

PRODUCTION STAFF

Lula Elzy — Artistic Director/Choreographer

Valerie Concha — Ballet Mistress/Co-Director and Choreographer

Kesha McKey — Assistant to the Directors

Kevin Gaudin — Choreographer/Dancer

James B. Borders — Artistic Consultant

James Moore — Lighting Designer

Dave Barnes — Sound Engineer

Onajé Lombard — Stage Manager

Juanita Marino and Lula Elzy — Costumes

Tim Watson - Ariel Montage — Videography

Ron Budenich — Program Design

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THE LULA ELZY NEW ORLEANS DANCE THEATRE

presents

Dancing with Friends



FRIDAY, JUNE 30 & SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2006

8:00 PM

Contemporary Arts Center • Freeport McMoRan Theatre

900 Camp Street • New Orleans, LA



NORD/NOBA Moving Van Project



"Dancing with Friends"

It's the blending of the arts that goes to the heart of The Lula Elzy New Orleans Dance Theatre, a company that strives to present multicultural interpretations of dance and music to create innovative new works.

Featured Dance Artists include: Lula Elzy, Kevin Gaudin, Lisa Leithman, Adrian Lindsey, Juanita Marino, Kesha McKey, Crystal Morgan, John Rodi, the Komenka Ethnic Dance Ensemble, Ausetua Amenkum, the Kumbuka African Drum and Dance Collective, and a new work by choreographer, Monique Moss. Also performing with the L.E.D.T. will be composer and musician, Irvin Mayfield, and pianist, Ronald Markham. Choreography by Valerie Concha, Lula Elzy, and Kevin Gaudin.



Komenka
Ethnic
Dance
Ensemble

The idea behind the event, says dancer/choreographer Lula Elzy, is to demonstrate how the interplay between art forms and artists reflects the broader uniqueness of New Orleans. "A large part of what makes our community special," Elzy pointed out, "is how we blend different elements and ingredients to create new cultural expressions, new ways of living, and new ways of celebrating life."



Valerie Concha



Lula Elzy

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*Special Thanks to You, the Audience, as we celebrate our 15th Anniversary...
and to our Guest Artists, for your desire to promote
the heart & soul of dance and music for all to experience!*

PROGRAM

Prayer for New Orleans Charlie Miller
Choreography: Kevin Gaudin
Dancer: Kevin Gaudin

The Wonder of Stevie's Love Stevie Wonder
"Excerpt from Third Movement premiere in 1994"
Choreography: Lula Elzy

What a Wonderful World Douglas and Weiss
Arr: Wardell Quezenque - Featuring Donald Harrison
Choreography: Lula Elzy and Valerie Concha
Dancers: Lula Elzy, Kevin Gaudin, Lisa Leithman, Adrian Lindsey,
Juanito Marino, Kesha McKey, Crystal Morgan



Katrina Cranes
NORD/NOBA Center for Dance Moving Van Project
Choreography: Monique Moss
Dancers: Lani Hale, Nikki Jenkins, Zuzanna Mrozek,
Christina Persand, Jari Williams



Blame It on the Sun Stevie Wonder
"Excerpt from First Movement of "The Wonder of Stevie's Love"
Choreography: Lula Elzy
Dancers: Juanita Marino, Lisa Leithman, Crystal Morgan



Healing Waters Arr./Composer, Davell Crawford
"Gather at the River"
Choreography: Lula Elzy
Dancers: Kesha McKey, Adrian Lindsey



Home Sweet Home Arr. Ellis Marsalis
Featuring Pianist, Ronald Markham

"Do You Know What it Means to Miss New Orleans" Laiter-E. Delange
Choreography: Lula Elzy
Dancers: Lula Elzy, Lisa Leithman, Juanita Marino,
Kesha McKey, Crystal Morgan

Komenka Ethnic Dance Ensemble

Dances of the Ukraine Traditional (recorded music)
"Veterok" - a lyrical women's selection and "Gopak" - a lively couple dance
Choreography: Svetlana Al Neyadi



Something Special Arr./Composer, Moses Hogan
"Trashin' the Camp"
Choreography and Dancers: L.E.D.T. Ensemble

— INTERMISSION —

Kumbuka Drum and Dance Collective

KakiLambe

A Traditional Dance of Healing and Harvest from the Baga people of Guinea, West Africa
Artistic Director: Ausetua AmorAmenkum



The Music of Irvin Mayfield

The Reality of Love Composer/Musician, Irvin Mayfield
Choreographer and Dancer: Lula Elzy

The Affair Composer/Musician, Irvin Mayfield
Choreography: Valerie Concha
Dancers: Kevin Gaudin, Adrian Lindsey, Kesha McKey
Pianist: Ronald Markham

A Tribute to New Orleans Irvin Mayfield and Ronald Markham



No Place Like Home

Canal Street Blues Arr./Composer, Michael White
Choreography: Valerie Concha

Lagniappe Arr./Composer, Dirty Dozen Band
Choreography: Kevin Gaudin
Dancers: Lula Elzy, Kevin Gaudin, Lisa Leithman, Adrian Lindsey,
Juanita Marino, Kesha McKey, Crystal Morgan

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