

Dance residency program features BoanDanz Action Company

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The Marlin and Ginger Miller Dance Residency Program at Alfred University launches the 2007-08 season with a multi-media performance, "Voyeur," by BoanDanz Action Company, on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 14-15, at 7 p.m. in the C.D. Smith III Theater, Miller Performing Arts Center. Admission to the performances is free but reservations are strongly recommended. For reservations, please e-mail performs@alfred.edu, or call the box office at 607.871.2828. BoanDanz Action is a young dance company founded in Philadelphia in 2005 by Artistic Director Marianela Boan. Boan is an internationally acclaimed choreographer, recognized as one of the most important artists of contemporary Cuban dance. In "Voyeur," shown one week after its world premiere in Philadelphia, Boan showcases her revolutionary style of "contaminated dance," a style that includes all arts, having dance as its main expression. Her emotionally expressive movement styles draw on both traditional and modern genres. The performance includes video and original compositions by electro-acoustic musician Jason Carr. In an act of voyeurism, the audience monitors the intimate life of a married couple, complete with all of their joy and confusion, pleasure and pain. Will the monotone perfection of domestic life drive them to desperate acts against themselves, and the world? "Voyeur" features dancers Scott McPheeters and Bethany Formica. The company has received critical acclaim at la MaMa Experimental Theater, New York; Painted Bride Art Center and Conwell Theater, Philadelphia; and the Bates Festival, Bates College, Lewiston, Maine. The group will be performing at The San Francisco International Art Festival among other venues. BoanDanz Action Company follows the conceptual development of Boan's company DanzAbierta, which she created and directed for 15 years in Cuba. DanzAbierta is currently touring and performing her repertory worldwide. Boan will also teach classes in Alfred University's dance program in addition to instructing an improvisation class open to the public Friday Sept. 14, from 10-11:15 a.m., in Miller Performing Arts Center's dance studio. For more information about the residency, please e-mail Chase Angier, assistant professor of dance, at angierc@alfred.edu. For additional information about Boan and BoanDanz Action Company, please visit www.marianelaboan.com.