

Alfred University Dance Theater to Present Student Dancers, Choreographers

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Alfred, NY -- More than 50 student dancers as well as student singers and choreographers will present "Cutting Loose," an Alfred University dance theater, Thursday through Saturday (March 18-20). The event, which is open to the public, is at 8 p.m. at the C.D. Smith Theater in Miller Performing Arts Center on the AU campus. Tickets are \$4; admission is free for AU students. For ticket reservations, call 607 871-2828. Directing the dancers will be Susan Caligaris, assistant professor of dance. She is collaborating with Luanne Clarke, assistant professor of voice and chorus, in "Sigalagala" (translated as "Let there be ululation"), a dance she choreographed to a score from Kenya performed by the Alfred University Chamber Singers. Other features of the dance concert will include Irish step dancing by Maggie Ritnour, a modern ballet by Joy Spatuzzi and Jen Hertzler, a tap dance with Erin Isbister and Rachel Lenz, and two modern dance trios: Melissa Debolt, Jeanna Bellizzi, and Dawn Iannucci in one and Foresta Castaneda, Kelly Pelton, and Maria Pavone in the other. An additional highlight will be African-American step-dancing with the Alfred Step Team dancers. Other student choreographers presenting work this spring are Beth Grimes, Halley Gerstel, Liz Ainslee, and Monica Duncan. The Kenyan number will also be performed April 10 at the Chamber Singers' concert, set for 8 p.m. at the Union University Church. For more information about the performances, call the AU Division of Performing Arts, 607 871-2562.