

NEWS

DANCERS SIZZLE IN REHEARSAL



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A dancer takes part in choreographer Carly Hecht's production of "Everyone Hurts," featuring dancers Kelly Ainsworth, Allisa Fogelson, Lena Salino, Ashley Smith and Anna Tender, during the tech rehearsal for the 5th Annual Young Choreographers Festival on Saturday at the Palace Theatre in Stamford.



Dancers perform "Too Hot," choreographed by Emily Fournier, in photos above and below. Featured are dancers Stephanie Ciardiello, Emily Fournier, Mia Germaini, Samantha Tardio and Cassidy Urban.



Dancers perform a runthrough of "Back to Black," choreographed by Lena Jacobson. Dancers Amanda Cadenhead, Maggie Elsen, Kelly Ferguson, Laura Ferguson, Julia Golden, Cassie Marriot, Clare McGinnis, Maggie McGinnis, Cameron Murphy, Anna Sellon and Kristen Walsh, from East Pointe Dance, perform the routine.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Open auditions

Curtain Call of Stamford, 1349 Newfield Ave., is holding open auditions Dec. 14 and 16 at 7 p.m. for its production of "The Hostage," a play by Brendan Behan about the IRA's capturing of a British soldier. Rehearsals are set to begin Jan. 18. The opening is scheduled for March 17.

For details regarding roles available, audition requirements and rehearsal schedules, visit curtaincallinc.com, email info@curtaincallinc.com or call 203-329-8207.

Succeeding after 50

Robert Dilenschneider will speak on Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Ferguson Library, One Public Library Place, about his most recent book "50 Plus! Critical Career Decisions for the Rest of Your Life." Dilenschneider, a Darien resident, is the founder and CEO of the Dilenschneider Group, a strategic communications and counseling firm that has served Fortune 500 companies, heads of state, corporate CEOs, nonprofits and philanthropists for more than 25 years. Free and open to the public. For more information, visit fergusonlibrary.org or call 203-351-8208.

Debate party

Supporters of Bernie Sanders will meet at the Seaside Tavern, 891 Cove Road, Dec. 19 from 5:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. to watch the Democratic presidential debate. The debate starts at 8 p.m. and will be projected on a big screen. Musical performances will take place before and after the debate.

For more information, email ctforberniesanders@yahoo.com or call Nina Sherwood at 203-554-1485.

Salute to Israel

Congregation Agudath Sholom, 301 Strawberry Hill Ave., will present cantor Rafael Bokow's Salute to Israel concert Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. Bokow will be joined in the singing of classic Israeli melodies by Ira Berk and Sid Nachman.

Tickets are \$18 for regular seating, \$36 for premium seats. A portion of all proceeds will be donated to the victims and families of victims of recent attacks in Israel. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit congregationagudathsholom.org.

Homeless Persons Memorial Service

The National Homeless Persons Memorial Service will be held at the First Congregational Church of Stamford, One Walton Place, Dec. 21 at 5:30 p.m. The interfaith service will commemorate those who have died homeless in the area in the past year. The service will include readings and prayers by local clergy and music by the New World Chorus and the Intake Music Choir. All are welcome. For more information, contact the Rev. Kate Heichler at 203-415-1962.

"New Year, New Artists, New Art"

The Loft Artists Association will celebrate the new year with the opening reception of a new member show, Jan. 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Loft Artists Association Gallery, 575 Pacific St. Eight local artists who became association members in 2014 or 2015 will be highlighted.

The exhibit will run through Feb. 7 alongside

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"Mix of Six," a periodic rotating exhibit of members' work. The gallery is open Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. For more information, visit loftartists.com or call 203-247-2027.

College prep

The Harry Bennett Branch of the Ferguson Library, 115 Vine Road, will host a series of workshops called "The Race to College" Jan. 25 and Feb. 29 at 6 p.m. Claire Friedlander, a college consultant for Jewish Family Services, will facilitate the event, which is open to students in grades 8 through 11 and will address how to navigate the application and planning process. For more information, contact Friedlander at clairef@ctjfs.org or call 203-921-4161.

Scholarship applications accepted

Applications are being accepted for the Jewish War Veterans, Fred Robbins Post 142, Community Service Scholarships through Jan. 31. Winners will receive grants of up to \$7,500. To be eligible, a student must be a high school senior and Stamford resident, and must demonstrate high standards of responsibility in civic life, help in the promotion of projects for the public welfare, and personally have worked with distinction to improve Stamford.

To download an application, visit stamfordcoty.org. Applications can be emailed to stamfordcitizen@aol.com or sent to Scholarship Selection Committee, 2015 Stamford Citizen of the Year, 22 First St., Stamford, Conn. 06905.

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