

# Moving Mysteries - Moving Memories!

## The Sacred Dance Guild & Jacob's Pillow An Excursion - Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008

In June 1958, the Sacred Dance Guild's first summer festival was held at Jacob's Pillow under the direction of Ted Shawn himself. The success of that event resulted in Jacob's Pillow continuing to host the Sacred Dance Guild's summer event for another three years with such teachers as Ted Shawn, Ruth St. Denis, Mary Anthony, Jess Meeker, Myra Kinch, Josephine Rice, Forrest Coggan, Naomi Aleh-Leaf and many others. As part of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival and Celebration, we are delighted to offer an excursion to re-visit this amazing place!

In addition to being the birthplace of our Sacred Dance Guild summer festivals, "The Pillow" has a fascinating history. It is the longest running dance festival in the United States and is an incomparable center for dance that exists nowhere else in the world. With a pioneering spirit and commitment to innovation, the Pillow has become a mecca for dancers everywhere. See details at <http://www.jacobspillow.org/archives/history.asp>

### The History!

Jacob's Pillow holds a special appeal for dancers, historians and the public in general. Only dance institution to be designated a National Historic Landmark

- ❖ The Ted Shawn Theatre is the first theatre built for Dance in the United States.
- ❖ Dedicated site on the African American Heritage Trail
- ❖ Station on the Underground Railroad



### The Price!

- ❖ **This special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary memory and experience can be yours for just \$150.00!**
- ❖ Includes Coach transportation between Connecticut College and Jacob's Pillow, box lunch, picnic dinner at the Pillow, all other Pillow activities including best seats available at the performance at the Ted Shawn Theatre, one-night accommodation at Connecticut College and a Good -Bye Breakfast!

### Book the Excursion!

To register for this excursion contact **Wendy Morrell** at 613-726-1375 or e-mail [SDGFestival@sacreddanceguild.org](mailto:SDGFestival@sacreddanceguild.org)

### The Place!

The grounds and gardens are reason enough to visit.



- ❖ Gardens throughout the grounds
- ❖ 163 acres of natural land
- ❖ Fantastic views of the Berkshires



- ❖ The Pillow Café, the Pillow Pub, the Tea Garden, the Ice Cream Bar, the "Inside/Outside" stage, Blake's Barn, the Ted Shawn Theatre, the Doris Duke Theatre.....



### Our Excursion!

- ❖ Leaves Connecticut College at noon, with boxed lunches in hand, for a 2-hour tour (via Motor Coach) through the incredible countryside between New London, CT and Becket, MA. with Sacred Dance Guild Festivals and other videos to steep us in history during the ride.
- ❖ Has a personalized, leisurely exploration of the many great spaces at "The Pillow"
  - o Enjoy the international community of dance and creativity by observing students at the Pillow there as part of the regular program
- ❖ Has a special talk/time in the Pillow Archives & Exhibit area in Blake's Barn
- ❖ Takes in the "Inside/Outside" stage performance
- ❖ Chooses from a number of tempting options for a group picnic on the grounds
- ❖ Ends our day at the Pillow in the unique Ted Shawn Theatre to see Alonzo King's LINE Ballet. Called "one of the few bona fide visionaries in the ballet world today" by the San Francisco Chronicle, King brings his equally stunning dances and dancers to the Pillow for an exclusive East Coast engagement to perform Migration, with music by Pharoah Sanders, and a brand new work, RASA, with music by Zakir Hussain. This will be a masterful evening of dance and music.



- ❖ Boards the Coach for a relaxing and reflective return trip for a last night at Connecticut College.

*"I believe that dance communicates man's deepest, highest and most truly spiritual thoughts and emotions far better than words, spoken or written."*  
*Ted Shawn, Jacob's Pillow Founder & First Director of Sacred Dance Guild Summer Festival*