

Press Release

Step Out Arts announces new developments in British East Asian Dance Showcasing new work in Greenwich and Bedford: Partnerships with Taiwan and China

Step Out Arts (SOA) has announced three new developments: **Stepping East 2010**, **Artscross**, and an all-new website and office. Building on Step Out Arts success in the British Choreographers Development Scheme 2009 (BEACDS) new work from young and up-and-coming British East Asian choreographers will be showcased at **Stepping East 2010** in London with the support of Greenwich Dance, on 2 October and at the University of Bedfordshire Theatre on 6 October.

Both venues will be showcasing works in progress by Step Out Arts's four new Associate Artist Choreographers: **Lucia Tong**, **Julia Cheng**, **Jia-Yu Corti** and **Yu-Yu Rau**. The four pieces will present innovative and contemporary choreographic ideas researched and developed as part of the Stepping East scheme. The event at Greenwich Dance will feature further development work performances by two of last year's BEACDS artists **Khamlane Halsackda** and **Chisato Minamimura**.

Stepping East 2010 will provide a hotbed of exciting young talent, as well as a vital networking event for choreographers, dancers, programmers and promoters. Stepping East at Greenwich Dance will also include a daytime symposium to complement the evening showcases. Seminars specifically aimed at performers and choreographers will cover essential industry topics including 'How to Write a Successful Funding Application' and 'How to Promote and Tour Your Work.'

As part of its continuing programme of strategic partnership-building with national and international dance agencies, Step Out Arts is also announcing a new project: **Artscross**. In partnership with Taipei National University of Arts (NTUA), ResCen (The Centre for Research into Creation in the Performing Arts) and Middlesex University, **Artscross** will provide opportunities to academics and choreographers from the UK, Taiwan, China and other East Asian countries to take part in cross-cultural research through a choreographic exchange. **Artscross** is planned to take place at the Taiwan National University in August 2011.

To reflect the huge changes that Step Out Arts has undergone in the past two years, the organisation is currently creating a new website, scheduled to launch early in September 2010. Step Out Arts has also found a new home at the University of Bedfordshire Theatre and will be moving in from November 2010. Finally make sure you check out the SOA BEACDS 2009 article in the September issue of Dancing Times.

Notes to Editors:

To book tickets for the Stepping East showcases please contact:
Greenwich Dance Box Office: 44 (0)20 8293 9741 or visit www.greenwichdance.org.uk
University of Bedfordshire Theatre Box Office: 0800 3285334 or visit www.beds.ac.uk/theatre

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