SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE DANCE AND VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT PRESENTS
"An Evening of Dance" @ THE SAVILLE THEATRE May 8 and 9, 2015

San Diego, CA – April 29, 2015 – The San Diego City College Dance Department presents its spring dance production "An Evening of Dance" on Friday and Saturday, May 8 and 9, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 9 at 2 p.m. in the Saville Theatre.

Under the direction of Alicia Rincon, each spring the City College Dance department produces an evening of dance comprised of talented student dancers with intriguing faculty choreography. Each dance contains its own theme supported by music, costumes, light, video and set designs. Patrons enjoy a rich combination of contemporary dance forms including modern, hip hop, modern-jazz, and dance/theater influences. City College faculty choreographers include: Alicia Rincon; grace shinhae jun; Terri Shipman; Debi Toth-Ward and Terry Wilson. The performance also includes special guest artist and alumna Zaquia Mahler Salinas and student choreographer Dante Finch.

The City College faculty and guest artists have chosen to create dances that reflect human passions, the unique elements of nature, and the world around us. Director Alicia Rincon’s Carolina Sugarlands is placed in the great Smokey Mountains of the south and accompanied by the music of the "Carolina Chocolate Drops" and the deep pulsating rhythms of "Papa Mali". This dance explores the everyday lives of women in this region known as the Sugarlands. Through their connection to the earth, and a journey laden with hardship, the women teach each other to overcome the challenges of life with friendship and joy.

Alumna Zaquia Mahler Salinas’ dance, Swiggity Swooty is a playful new work set to the score of mellow beats by Glass Animals. Nine, luscious dancers groove and come together in a purely physical and feel-good performance about celebrating the music and one another.

Back by popular demand from the fall 2014 dance concert, student choreographer Dante Finch will perform his Harpy Ladies. Harpy Ladies is a dance about doing what needs to be done to survive in this life. Throughout this physical and emotional performance, Dante brings to light the struggles in securing comfortable living conditions and discovering the
support needed to build a good life.

**Finding Home** by grace shinhae jun is a reflection of courage and determination and its reverberations. In this story, a woman protests in pacifist ways that symbolizes the strength we all carry, even as her bold moves causes the suffering of those close to her.

Featuring the Kronos Quartet and composers Foday Musa Suso and Rahul Dev Burman, Terri Shipman’s **Shards** reflects on human fragility, and its painfulness when broken. Watch this dance closely as it uniquely reveals the beauty and glimmer of hope through the pain.

In **Pinnacles**, Debi Toth-Ward investigates balancing points and asks the question: how far can you go? Observing balancing rocks that connect at unexpected points, pinnacles can also be experienced from a high mountain top or as part of one’s greatest moment of success. Toth-Ward navigates through her dance with some of Berlin’s best-known techno musicians Marcel Dettman and Ben Klock.

Based on two pieces of sculpture created by City College art students, Terry Wilson’s **Blending in the Biosphere** recognizes the force of nature, animals and humans and their ability to blend together in a shared existence on our small planet. Weaving together a collage of music, video images and movement, the dance plays with the emergence of a new species.

**“An Evening of Dance”** promises to be an exciting performance of movement, visual imagery and an exploration of the human condition. Rincon says, “The audience will be delighted with the commitment, talent and performance of the City College dance students, while enjoying the artistry of the dance faculty and our gifted guest choreographers.”

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Friday, May 8th, 8:00pm; Saturday, May 9th, 2:00 and 8:00pm
City College Saville Theater 14th & “C” Streets
Tickets: $10 CASH ONLY
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