



## ADF to host preseason block party

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DURHAM -- The American Dance Festival will throw a free preseason block party May 31 from 6-8 p.m. at Peabody Place, in the Brightleaf Square district.

This party is free and open to the public. ADF's Modern Scene, a volunteer organization, is presenting this event in conjunction with Pop's, Parker and Otis and Morgan Imports. At the party, participants may purchase discounted tickets to events during the 2009 ADF season, which runs June 18 through July 25.

Participants will be able to eat, soak up the sun, and learn more about the 2009 festival, whose theme is "Where Ballet and Modern Meet." The public can enjoy complimentary pizza and barbecue from Pop's, music by DJ j.sonel, nostalgic games such as Twister & Corn Hole, entertainment by 1in8 Hoopdance and others, and a cash bar.

This event, hosted by New York dance and theater artist Mark Dendy and ADF Director of Development Tica Lema, will have video of 2009 festival participants, information about ADF's new online video blog and community projects, and numerous opportunities to win door prizes from local restaurants and retailers.



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