NATION’S FIRST PHYSICALLY INTEGRATED DANCE TRAINING MANUAL IS NOW AVAILABLE TO ALL

On Friday, October 26, 2012, the Dancing Wheels Company & School will unveil the nation's first comprehensive training manual and DVD for wheelchair dancers, entitled Physically Integrated Dance Training: The Dancing Wheels Comprehensive Guide for Teachers, Choreographers and Students of Mixed Abilities.

After four years of experimentation and over 32 years of the Company's expertise, author, Mark Tomasic and Mary Verdi-Fletcher created these valuable training tools. "Until now, university and college dance departments around the world have not offered degrees in dance to wheelchair dancers because they did not have a source by which to measure their capabilities and achievements.", says Mary, "This manual and DVD will be the first step to an accreditation program and our next step to building the world center for physically integrated dance."

The national launch for the manual will be part of the City of Cleveland's annual celebration of Disability Awareness Month. Over 200 hundred arts and disability organizations and their constituents will attend a luncheon in Cleveland City Hall’s grand rotunda to give recognition to the achievements of people with disabilities and discuss the issues which still prevent many with disabilities from living productive and rewarding lives.

The City’s Department of Aging and Disability Resource Center partnered with the Dancing Wheels Company to focus on access to the arts. The Physically Integrated Dance Training Manual will open
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the door to opportunities for training and employment for dancers, choreographers and dance teachers with disabilities. Never before has a step by step guide to integrated dance training, as taught by the Dancing Wheels Company, been made available to dance teachers, university dance departments and individuals who are wheelchairs users.

In addition to the Dancing Wheels presentation, keynote speaker Tykiah Wright, Founder and CEO of WrightChoice and Publisher of the newly created DiversAbility Magazine will offer insights and inspiration to all in attendance.

Be one of the first to own a copy of our manual and DVD by clicking the Buy Now button or calling 216-432-0306. Click here to learn more about the event.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE FOR FAST FORWARD / REWIND

Join us on November 30, 2012 for our first dance concert exclusively presented by Dancing Wheels Company members! It will be a wonderful mix of creative works that evolved from the melding of minds, “three decades” of expertise in the field of integrated dance and our dancer’s desires to branch out and spread their wings. These new works run the gamut of mood, emotion and imagination sure to please even the most discerning audience member.

Celebrate the emergence of our young and inspiring choreographers who are leading the charge of our legacy to provide full and inclusive art for all people of all abilities.

Following the performance, Board Chair, Ms. Kerry Agins will lead an audience talk back with the dancers and choreographers. Immediately following join us for a champagne reception in the lobby.

General Admission: $15
GET READY TO PLACE YOUR BETS

Tickets are on sale for the 4th Annual Night at the Races benefiting the Dancing Wheels Company & School. This thrilling evening is filled with plenty of interactive video horse racing, upbeat music and lots of wagering. Whether your race is a Daily Double, Perfecta or Trifecta you are sure to have fun. Your admission includes pizza, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. As always, you are welcome to bring your own alcoholic beverages.

Time: Doors Open 6:30 p.m. (First race 7:15 p.m.)
Date: Saturday, February 23, 2013
Location: Home of Dancing Wheels
Masonic Performance Arts Building
3615 Euclid Avenue, 2nd Floor
Cleveland, Ohio 44115
Admission: $15 per person Table of 10: $125
THE FALL IS FAST AND FURIOUS FOR THE SCHOOL OF DANCING WHEELS

Our fall season rolled out in full motion at the School of Dancing Wheels on September 15th. We were thrilled to see many familiar and new faces join us for our classes. The Level I class has an outstanding number of new students who are excited to dance and learn our technique. Our School has an ongoing registration policy so if you know any students (with or without disabilities) who would enjoy dance, please share our newsletter and contact information: school@dancingwheels.org.

New Partnership - This semester the School of Dancing Wheels Performance Ensemble, formally known as the Junior Company, will be partnering with Young Audiences’ ArtWorks program. This arts-based job training program for high school students is designed to develop 21st Century skills for the workplace through apprenticeships in the arts. Our school will work closely with Young Audience students to create a dance to perform for their peers and families. Date and time of the performance will be announced.

Blogging - Students from our School have also been actively interacting online with the new Dancing Wheels blog. Each week a different student is chosen to write a blog entry about their experience in the studio. Visit our Blog page to read about their exciting experiences. Don’t forget to like us on Facebook and to follow us on Twitter for the most up to date information on the School and Company.
IN THE NEWS

Mary Verdi - Fletcher was quoted in the Mobility Project’s online article *Wheelchair Dancing’s Appeal Is Integration, Joy of Movement*. When asked to compare the difference between a dance with and without a mobility disability, Mary said “The means by which a wheelchair user participates and succeeds in dance is somewhat the same as a non-disabled dancer. It takes a lot of time and study and development of technique.” [Click here](#) to read the entire article.

SILENT AUCTION WINNER SHARES THE FRUITS OF HER BOUNTY

Mary Verdi - Fletcher and her husband Bob hosted a fabulous evening in their home as part of a silent auction package benefiting the Dancing Wheels Company & School. Jean Mader made the winning bid at last year’s Dare to Be Different event. Jean, her husband Page and their lovely friends enjoyed a night of great conversation and a gourmet dinner catered by Mr. Philip Goldberg of Philip Goldberg Event Extraordinaire. [Click here](#) to read more on Jean’s bog.

For additional information regarding any of the items in this newsletter, or if you would like to make a donation to our programs, please contact:

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