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What if the world stopped to dance?

March 27, 2015 – Noon San Francisco, 3:00 pm NYC, 8:00 pm
Rome & Paris

San Francisco, CA – **dance anywhere®** is a simultaneous worldwide public art performance in which people from around the world, of all ages and artistic capacities will stop on Friday, March 27, 2015 at Noon Pacific Time and dance. Now entering its 11th year, past participants of **dance anywhere®** have included professional dancers, plumbers, doctors, soccer players, teachers and politicians. Some dances are choreographed, some are improvised and some stretch the definition of what dance is. For more information go to www.danceanywhere.org or email bethfein@danceanywhere.org.

Every year we synchronize our calendars and watches and simultaneously spread dancing images into every corner of our community landscapes across the globe. Dancers, students, seniors, artists, business men and dreamers alike put aside their daily grind and unleash their moving creativity in museums, parks, sidewalks, office buildings, bedrooms, anywhere their dancing bodies will fit. Every year thousands of people from Istanbul, Buenos Aires, Estonia, and around the world participate!

This is a **participatory**, interactive public art project. The public is invited to participate as dancers will be joined by family members, friends, colleagues or strangers on the street. Wherever you are, at work, at the post office, on Muni or BART, walking in the park or just looking at the view, you are encouraged to stand up and dance. The magic happens because anyone, anywhere in the world can jump in and be a part of dance anywhere - a combination public art and community activism.

Now more than ever, it's important to put aside our differences and find common ground to share. Dance anywhere® creates inspiring experiences that celebrate our communities, and foster a culture of collaboration.

The creation of artist Beth Fein in 2005, **dance anywhere®** acknowledges dance practice (rehearsals, class, etc.) as an art form, and gives it significance as well as formal performances. As a dancer and visual artist, Fein has continued to develop this concept to not only blur the line between art practice and art, but to dissolve the line that often separates art and dance in our daily lives. The mission of **dance anywhere®** is to

- Build community by engaging people worldwide in a simultaneous, public art, performance
- Reconsider the definition of art, public space, and community
- Make dance accessible to more people
- Inspire creativity
- Change perspectives through community art experiences

Confirmed Local dancers and venues

Adrian Arias – Red Poppy Art House, San Francisco

Alex Ketley –The Foundry, San Francisco

Anna Halprin – Woodlands Market, Kentfield

Antoine Hunter – Fremont School for the Deaf, Fremont

AXIS Dance Company – Oakland Museum of California, Oakland

beth fein + dancers – Jessie Square, San Francisco

Bianca Cabrera/ Blind Tiger Society – Yerba Buena Gardens, San Francisco (in front of fountain)

Carol Kueffer - Bentley School, East Bay

Dance Generators (USF) Commodore Sloat School, San Francisco

Daiane Lopes da Silva- Kinetech -

Deborah Slater Dance Theatre – Oxbow Market, Sonoma

Eric Kupers –Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland

Gay White/ Yoga Garden Dancers – Fourth Street in Berkeley

Kim Epifano - Tutubi Plaza - Located on Russ Street between Minna and Natoma

Nancy Karp + Dancers – Yerba Buena Gardens, San Francisco, (forum plaza)

Peter Cheng and CO – Crissy Field, San Francisco

Sonja Hinrichsen – Berkeley

Tanya Chianese – KA NEI SEE – Berkeley High School, Berkeley

Taylor Fisher - Downtown Berkeley Bart Plaza, Berkeley

USF Dancers, USF Campus, San Francisco

Other locations

Anne Bluethenthal Dance – San Salvador, El Salvador

Ben Zank – New York

Benita Bike's DanceArt, Los Angeles

Cecilia Stelini – Brazil

Jess Grippo New York

Peggy Hackney –Red Rock, Utah

Soradi Dance –Tomar Portugal

Steven Holloway –The Parsonage, Chewelah, Washington

National Health Development Centre - Hungary, Budapest,

Other locations: Genève, Switzerland; Gothenburg, Sweden, Buenos Aires, San Diego, Hawaii, Tennessee, Missouri; Sulfia, Bugaria

Check the website for additional details. www.danceanywhere.org.