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Guelph Contemporary Dance Festival Opens Tonight!

Guelph, ON (May 31, 2012) – The **Guelph Contemporary Dance Festival** powers up **tonight** and runs until **Sunday June 3**. Four amazing days—and nights—of dance await you in the streets, parks, and stages of Guelph, Ontario.

There will be lots of behind-the-scenes action this weekend too. Both Stage A and B performances offer **Artist Talkback Sessions** afterward. This is your chance to get even more insight into the unique process of creating and presenting dance.

And there will be two **Public Workshops** to engage your inner dancer. On Saturday, June 2, **Apolonia Valesquez** and **Ofilio Portillo** from **Gadfly** will host **House Dance**, a hands-on exploration of the many dance forms that evolved out of the disco revolution. Then on Sunday, June 3, **Paras Terezakis** from **Kinesis Dance somatheatro** hosts **Performing: Beyond Technique**, in which dance teaches us to communicate more effectively. Don't miss this chance to learn from the best! Both sessions run from 9:30-10:45am at Dancetheatre David Earle, 42 Quebec Street. Anyone over 13 and all skill levels welcome.

This year's GCDF will also showcase friends from the **Guelph Fab 5**, a collective of five area arts festivals that, like the GCDF, believe in cutting-edge, consciousness-raising performances. Our In the Park performances each start a half hour early with one of these compelling **Hillside Festival** singers: **Preetam Sengupta**, **Alanna Gurr**, or **Bry Webb**. Our On the Stage A performance features a reading from environmentally-conscious poet **Tanis Rideout**, courtesy of the **Eden Mills Writer's Festival**.

For GCDF dates and times, please see our website, guelphdance.ca. Tickets are going fast, so don't forget to **reserve a seat** at the River Run Centre for our On the Stage A and B performances and for Youth Moves. You can reserve by phone at 519-763-3000 or 1-877-520-2408 or online at riverrun.ca/tickets/.

More high resolution photos available on request.

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