

**COLLAGE DANCE THEATRE performing in Yaroslavl, Russia**

**at the Ninth International Festival of Movement and Dance on the Volga**

***Cosmonaut, she looks for where she was borne***

**Choreographed and directed by Heidi Duckler**

**August 10<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>: Collage Dance Theatre will premiere a new site specific work commissioned by the Link Vostok International East-West Arts Exchange in celebration of the Yaroslavl's 1000<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the dance company celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.**

This new work will be performed in the Palace of Culture and is inspired by the life of Yaroslavl resident, Valentina Tereshkova, the first woman cosmonaut who travelled in space in 1963. In addition to Link Vostok's support, this project is funded in part by the Department of Cultural Affairs, City of Los Angeles and the Durfee Foundation.

**Dancers: Marissa LaBog, Nick Heitzeberg, Eva Wilder and International Guest Dancer, Maja Pilipczuk**

**Original music composed by: Steve Moshier**

**Costumes designed by: Kristine Karnaky**

**Guest Filmmaker: Laurits Flensted-Jensen from Copenhagen, Denmark**

Heidi Duckler is the Artistic Director and founder of Collage Dance Theatre. Since its inception in 1985, she has choreographed over 60 original dance works at unique sites in Hong Kong, New York, Miami, Las Vegas, Portland, Oregon and throughout Southern California. Collage Dance Theatre's mission is to redefine the relationship between audience and art by presenting bold choreography in extraordinary places. CDT initiates collaborations with artists and cultivates community engagement to create meaningful, multidisciplinary public art experiences with exceptional artistic standards.

The 9th International Festival of Movement and Dance on the Volga is a biennial event that began in 1993. It is one of the largest and most highly respected contemporary dance festivals in Russia. Professional participants have gathered from Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Canada the Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Poland, the Slovak Republic, Spain, Russia and the United States among other places. Past festivals have included nightly performances, classes, lectures, forums, and cross-cultural collaborations. 2010 is the 1000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the city of Yaroslavl where the festival has been held since inception. The Yaroslavl city and regional government has requested that the Ninth International Festival of Movement and Dance on the Volga be a part of their anniversary celebration.

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