

'Dance Extravaganza,' 'Family Theatre' in December

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A combination dance extravaganza and show choir performance, followed by an original family theatre production, come next to the California State University, East Bay stage in December.

"Ice," a dance and show choir concert produced by faculty members Nina Haft and Eric Kupers and directed by Darryl V. Jones, will be performed at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 6, in the Dance Studio (room 140 of the Physical Education building) on the Hayward Campus of Cal State East Bay, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd.

"'Ice' is an opportunity for the CSUEB community to come together and witness the passion, drive and talent of the CSUEB dance students," said Kupers. "Dance classes of many different styles show what they've been working on all quarter. This is a preview of what is to come later in the year in shows across campus. This is a high-energy night of spirited performances at all stages of development."

"The Dance Ensemble will share works in progress in a range of idioms, including original music theatre, contemporary dance theatre, Modern Middle Eastern Fusion, Latin Social Dance, lyrical hip hop, praise dance, and others," said Haft. "Eclectic Pulse and the CSUEB Dance Team also will join us for a fun-filled evening of diverse dance and entertainment."

"This year we have an added gift. Our Show Choir, directed by Darryl V. Jones, joins the program with all-American musical theatre pizzazz that's sure to warm and excite hearts of all the family," said Thomas Hird, Theatre and Dance professor and chair.

Admission will be \$5 for general admission and \$3 for CSUEB students with an ID card.

On Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12 and 13, the CSUEB Department of Theatre and Dance will stage "Pan and Wendy," a new adaptation of the famous story about the boy who wouldn't grow up, and his adventures in the Never, Never Land with the children, Tinker Bell, and the dreaded pirate, Captain Hook.

Written and directed by Seth Thygesen, 2008 Department of Theatre and Dance graduate, the production in the University Theatre retains the heart-felt moments of the original book, set in an action-packed modern setting.

"Creating a new version of something so familiar serves as a tall order for a college student. I'm looking forward to hearing the audience reaction to this ambitious project," said Hird.

Admission to the "Pan and Wendy" shows at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, and 3 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, will be \$8 general admission, \$6 for youth/seniors, \$4 CSUEB students and youngsters 12 and under, and \$20 for a family of up to two adults and two children.