Mary Miller Dance Company

The Mary Miller Dance Company delights in the variety of our world. Through multilayered choreography performed by a wide variety of artists, the company expresses the many facets of modern life with wit, depth, feeling, and a universal appeal.

Like the many flavors in a favorite meal – difficult to quantify but easy to recognize – the Mary Miller Dance Company offers variety unified by a nutritious expression of equality.

Through performances, educational programs, site-specific works and other events, the company touches a widely varied audience.

Presenting modern dance performances in Pittsburgh since 1984, the Mary Miller Dance Company is the oldest single-artist-vision modern dance company in Pittsburgh.



Left: "A Gathering of Women," performed at Magee-Womens Hospital. Above: Mary Miller and Lindel Gum.

The Company reflects the dancing style of its founder, Artistic Director, and choreographer Mary Miller, whose works reflect on our daily urban life and today's social, psychological and political issues. Her distinctive choreographic compositions are of people and their interactions with space, time, and each other.

Reflection of humanity



Dance

The **mission** of the Mary Miller Dance Company is to create, develop, and present modern dance works that reflect on our daily life and today's social, psychological and political issues; to serve the community at large – including all populations – by offering classes and performance opportunities to students.

The Mary Miller Dance Company is a diverse organization and an equal opportunity employer, which places equal weight on all parts of its mission statement.

The artistic vision for the Company is:

To present and to have presented works, by Ms. Miller, in traditional and non-traditional performance and outreach venues;

To present works that reflect on life in general and in detail, relevant to and reflecting on our lives, performed by a company of dancers and guest artists;

Vision

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Interdisciplinary

To present works that reflect the diversity of our world, multicultural, multigenerational, and interdisciplinary works, bringing together artists of varying disciplines and encour-

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aging them to cross borders and explore other styles and disciplines, while also broadening the Company's communication;

To present works based in Ms. Miller's modern dance style representative of the human nature common to us all;

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To present works reflecting

on the connection of art and life, the thoughts and feelings that create a common bond between people, and reflect inclusion and communication.

Left: "Our World: One People, Many Faces." Above right: "Flush," publicity photo by The Kohler Company. Above: "In the Silence Veiling."

Our educational programming includes everything from a 45-minute lecture/demostration on modern dance with professional performance to a full course of education tailored to your students. Every presentation and concert includes a post-performance discussion.

Outreach

Beginning with the youngest students in creative movement classes, we offer an in-depth group approach which may include modern dance techniques, choreography, and improvisation.

In active or passive educational situations, the Mary Miller Dance Company provides whatever your group's educational needs require. The Company provides workshops through master classes for



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students from pre-K through 12; pre-professional modern dance students; and professional modern dancers. The Company also provides classes for persons of all ages who are physically and/or emotionally challenged: deaf and hard of hearing, wheelchair-bound, learning-disabled, etc.



Photo by Audrey N. Glickman *Above right: "Ropes." Above: "Graceful Light in Weightless Darkness." Below: "Cows with Guns.*" Photo by Randy Choura Photography

Ms. Miller, certified in psychomotor therapy by New York Medical College's Mental Retardation Institute, has for many years enjoyed creating and administering the Moving For Life!_{SM} program, a flexible and adaptable course in creative movement for individuals with varying degrees of physical or mental disabilities.

In addition to the usual outreach programs of a modern dance company, the experience of the Mary Miller Dance Company includes work with the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, the School for Blind Children, new programs at the Hill House, preschool students,

> persons with disabilities, gradeschool, high school, and college students, and, of course, general and incidental audiences.

Touching every population

We can create the educational program you have been seeking! Our years of experience demonstrate only a small part of what we can do.



Modern Dance

Offering a repertoire of works from "**Coffee**" to "**Heaven and Earth**," from "**Let There Be Peace**" to "**In the Silence, Veiling**," "**Winter**" to "**Flush**," "**Dancing in the Dark**" to "**Graceful Light in Weightless Darkness**." We perform "**Equality**," "**Cows with Guns**," the touring work "**A Gathering of Women**," and "**City Dance/Traveling Dance**," a site work for your sidewalks, buildings and parks. Since 1985, the Mary Miller Dance Company provides the mirror to our lives.



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Concert performances, site-specific works, residencies, master classes, and lecture/demonstrations bring the world of modern dance to your community in a way which involves you.

Artistic Director Mary Miller sees the world, as the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* noted, "through movement, from the sublime to the ridiculous."



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Above: "Red." Right: "Not Just Love." Below: "Garbage." Immediately below: "Let There Be Peace." Below left, "Miller Klezmerized."





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