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## CHICAGO DANCING FESTIVAL EXPANDS WITH FREE PROGRAMMING AT FOUR EVENTS AUG. 18-22

CHICAGO – Following the phenomenal success of both the inaugural 2007 and 2008 Chicago Dancing Festivals, the Chicago Dancing Company is proud to announce the Festival's **third consecutive year of all-free programming**. After attracting an audience of more than 13,000 in 2008, this critically acclaimed celebration of dance has been expanded from three to four events and will take place **Tuesday Aug. 18 through Saturday, Aug. 22**. The Chicago Dancing Festival is presented in association with Museum of Contemporary Art and City of Chicago, Millennium Park.



Chicago Dancing Festival 2009 kicks off **Tuesday, Aug. 18** at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance, 205 E. Randolph Dr., with “New Voices,” a performance showcasing dances by some of the country’s most talented newer choreographers including Robert Battle, Jessica Lang, Edward Liang and Trey McIntyre performed by dancers from acclaimed American dance companies such as The Joffrey Ballet, Oregon Ballet Theatre,

River North Chicago Dance Company and others. The Festival continues **Thursday, Aug. 20** with “Modern Masters,” a performance featuring works by world-renowned choreographers including Alvin Ailey, William Forsythe, Lar Lubovitch and Jerome Robbins performed by dancers from Aspen Santa Fe Ballet, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, The Joffrey Ballet, Luna Negra Dance Theater, Lar Lubovitch Dance Company and others. The Festival culminates **Saturday, Aug. 22** in “A Celebration of American Dance,” a free outdoor performance at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park featuring some of the country’s most esteemed dancers and companies.

All performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. Additional details, including information about ticket reservations and a fourth event at the Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago Ave, will be announced at a later date. Programming for Chicago Dancing Festival 2009 is subject to change.

**The Chicago Dancing Company** was founded by internationally renowned choreographer and native Chicagoan **Lar Lubovitch** and highly esteemed Chicago dancer **Jay Franke** as a nonprofit organization whose mission is to present a wide variety of excellent dance and build audiences for dance in Chicago. It aims to enhance the national and international profile of dance in the city, helping to reinforce Chicago as a dance destination. The Chicago Dancing Festival is an annual event and premiered in 2007. For more information visit [www.chicagodancingfestival.com](http://www.chicagodancingfestival.com).

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