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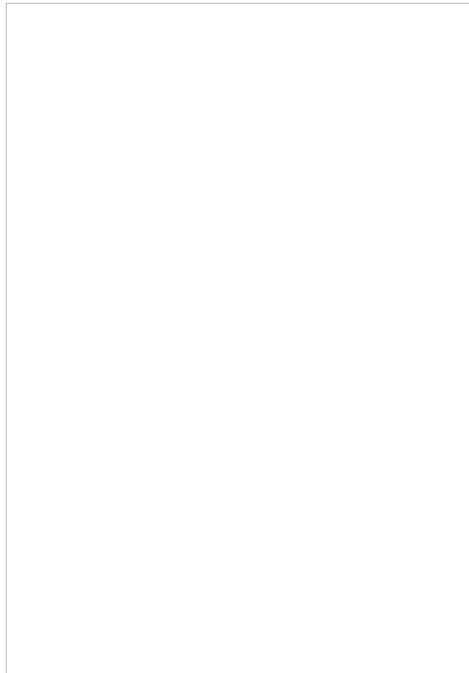
The Bessies Cocktail Party

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When: Wednesday, July 17, 2013, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Where: Gibney Dance, 890 Broadway, 5th Floor (between East 19th and East 20th Streets), New York, NY



The Bessie Awards Steering Committee: Cora Cahan, Beverly D'Anne, Lane Harwell, Judy Hussie-Taylor, Carla Peterson, Laurie Uprichard, Martin Wechsler, and Reggie Wilson, invite you to an evening of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Following the cocktails, nominations will be announced for The Bessie Awards honoring work from the 2012/2013 season and the following awards will be presented: *Juried Bessie Award 2013*, and *Bessie Award for Emerging Choreographer*.

Tickets are \$50

The 2013 Bessie Jury: Ishmael Houston-Jones, Eiko Otake, and Jason Samuels Smith, will announce their choice for the Juried Bessie Award. This jury of acclaimed choreographers is chosen each year by the Bessie Steering Committee. Together they have selected a single work or choreographer that exhibits the most interesting and exciting ideas happening in dance in New York City today. The honored dance maker will tour their work to one or more regional theaters outside of the City. This annual affair has become one of the most anticipated dance events in New York. Additionally for the first time the Bessie Selection Committee will present the Emerging Choreographer Award at this event.

The Bessie committees look forward to raising a glass with you!

The Bessies Award Cocktail Party is a fundraiser to benefit the Bessies, a sponsored program of Performance Zone Inc (dba The Field), a not-for-profit, tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. You will receive a tax deduction for all but the \$15 value of refreshments.

The New York Dance and Performance Awards, aka the Bessies have saluted outstanding dance work since 1984. They were founded by David White and named for the treasured teacher of dance and composition, Bessie Schonberg. The 2012 awards ceremony will be on October 7, 2013 at the legendary Apollo Theater. www.dancenyc.org/bessies

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