

Professional Guest Company

The Monell Dance Company

Molly M. Snell is the founder and Artistic Director for The Monell Dance Company. Ms. Snell is the recent recipient of National Dance Educator of the Year 2008 United States, awarded by the National Dance Association and the Southern District Dance Educator of the Year 2008. Her works have premiered throughout the United States and internationally and she has received awards for acclaimed works in 2005, 2007 and 2008 by the National Dance Association for "Fever" in Honor of Gus Giordano, "Silenced from Within" and "Divergence." Her repertory work "Shedding Skin" which premiered at the national level in 2002 has been a long standing choreographic piece that has been re-set on multiple student and college companies including SFA University for the American College Dance Festival. The Monell Dance Company's mission is to service through performance and education of the performing arts in, private sectors, elementary, secondary and high school levels, college and university institutions, workshops, conventions, conferences and professional companies as well as servicing the local communities throughout Houston, Dallas and Austin. The Company provides performances of new and repertory works, guest choreography and master classes in all genres of dance and lectures/ workshops in dance performance and education. The Monell Dance Company currently is performing two new works "Re-Stayed" and "Supported" at the Lone Star College Kingwood Fall Dance Concert 2008 and the Westchester Academy for International Studies Winter Dance Concert 2008 in December and will be traveling to Tampa Florida to present and perform for the National Dance Association in March 2009. The Company consists of 9 total dancers, all of whom have combined experience as professional dancers, dance educators, choreographers, and extensive performance experience as well as intensive highly technical training (world-renowned artists such as Jacques d'Amboise, Garth Fagan, David Parsons, Sondra Fralieggh, Kista Tucker, Adrienne Clancy, Bill Evans, Joe Tremaine, Doug Caldwell, Corneilus Carter, Shawnda James, Joe Orlando, Wade Robinson, Brian Freidman, Frank Hatchett, Desiree Robisonson, Lauren Anderson, Steven Boyd, Liz Imperio, Mia Michaels and Dallas Desperados).

Members of the Company's experience include: Planet Funk, Dallas Power House, Martha Graham School of Contemporary Dance, Kista Tucker Dance Company, Texas Aggie Dance Team, EmSu Dance Company Texas A&M University, Senior/Collegiate Dance Company of Premier Dance Academy, Broadway Dance Center, The Houston Metropolitan Dance Academy, The Edge Performing Arts Studio, Astroworld Amusement Park, Dance Houston, La Porte High School's Theatre Department, Bel Air High School, West Side High School department of performing arts, Centerstage Dance Studio, Cedar Valley Community College Family Music Theatre, Tombstone Texas Dinner Theatre, Dallas Dance Company, Tremaine, New York City Dance Alliance, The Pulse, Fred Astaire Dance Franchise, American College Dance Festival, American Dance/Drill Team and Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Teaching, directors and choreography include: Texas A&M Aggie Dance Team, EmSu Dance Company TAMU, Burnett Junior High School Cheerleader Association, American Dance/Drill Team School, In-Step Dance & Performing Arts Center, Silver Starz Dance Team, Premier Dance Academy and Company, Dance Educators Institute Training through Clancyworks Dance Company in Baltimore, the National Dance Association, Texas Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, MacArthur High

School Cardette Drill/Dance Team, Gold Duster Elite Dance Team and Drill Team of Crandall High School, Hopper Highlights Dance Team, Pasadena Memorial High School, Magnolia West High School, Dance Center of Deer Park, Dance Arts Society of Texas A&M University, Omni Dance Company, Arts in Motion, Houston Rockets, Dallas Mavericks, Universal Dance Association, Eastwest Somatics Institute, State University of New York College at Brockport Alumni Dance and Texas A&M University Dance Program. Company members hold multiple minors, bachelor and master degrees and several certifications in the dance performance and pedagogy, ballroom, somatics, marketing, biology, zoology, nursing, dance science & medicine, interdisciplinary studies, international languages and several individual honor society, performance and choreography awards. Several company members are versed in multiple fluent languages and continue their dedication to their field of work, professional development and commitment to engaging and enhancing the performing arts. *To find out more about the Monell Dance Company, please email us at monelldanceco@yahoo.com and get information from our up and coming website (auditions, affiliates, private contributors, members, bios, photo gallery, and guest company work).*