



## NEWS FROM OCTOBER 10, 2010 TO MARCH 8, 2013

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### RNJ FILM PART OF PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

(Posted: March 8, 2013)

O DANCE is proud to announce that our Cinematographer Zachary Lambe has been selected to the 2013 Student Showcase of Films "Audience Award" Competition for RnJ, as part of this year's Palm Beach International Film Festival.

This is also a beautiful testament to the artists that we have in local area.

### BROWARD PERFORMANCE

(Posted: February, 24, 2013)

RnJ will be performed at the South Miami Dade Cultural Arts Center on Saturday March 16 at 7:30pm.

### MONDAY -- AFTER A GREAT RUN - THOUGHTS OF MR. OPDENAKER

(Posted January 14, 2013)

*The morning after is bittersweet... A successful premiere of RnJ...brings new hope for the future of the piece but my beautiful cast members are back in the adopted home in New York City continuing their studies in the quest for a quality dance education... But knowing that we will be together again in March for the tour of RnJ makes me feel peaceful that we can continue to tell our story to so many more.*

Founder and Director Jerry Opdenaker

### RnJ -- HOW IT COMES TOGETHER

(Posted: January 4, 2013)

RnJ is O DANCE's first full-length contemporary ballet RnJ (Romeo and Juliet) is a divergent re-imagining of the classic Shakespearean tale choreographed by Jerry Opdenaker. RnJ is the largest step that both this company and choreographer have ever produced. Boasting a compilation of current contemporary musical artists as well as renowned beloved icons of the musical industry colorful past, this 50 minute complete score has some unique compositions that will leave you singing the score. Featuring the songs of Ella Fitzgerald, Radiohead, Regina Spector and 60's folk singer Donovan, the score highlights many musicians interpreting the iconic theme from Nino Rota's wildly popular and hauntingly familiar rendition of *A Time for Us*.

The vast story of *Romeo and Juliet* is filled with many dramatic twists of fate and theatrical struggles that creates a sweeping emotional journey for all of the characters to encounter. RnJ focuses on the essence of each of the characters rationale in living in a world where they are taught to hate but longing to love ...realizing that love's power can transcend a world filled with hatred. This tragic love story has the fatal ending with a message to next generation that we are all responsible for teaching "love."

O DANCE's professional dancers are again gracing the stage with their talents and expertise, alongside a few local celebrities rounding out the cast.



Palm Beach County's own Brooke Naylor of Ailey/Fordham is our youthful innocent J (Juliet) and Jeremy Coachman of Juilliard, comes back to dance the role R (Romeo). The passion that these two are going to exude is going to be magical. Alex Anderson also from Juilliard is featured as P (Paris) the "wantabe" suitor to J.

The full production is going to have a distinctive minimal setting that will challenge the senses to comprehend the location and era making it uniquely contemporary with the accompaniment a 'Dance for Film' component that will be projected throughout the ballet featuring familiar architecture. The film is the third collaboration between O DANCE and G-Star School of the Arts with Zachary Lambe and Evan DeCarmine as the masters of the video reel. RnJ promises to take you on a stirring voyage of sentiments that will excite, inspire and touch every emotional part of your soul.

*For never was a story of more woe than this of Juliet and her Romeo. - William Shakespeare (Romeo and Juliet)*



### ROMEO AND JULIET RESTRUCTURED

(Posted: January 3, 2013)

Founder, Director and Choreographer Jerry Opdenaker takes a different look at William Shakespeare's classic *Romeo and Juliet*.

RnJ is a divergent inventive restructuring of the classic Shakespearean tale of Romeo and Juliet set to contemporary musical selections from classic artists performed by the amazing professional dancers.

On January 12 & 13, 2013 at the Eissey Campus Theatre at Palm Beach State College, audiences will also see *The Office* performed by REACH Dance Company.



### O DANCE & REACH DANCE COMPANY TO PERFORM AT EISSEY JANUARY 12 & 13, 2013

(Posted: December 8, 2012)

O DANCE & REACH Dance Company to perform two major works at the Eissey Campus Theatre in January. O DANCE Director will present his new RnJ, a reconstruction of the story of *Romeo and Juliet*.

## O DANCE & REACH DANCE COMPANY TO PERFORM AT BENEFIT

(Posted: November 8, 2012)

O DANCE & REACH Dance Company with Renowned Jazz Pianist Copland Davis will perform as part of the program to benefit the Fenton "Andy" Hollingsworth Scholarship Fund. The event will take place on Tuesday: November 13 @ 7:30 at The Eissey Campus Theatre at Palm Beach State College



## ALICE - TRADITIONALLY TWISTED

(Posted: September 20, 2012)

Come out and support our wonderful sister company REACH Dance Company in their production of *Alice Traditionally Twisted* featuring O DANCE Director Jerry Opdenaker as the crazy MAD HATTER!

