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**THE AMERICAN DANCE FESTIVAL BRINGS
A PARTY TO THE BLOCK
SUNDAY, MAY 31
Peabody Place, downtown Durham
tickets, food, fun, music, Festival previews, games and prizes**

Durham, N.C. – In celebration of the 2009 American Dance Festival (ADF) which performs June 18 – July 25, **ADF’s Modern Scene, Pop’s, Parker and Otis, and Morgan Imports** will throw a free pre-season **ADF Block Party** at downtown Durham’s Peabody Place (Brightleaf District) on **Sunday, May 31 from 6-8pm**. The party is free and open to the public and will include **special discounts for ticket purchases that evening ONLY**.

The ADF Block Party is a laid-back Sunday afternoon happening where folks can play, eat, soak up the sun and learn more about the 2009 Festival, *Where Ballet and Modern Meet*. “This is an excellent opportunity for ADF newcomers and seasoned dance lovers alike to come socialize and unwind with friends and family and become engaged with the unique opportunities available at the ADF this summer,” said ADF Co-Director Jodee Nimerichter. All are invited to enjoy complimentary pizza and barbeque from Pop’s, music by DJ j.sonel, nostalgic games such as Twister & Corn Hole, entertainment by 1in8 HoopDance & others, and a cash bar. This free event hosted by New York dance and theater artist Mark Dendy and ADF Director of Development Tica Lema kicks off the 2009 Festival with video of 2009 Festival participants, information about ADF’s new online video blog & community

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projects, specially discounted tickets for all block party participants, and numerous opportunities to win door prizes from local restaurants and retailers.

Calendar editors, please note:

ADF Block Party

Sunday, May 31

6-8pm

Peabody Place, Downtown Durham

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Founded in 1934 in Bennington, Vermont, the ADF remains an international magnet for choreographers, dancers, teachers, students, critics, musicians, and scholars to learn and create in a supportive environment. ADF's wide range of programs includes performances, artist services, humanities projects, publications, community outreach, educational programs and classes, archives, media projects, and national and international projects. ADF has been presenting the best in modern dance for over 75 years. www.americandancefestival.org

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