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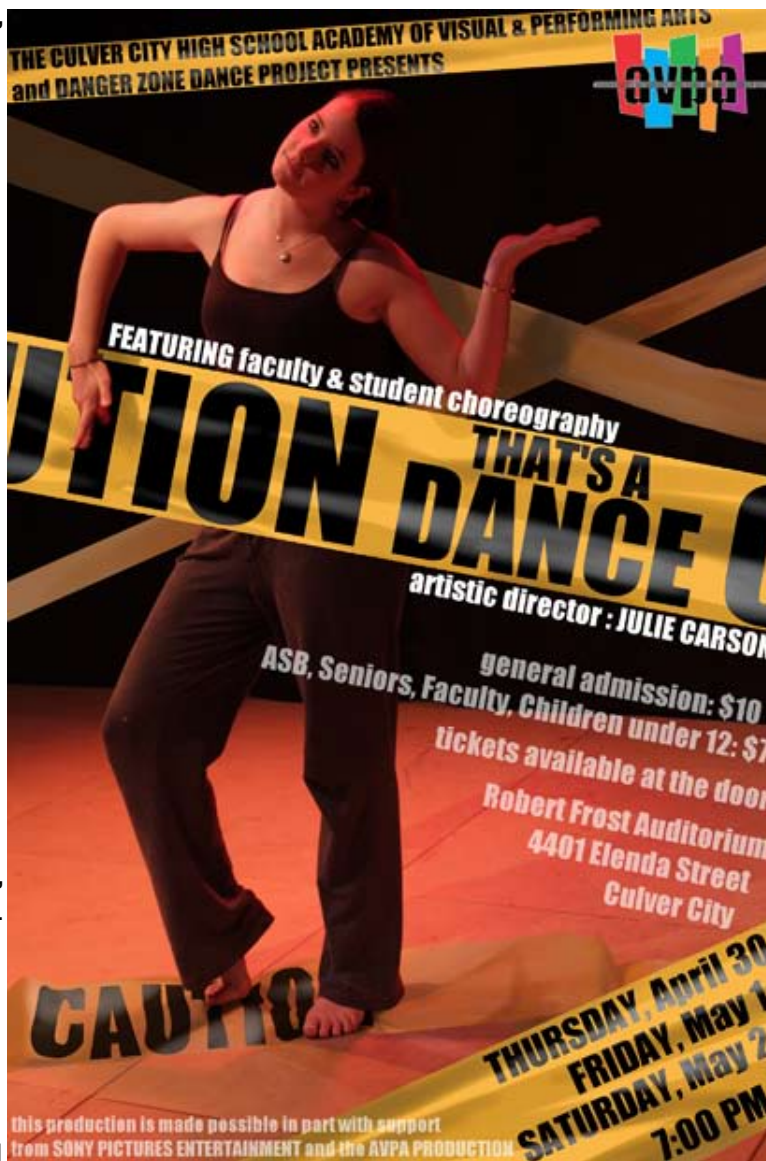
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Inspiring and empowering students to build a compassionate and creative community through innovative and challenging arts education.

The AVPA's New Dance Company, Danger Zone Dance Project, presents: CAUTION: That's a Dance

"CAUTION: That's a Dance", this spring's dance concert features an exciting array of faculty and student choreography, including dance theater, post modern, hip hop, tap, musical theater, and contemporary Indian folk dance. Following the tradition of last year's "evening-length work," the program will be woven together with unique, fun, and interesting theatrical and movement transitions to create an inspiring evening of dance theater.

"CAUTION: That's a Dance" is a title that continues along the lines of the new dance company name, Danger Zone Dance Project. As a collective, the company likes to think of new ways to present dance, and new dances to present. DZDP thinks outside of the box, including dancing in spaces that come in direct contact with the audience, and creating dances that may or may not fall within the notions of conventional



dance. Danger Zone Dance Company's interest for the spring concert is to present dance work that questions the boundaries of traditional dance, presenting dance theater that is sometimes funny, exciting, illuminating, serious, thought-provoking, and often quirky.

