



Light / The Holocaust & Humanity Project

Ballet Austin Announces 2012 Community Partners and Leadership for *Light / The Holocaust & Humanity Project*

Anti-Defamation League Austin, KLRU, Austin Independent School District, City of Austin, and Austin Police Department join ranks with Ballet Austin in an unprecedented community-wide human rights dialog and education initiative

AUSTIN, TX – January 17, 2011 – Ballet Austin announces the leadership and Community Partners for *Light / The Holocaust & Humanity Project*, a full-length contemporary ballet and Holocaust education initiative promoting the protection of human rights against bigotry and hate through arts, education, and public dialogue.

Ballet Austin's production of *Light / The Holocaust & Humanity Project*, March 23-25, 2012, will serve as the cornerstone of the human rights community collaboration running from Martin Luther King Jr. Day through Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), January 16 - April 19, with events/initiatives led by more than 40 community partner organizations.

Joining Ballet Austin as Lead Partners are **Anti-Defamation League Austin, KLRU-TV, City of Austin, Austin Independent School District**, and the **Austin Police Department**. Austin Tri-Chairs for *Light / The Holocaust & Humanity Project* are **Austin Mayor Lee Leffingwell, Austin ISD Superintendent Dr. Meria Carstarphen** and **Austin Chief of Police Art Acevedo**. Additional 2012 Community Partners include:

Arthouse/AMOA
Atticus Circle
Austin Bat Cave
Austin Gay & Lesbian Film Festival
Austin Jewish Film Festival
Austin Film Society
Austin Police Department
Badgerdog Literary Publishing
Blanton Museum of Art
Chaddick Dance Theater
ChannelAustin
Chorus Austin
Congregation Agudas Achim
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Conspirare
Equality Texas
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Jewish Community Center of Austin
Jewish Community Relations Council
Jewish Family Services

Jewish Federation of Greater Austin
Kozmetsky Center of Excellence in Global
Finance at St. Edward's University
Life Stories Alive
Lights.Camera.Help
Mexic-Arte Museum
MindPop
Pro-Arts
Psychology Beyond Borders
Seton Cove
Temple Beth Shalom
Texas Hillel
The Long Center for the Performing Arts
Theater Action Project
TODO Austin
TENT – Transgender Education Network of
Texas
Umlauf Sculpture Garden
United to End Genocide
Violet Crown Cinema
Women and Their Work
Zach Theatre

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For a list of Community Partner events, visit www.balletaustin.org/light

As one of the most resonant of Ballet Austin Artistic Director Stephen Mills' works, *Light / The Holocaust & Humanity Project* offers a timely reminder of the importance of the protection of human rights. When it premiered in 2005, *Light / The Holocaust & Humanity Project* brought national attention to Ballet Austin, with recognition across the country including national reviews and restaging by the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre in 2009. Set to the music of five of the most important living composers, Mills' original choreography turns the spotlight on discrimination and the ultimate triumph of the human spirit. *Light / The Holocaust & Humanity Project* earned Mills the Austin Anti-Defamation League's Audrey & Raymond Maislin Humanitarian Award. It was restaged by the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre in 2009.

ABOUT BALLET AUSTIN

As distinctive and dynamic as the city it calls home, Ballet Austin welcomes audiences near and far to participate in its "classically innovative" vision for the democratization of dance. With a rich history spanning five decades, acclaimed productions, and one of the nation's largest classical ballet academies, the organization is poised for an even greater future. From their home at the Butler Dance Education Center and Community School in downtown Austin, Ballet Austin and artistic director Stephen Mills actively engage the community, dancers, and audiences alike. The New York Times proclaims Ballet Austin "a company with big ambitions" originating work that is "absorbing."

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