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2012 AMERICAN DANCE FESTIVAL

Week 4 Features ADF Debuts by Ragamala Dance and Vertigo Dance Company, ADF Faculty Concert, 17th Annual International Screendance Festival, and ADF Musician's Concert at American Tobacco Campus

Durham, NC, July 2, 2012 – The American Dance Festival (ADF) continues on with its fourth week of performances by presenting two companies never before seen at the ADF. Minnesota-based Ragamala Dance makes their ADF debut by bringing Classical South Indian dance to Reynolds Industries Theater Tuesday-Thursday, July 10-12. Following their debut, acclaimed Israeli company Vertigo Dance Company will make their debut performance at DPAC Friday and Saturday, July 13 & 14. The renowned ADF Faculty will take the stage for their own concert on Sunday, July 8 at 2 pm and 8 pm at Reynolds Industries Theater. Additionally, for the first time, the ADF Musicians Concert will be held as part of American Tobacco's Music on the Lawn Series on Thursday, July 13 at 6 pm at American Tobacco Campus.

Ragamala Dance

Tuesday, July 10-Thursday, July 12

Reynolds Industries Theater

Heralded as one of the Diaspora's leading Bharatanatyam companies, Ragamala Dance has broken the bounds of the traditional South Indian classical dance form and seamlessly carried it into the 21st century. Artistic Directors Raneer Ramaswamy and Aparna Ramaswamy bring the culture's unique sensibility of mysticism, myth, and sanctity onto the contemporary dance stage, creating a captivating experience that is unlike any other. Their ADF debut will feature Sacred Earth (2011), a work inspired by two transient art forms: kolam floor drawings and Warli wall paintings. This collage of the senses uses the visual beauty on stage along with the live musical accompaniment to develop and explore the interconnectedness of humans and the vast landscapes that shape them.

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Vertigo Dance Company**Friday, July 13-Saturday, July 14****Durham Performing Arts Center**

Vertigo Dance Company makes their ADF debut with their beautiful and dynamic work, *Mana*. Choreographed by Noa Wertheim, *Mana* brings to the stage a quiet and restrained strength as it explores an individual's struggle to reconnect with himself and the internal transformation that subsequently happens. Their movement teems with energy and fluid athleticism, while the dramatic moving set and costumes bring audiences to a place where the dancers' boundaries are set, pushed, and broken throughout the journey developing on stage.

ADDITIONAL FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES

Friday-Sunday, July 6-8 the ADF will present the **17th Annual International Screendance Festival**, directed and curated by Emmy nominated director Douglas Rosenberg. The festival will feature chosen films that explore the dynamic and continually evolving relationship between cinematography and dance. All screenings take place at **White Lecture Hall** and **Nasher Museum of Art** at Duke University. For a full schedule please visit the ADF website at www.americandancefestival.org.

Join the incredible **ADF Faculty** as they present an exciting concert of their works, performed by both faculty and students, at Reynolds Industries Theater on **Sunday, July 8 at 2 pm and 8 pm**. The concert will feature the same program at both performances. For the very first time the **ADF Musicians Concert** will be featured in the American Tobacco Music on the Lawn series on **Thursday, July 13 at 6 pm** at American Tobacco Campus. Come enjoy the beautiful sounds of the musicians that inspire the ADF students throughout the summer with their inventive and diverse musical backgrounds.

WAYS TO SAVE

The ADF is pleased to provide several opportunities to save while still enjoying the performances and programs of this world-renowned Festival. Partial Series Subscriptions to both ADF@DUKE and ADF@DPAC offer patrons the opportunity to save 25% on their order when purchasing tickets to 4 or more performances at one venue. Full Series Subscriptions offer 35% off an order when purchasing tickets to every performance at one venue. Groups of 10 or more save 20% off regular-priced tickets and seniors receive a \$3/ticket discount. Area students may take advantage of the ADF Student Rush program and save 50% on all tickets purchased one hour before each performance. **ADF@DPAC and ADF@Duke orders cannot be combined to secure a Partial or Full Series Subscription.*

PURCHASING TICKETS

Tickets range in price from \$18 - \$60. Single tickets can be purchased by phone, by mail, online at www.americandancefestival.org, and in-person at the Duke University Box Office (ADF@Duke performances), the DPAC Box Office (ADF@DPAC performances), and the NCMA Box Office, and by mail.

For ADF@DPAC performances:

www.americandancefestival.org
919-680-ARTS (2787)
Durham Performing Arts Center Ticket Center
The American Tobacco District
123 Vivian St.
Durham, NC 27701
Tuesday-Friday 10 am-5 pm
Saturday 10 am-2 pm

For ADF@DUKE performances:

www.americandancefestival.org
919-684-4444
Duke University Box Office
Bryan University Center
Duke University West Campus
Monday-Friday 11 am-6 pm

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For ADF@NCMA (Shen Wei Dance Arts) performance:

www.americandancefestival.org

919-715-5923

North Carolina Museum of Art East Building

2110 Blue Ridge Road

Raleigh, North Carolina 27607

Tuesday–Thursday: 10 am-5 pm

Friday: 10 am-9 pm

Saturday–Sunday: 10 am-5 pm

For additional information about ADF performances, free community outreach activities, or the ADF School, please visit www.americandancefestival.org.

**PROMOTIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF PERFORMING COMPANIES
AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.**

About ADF:

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. The ADF's wide range of programs includes performances, artist services, educational programs and classes, community outreach, national and international projects, archives, humanities projects, publications, and media projects. The ADF has been presenting the best in modern dance for over 78 years.
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2012 ADF Week Four Event Calendar

DATE/TIME/LOCATION	COMPANY	REPERTOIRE
July 10-12 at 8 pm Reynolds Industries Theater	Ragamala Dance	<i>Sacred Earth</i> ^
July 13-14 at 8 pm DPAC	Vertigo Dance Company	<i>Mana</i> ^

*ADF Commissioned World Premiere

**ADF Commission

^{USP}US Premiere

^ADF CompanyDebut

OTHER EVENTS/PERFORMANCES

DATE/TIME/LOCATION	EVENT	NOTES
July 8 at 2 pm & 8 pm Reynolds Industries Theater	ADF Faculty Concert	Free Event!
July 13 at 6pm American Tobacco Campus Lawn	ADF Musicians Concert	Free Event!
July 6 - 8 White Lecture Hall & Nasher Art Museum	17th Annual International Screendance Festival	Free Event! <i>See website for detailed schedule.</i>