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Friday, May 22, 2015

## ChEck Us OuT Dance Festival Application Deadline Extended to 5/22

Company: ChEckiT!Dance Venue: Solar One Location: New York, NY ► Share | Print | Download

ChEckiT!Dance is accepting applications from female choreographers to the Fifth Annual ChEck Us OuT Dance Festival, an eco-friendly evening of dance celebrating female choreographers, on Saturday, July 18, 2015 at 5pm at Solar One on the East River, NYC. Pieces from any genre of dance that can be adapted to an outdoor space are encouraged to submit. The deadline to apply has been extended to Friday, May 22, 2015 and the application form is available at www.checkitdance.com.

The festival seeks to showcase the talents of strong, female choreographers in a welcoming and fun environment. ChEck Us OuT Dance Festival is a carefully curated event that has featured the works of choreographers from across the globe, including California, upstate New York and Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Last year's featured artists included:

Cathy Allen/Red Desert Dance Ensemble

Allison Berger

Allison Brzezinski/ChEckiT!Dance

Meredith Cabaniss/Selah Dance Collective

Alyssa Derling/Derling Dance Arts

Melissa Jackson/Innovate Dance Company

Alia Kache

Lauren Lasorda and Tali Custer

AlexJo Natale/Gestalt Dance

Joya Powell/Movement of the People Dance Company

Jessie Sector

Sophie Sotsky/TYKE Dance

Jessica Taylor/DAMAGEDANCE

Meredith Testa

The ChEck Us OuT Dance Festival is the culmination of all of ChEckiT!Dance's efforts to increase performance opportunities for female dance makers. This annual outdoor festival, now in its fifth year, is curated and produced by ChEckiT! Dance each July. Summit Rock in Central Park has been the home of the past four festivals. This year, the festival will be held at Solar One! on the East River. The ChEck Us OuT Dance Festival is a platform designed specifically to provide female choreographers the opportunity to share their work with an eager audience. The work is enriching, lively, and thrilling, and the eclectic styles of dance presented by performers hailing from all corners of the globe, builds a truly global community of female dance artists. In addition, the ChEck Us OuT Dance Festival is entirely green and entirely free of admission, providing access for all.

ChEckiT!Dance is an all female modern dance company based in New York City founded by Artistic Director, Allison Brzezinski in 2010. Through the creation and production of new works that seek to empower women and explore what it means to be a woman, we seek to create a crack in the stereotypical infrastructure of female archetypes and standards most commonly portrayed on stage. It is our goal to both promote awareness and gender equality through our own work and provide a platform for emerging female choreographers and dancers to share their talents.

Under the leadership of Allison Brzezinski, ChEckiT!Dance utilizes improvisational and collaborative movement techniques. Company members are given phrase material or written material to work with, from which they create, adapt, and devise their own movement. Each dancer has their voice heard in the company, and their individuality and creativity is vital for the company as a whole. This collaboration forms a community of female artists, working together without competition or stress. We are women working together to make change happen, inside the studio and out. www.checkitdance.com.

ChEckiT!Dance's performance credits include: Edinburgh Fringe, Scotland; Body Blend, Dixon Place, NYC; JT Lotus First Choreographer's Showcase, The Ailey Studios, NYC; HATCH Presenting Series, The Works Studios, NYC; STEPS Performance Lab Series, STEPS, NYC; New York City Dance Parade, NYC; Dance Fest, The Bandshell at Tompkins Square Park, NYC; ChEck Us OuT Dance Festival, Summit Rock, NYC-2011, 2012, 2013, 2014; Waterside Plaza Dance Festival, Waterside Plaza, NYC; Moving Beauty Series Dance Lab, Church of All Nations, NYC; Secrets, Lies and Rumors: A Cabaret, Loft on Fifth, NYC; MishMash201, Sukha Arts Center, Harrington Park, NJ; FigmentNYC,

Governor's Island, NY-- 2012, 2013; TEXT/CONTEXT, The Kraft Center at Columbia University/

Barnard College, NYC \*featured artist at talk back\*; GHOST Series, The Gershwin Hotel, NYC;

Astoria Dance Festival, Bohemian Beer Garden, Astoria, NY 2012, 2013; Dance Film Association's Films That Move Series, Solar One, NYC; Home is Where The Art Is, Triskelion Arts, Brooklyn, NY; 20 Years Celebration of Dance, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA.

ChEckiT!Dance East 23rd St. New York, NY, 10010 6467654773 http://www.checkitdance.com Schedule May 22, 2015: 11:59pm

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