"Ours are not your average dance students," states Julie Carson, the Creative Director of Dance for the AVPA. "Many of the AVPA dance students have taken advantage of the many opportunities the Academy of Visual and Performing Arts has to offer. Most of my senior students have studied several dance forms, as well as taken a contemporary look at choreography. Some of the dance students have participated in our musical theater opportunities and music offerings, so many have a strong foundation in theater and

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music, as well as dance. This gives me an excellent opportunity to take advantage of the skills the dance students have developed. This year's spring concert will incorporate all that the AVPA has to offer: dance, music, theater, and a visual art sensibility as well.

Following up on the 2009 January Dance Showing, which presented short works created by the students of the contemporary choreography class offered in the fall, this concert will highlight the projects that have been further developed. "This year all of the seniors have been required to develop senior projects for the dance concert," states Carson. "Most of the projects come from seeds that were originally formed in the choreography class. The majority of the work is imaginative and personal. I'm very proud of the way the seniors have taken responsibility for their artistry. I think it's exceptional."

The concert will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings, April 30, May 1 and 2, at 7:00 in the Robert Frost Auditorium, 4401 Elenda Street, Culver City High School. Admission is \$10 general and \$7 ASB, faculty, seniors, and children under 12. Tickets are available at the door 30 minutes before the performance. AVPA Season Pass holders are permitted free of charge.



The Danger Zone Dance Company rehearses a "cool" section of their dance.

Danger Zone Dance Project hosts Dance-A-Thon fundraiser

The Danger Zone Dance Project held their first annual Dance-A-Thon on March 25, 2009, just one short week after many of the students closed the remarkably successful spring musical, *Singing in the Rain*. Almost all of the dance majors and minors were able to pitch in to support the Dance Department by collecting pledges to dance for 4 long hours on that beautiful spring Sunday afternoon. The dancers danced to rock and roll, hip hop, pop, musical theater, reggae, ska, and latin rhythms in the Frost Auditorium, decked with balloons and festive CAUTION tape. The students went home that evening with sore feet and tired bodies after a LONG afternoon of dances well done! Parents, friends, and AVPA foundation representatives also stopped by to check out the action, and a surprise visitor, Ms. Lisa Michel, also danced her way in and around the Frost a few times as well.



Dance majors Jasira Woods, Emily Kosciuk, and Sara Meyer kick up their heels at the DZDP's first annual Dance-A-Thon.



Thanks to all those who helped support the DZDP fundraiser; from the students who collected pledges, to the faculty, family, and friends who provided financial and moral support!

A special thanks to Dance Dept. Representative Michelle Woods for organizing the event and manning the concessions table for the entire afternoon, broken leg and all. (Not to mention Ann Miks, who also helped a ton that day!)

Stussy Skate Shoe and Outlet Sale

On Saturday, April 25, Stussy, Inc. will drive their trucks into the parking lot of El Rincon Elementary School on the corner of Sawtelle and Overland. AVPA students will eagerly unpack the trucks in anticipation of the gate opening for the onslaught of shoppers from 10am to 2pm.

Stussy will be selling their complete line of pants, hats, t-shirts, sweatshirts, bags and more. They'll also have DC, Adio, Globe and other brand-name shoes as well as Paul Frank and World Industries. All at 50% or more off retail prices. You won't want to miss these great buys.

Remember to check out the AVPA Foundation table. We'll be selling AVPA tote bags and aprons. Fourth of July raffle tickets will be available. Purchase advance price tickets for the ever popular Java Gala Benefit. Tickets are \$30 until May 1 and then the price goes up. After you shop, purchase an ice cold drink to cool down.

Everyone benefits from the Stussy Fundraiser. You get a head start on your summer shopping at wholesale prices. The AVPA students earn community service hours while raising funds for all their AVPA projects.

There's still time to volunteer. Just contact Susan Bronstein, AVPA Coordinator of the Stussy Fundraiser, at bronstein84@verizon.net. See you at the sale!



AVPA Fundraiser - Stussy Sale

April 25, 10-2 pm, El Rincon Elementary

CAUTION: That's A Dance

April 30, May 1 & 2 @ 7:00PM

Robert Frost Auditorium

JAVA GALA Benefit for AVPA

Friday, May 22, Robert Frost Auditorium

CCHS/AVPA Spring Music Concert

May 27, 7 pm, Robert Frost

Music Festival & Competition

Saturday, May 30 TBA

Spring Film Premiere

June 12, Sony Pictures Ent.

Academy Awards: June 13

Always check www.avpa.org for schedule changes.



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