of Orland Park Recreation Administration Building, 14600 South Ravinia Avenue. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students. The building is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door. For more information, call the Recreation Department at 708/403-7275.