

Ventura County Ballet Company's DAnce ART to collaborate with Focus on the Masters

"Convergence" to kick-off annual ArtWalk Ventura with special live performance of new music premiere from Grammy-nominated composer, Miguel del Aguila, July 19

BriefingWire.com, 6/05/2013 - (VENTURA COUNTY, Calif.) – Ventura County Ballet Company's (VCBC) DAnce ART, a traveling dance ensemble composed of the company's finest ballet dancers, and Focus on the Masters (FOTM), a non-profit art appreciation program that documents, preserves and presents the works and lives of accomplished contemporary artists, will combine its talents to introduce a unique, awe-inspiring, one-time event called "Convergence" that will kick-off the annual ArtWalk Ventura on Friday, July 19.

A first-of-its-kind concept masterminded by nationally recognized photographer and FOTM Founder Donna Granata, "Convergence" will be a live, multimedia benefit performance event featuring dance, music and fine art at its best, celebrating the spirit of collaboration and a shared passion for the arts. Downtown Ventura's location at 20 N. Oak St., made available by owner Robert Gurfield, will set the stage for the event that will combine the skills of accomplished ballet dancers, renowned visual artists, an expert choreographer and world-renowned classical musicians.

The audience will be captivated by a beautifully choreographed dance piece from Brett Weidlich and performed by VCBC's DAnce ART as projections of paintings by ArtWalk Artist of Distinction and FOTM-documented painter Gerd Koch bathe the dancers in expressionistic color and texture. Providing the music for the performance will be two-time Grammy-nominated international composer and pianist Miguel del Aguila, who will premiere "Silence," his newest composition for piano and violin which he will perform with celebrated violinist Yue Deng.

Attendees will also enjoy an art exhibition featuring artists' works that have been documented in the FOTM program that will be showcased throughout the weekend, as well as a live auction featuring Granata's exquisite photographs of the dancers and other unique items. All proceeds from the event will benefit FOTM's educational outreach programs.

"This unique performance embodies everything the ArtWalk represents – world-class artistry at its finest," Granata said. "We're so proud to showcase this unique alliance of extraordinary artists with the unmatched talents of our international musicians. 'Convergence' will be an affair to remember."

Event Info:

What: "Convergence"

When: Friday, July 19, at 7-10 p.m.

Where: 20 N. Oak St., Ventura, Calif. 93001

Cost: \$100 for FOTM members; \$150 for general public. Advanced tickets for this event are available at http://www.focusonthemasters.com/index_fotm.php or by calling 805-653-2501. Dinner will be graciously donated by Aloha Steakhouse. Tickets are limited and must be purchased by Monday, July 15.

Sponsorship Opportunities: Limited sponsorship opportunities are available. Please contact Donna Granata at 805.653.2501 for more information.

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