Ventura County Ballet Company's new traveling dance troupe, DAnce ART, to share love for dance, perform at local events throughout Ventura County

(VENTURA COUNTY, Calif.) – Elegance, grace and originality will converge in the form of dance as Ventura County Ballet Company (VCBC), the premier dance company of the Tri-Counties, will introduce DAnce ART – a traveling dance troupe composed of its elite dancers set to perform an array of exquisite up-close performances at regional events this spring and summer to help raise money for local nonprofit organizations.

DAnce ART will make its debut performance on Thursday, April 25, to raise funds for the Ventura Film Society at a very special screening of "First Position," an award-winning documentary that follows six young dancers from around the world as they prepare for the Youth America Grand Prix, one of the most prestigious international ballet competitions. Three of the six DAnce ART ballerinas who have trained extensively for years with VCBC – Anna Miller, Victoria Smith and Olivia Smith – competed in the acclaimed dance competition in February; Miller and Victoria Smith both placed in the top 12. This was Miller's second time being invited to compete; she made it to the second round in New York City in 2012. She aspires to train at the Vaganova Academy in Moscow, Russia and hopes to attend later this year.

Leading the talented group of young, pre-professional dancers is Marina Fliagina, VCBC's choreographer and associate artistic director who's danced for world-renowned ballet schools: Moscow State Theatre Kremlin Ballet, Russian Imperial Ballet, Moscow Classical Ballet and Moscow Festival Ballet. Fliagina has choreographed a beautiful dance piece to the music of Frank Sinatra that will be performed at the movie premiere.

Event Info:
What: Ventura County Ballet Company presents Dance ART
When: Thursday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m.
Where: Century Theater Downtown Ventura, 555 E. Main Street
Cost: $10 general, $7 senior, $5 student (Advanced tickets only for this event available at www.venturacountyballet.com and www.venturafilmsociety.com/tickets.html.)

About the Ventura County Ballet Company and Ballet Academy Ventura
Celebrating its 18th year, the Ventura County Ballet Company features professional dancers as

well as VCBC pre-professionals and students from Ballet Academy Ventura, the official school of the VCBC.

Kathleen Noblin, a recipient of the City of Ventura 2008 Mayor's Arts Award, founded Ballet Academy Ventura in 1992 as the official school of the Ventura County Ballet where the company is in residence. She has served as executive director of the company since its inception.

For more information, or to sponsor an upcoming ballet or educational program, call (805) 648-2080 or visit www.venturacountyballet.com.

About the Ventura Film Society
The VFS is now in its 5th year as Ventura's primary source for alternative films and filmmakers. Founder & Director Lorenzo DeStefano, along with a dedicated team of donors, supporters and volunteers, believe that cinema is the most public of arts, through which we can discover the world around us. Their guiding principle - "*We Bring People Together In The Dark*". Full information at www.venturafilmsociety.com / 805 628-2299.

About the Downtown Ventura Partners business improvement district
The Downtown Ventura Partners business improvement district is a 22-block neighborhood where property owners tax themselves to make their community cleaner, safer and more vibrant. The tax is used by the BID to supplement and enhance services provided by the city. Working with the City and our non-profit partner, Downtown Ventura Organization, the Downtown Ventura Partners is leading a new spirit of cooperation among property owners, businesses and the community by providing a range of enhanced management programs including maintenance, marketing, economic vitality and physical improvements.

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