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Countdown to the Guelph Contemporary Dance Festival weekend!

Guelph, ON (May 9, 2012) – The **Guelph Contemporary Dance Festival** is counting down the days to our 14th annual festival weekend. **Power Up** from **Thursday, May 31** to **Sunday, June 3, 2012!**

The GCDF has always aimed to give dance artists from across Canada the chance to perform outside major metropolitan areas. This year is no different as we bring you innovative dance companies like Vancouver-based **Kinesis Dance Somatheatro** and **Link Dance** in our **On the Stage** series. In keeping with this year's **Power Up** theme, both companies explore the sheer physical power of the male—through physical aggression and as social movement. Meanwhile, Toronto-based **firstthingsfirst productions** takes inspiration from a Gertrude Stein essay in their piece, which the *Globe&Mail's* Paula Citron calls a "sly and cheeky labyrinth of choreography."

But it's not all raw energy at the Festival—we're also going to show our spiritual side. In our **In the Park** series, **Zata Omm's** William Yong explores Buddhist scripture and **Fall on Your Feet Collective** gives us a meditation on eternal oneness. **In the Street**, Leslie-Ann Glen of **Pollux Dance** examines the human heart and Guelph's own **Hidden Heart Dance Collective** shows us how one small moment can alter the landscape of our lives.

Ticket prices for the 2012 Festival vary by series—with savings of over 15% through advance purchase of a **Festival Pass** (\$70 for 4 shows; **Stage A, B, In the Studio** and **Youth Moves**), **Stage Pass** (\$55 for 3 shows; **Stage A, B** and **In the Studio**) and **Saturday Pass** (\$35 for 2 shows; **Stage B** and **In the Studio**). **In the Park** and **In the Street** performances are pay-what-you can (suggested \$15), and student and seniors discounts are available (including \$5 eyeGO tickets for students). New this year at the River Run Centre, all tickets are reserved seating. After May 25, all ticket prices go up, so be sure to buy your tickets early!

For more information about ticket prices and available discounts, please contact the **River Run Centre box office** by calling **519-763-3000** or

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online at www.riverrun.ca. Additional information about the 2012 Festival can be found at: www.guelphdance.ca.

More high resolution photos available on request!

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