

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center presents lecture series Dance Barre with performance by MOMIX

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center invites performing art fans to ignite their passion for dance at an on-stage lecture series – Dance Barre at The Z – presenting “Magical Bodies: Art, Technology and Technique” on Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker Heidi Henderson, choreographer and faculty at Connecticut College, will discuss how dancers, visual artists and technical designers combine their talent to create amazing performances. Wine bar available. Admission is free and a RSVP is encouraged. Information is available by calling 508-994-2900, online at www.zeiterion.org, or in person at the Zeiterion Box Office at 684 Purchase Street in New Bedford.

Dance Barre at The Z is lecture series created to encourage appreciation for dance. Experts in the field – academics, choreographers, and advocates – are invited to create a dialogue about the creation process, history and interpretation of dance through video and conversation. At “Magical Bodies: Art, Technology and Technique” Heidi Henderson will lead dance fans on a fascinating exploration about how dancer’s bodies are transformed by the technical wonders of lighting and costume, and how artistic collaborators work with dancers to bring the ideas to life. She’ll discuss the history of collaboration between visual artists and choreographers starting with Diaghilev’s Ballet Russe, including Cunningham/Cage/Rauschenberg, and the upcoming performance by the internationally-touring dance company, Momix.

Momix will bring the landscape of the American Southwest to life in "Opus Cactus" on Saturday, February 11 at 8:00 p.m. at The Zeiterion. Their dancers embody, quite literally, the concepts discussed at Dance Barre: Magical Bodies. In this performance, the dancers are transformed to resemble soaring cacti, slithering lizards and romping insect through the magic of costume, choreography and lighting. Called "a feast for the eyes" and a "sprawling luscious fantasy" by The New York Times, this performance is a series of 19 vignettes connected by theme of a celebration of the desert and its denizens.

Dance Barre speaker Heidi Henderson is a choreographer on the faculty at Connecticut College, and a New York City dancer with the companies of Bebe Miller, Nina Wiener, Peter Schmitz, and more. A four-time recipient of the Choreography Fellowship from the RI State Council for the Arts, she is a frequent contributing editor and writer for Contact Quarterly.

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide New Bedford and the region with performing arts programming of excellence that inspires, educates, engages and entertains. Tickets are available for purchase at **www.zeiterion.org**, by calling 508-994-2900, or in person at the box office at 684 Purchase Street, New Bedford, Mass. Zeiterion Box Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and two hours before each performance.