Don't miss this zany jaunt down the rabbit hole!

The production is September 29, 2012 8:00PM and September 30, 2012 2:00PM at Eissey Campus Theatre at Palm Beach State College in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Ticket prices are: \$20.00 General Admission and \$15.00 for Students/Seniors

For tickets visit REACH Dance Company.

For additional information about our student outreach performance on October 1, 2012 at 10:15 AM, please email REACH Dance Company [reachdancecompany@gmail.com](mailto:reachdancecompany@gmail.com)

## UPCOMING PERFORMANCES - 2012\2013

(Posted August 31, 2013)

**Plans for the exciting 2012/2013 Season** are well underway. As always, Founder and Artistic Director Jerry Opdenaker is constantly working to create a phenomenal atmosphere for audiences, as well as, the artists who perform and those who help create! Please, look for more new works and incredible presentations at various venues throughout South Florida!

More information will be posted as it becomes available.

## HOLIDAY - SEPTEMBER 3, 2012

HAPPY LABOR DAY



## ARTICLE IN PALM BEACH ARTS PAPER Online

(Posted: August 14, 2012)

### *Dance Troupes Join Forces For Eissey Show*

Written by Greg Stepanich on August, 11, 2012.

*When Ballet Florida shut its doors in 2009, it left a hole in the local dance world. But it didn't disrupt the network of dancers, choreographers and enthusiasts who wanted to see the art of Terpsichore continue under the palms.*

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## SOME LIKE IT HOT -- OPENS TOMORROW

(Posted: August 11, 2012)

There is a buzz **in the air!** It looks like the dancers and choreographers are ready!! The dance collaborative ***Some Like It Hot*** OPENS tomorrow night! **[Get Tickets NOW!](#)**

## ODANCE IN MAGAZINE

(Posted: August 8, 2012)

ODANCE was featured in a full-page article in the August 2012 Edition of The Dance Magazine of Florida (Page16).

## O DANCE AND REACH DANCE COMPANY SUMMER DANCE SPECTACULAR

(Posted August 1, 2012)

On August 11 at 8:00pm at the Eissey Campus Theatre at Palm Beach State College in Palm Beach Gardens, Reach and O DANCE are producing the collaborative dance production ***Some Like it Hot*** and will have all of Palm Beach County a buzz. It's diverse collection of audience favorites, local note-worthy artists and new works created on the attendees of Reach/ODance Summer Intensive choreographed by the directors of both companies and other cutting edge faculty.

Directors Maria Konrad (Reach) and Jerry Opdenaker (ODance) are planning the hottest ticketed event this summer with the return of Opdenaker's *Invenio*, Konrad's *I'm going to crawl* and Julliard Student Jeremy Coachman's choreography competition winner *What the Heart Wants* -- along with other favorites sharing the spotlight with the new works developed. The evening will blend the professional realm with our local students to share a night of unforgettable dance that will sure to please everyone in the audience!



## ALWAYS AN EDUCATOR

(Posted July 31, 2012)

O DANCE Artistic Director Jerry Opdenaker teaching on Day One of the O Dance/Reach Summer Intensive at Florida School for Dance Education.

For more pictures, please visit FSDE's [Facebook Page](#).

## O DANCE AND REACH SUMMER INTENSIVE -- LOCATION CHANGE

(Posted July 19, 2012)

We have to announce that we are no longer having the Intensive at A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts. As of this week, the Palm Beach County School District is adding additional financial and insurance requirements that are virtually impossible to adhere to this late in the game. We have decided to hold the Intensive at Florida School for Dance Education and the performance at The Eissey Campus Theater in Palm Beach Gardens. Both offer state of the art facilities in a safe environment for the dancers. Please contact us with any questions More to come!



## ODANCE / REACH SUMMER DANCE INTENSIVE

Come dance and take class with notable professionals working the industry, learn current repertory from both companies, perform alongside these two amazing companies. July 30-August 10 at Dreyfoos School of the Arts.

## FESTIVAL OF DANCE AN ARTISTIC SUCCESS

(Post date: 5.12.12)

Please check out the FESTIVAL OF DANCE [review](#) in Dance Florida Magazine!

## FESTIVAL of Dance is THIS WEEKEND

(Post date: 4.5.12)



### KICKOFF FOR FESTIVAL

(Post date: 3.17.12)

O DANCE and Reach Dance Company are hosting a Cocktail Performance Party at the [Florida School for Dance Education](#) on March 30th 2012 for 6pm - 8pm. We are opening up the [FestOval's](#) celebration of dance by bringing our friends and artisans in the dance world and beyond to help bolster proceeds to offset cost of the FestOval as well as the Summer Intensive that O Dance and [Reach Dance Company](#) are having in August at [Dreyfoos School of the Arts](#) for the education of our next generation of talented dance artists. Come out and support us as we enjoy a sampling of dances that are going to be performed in the FestOval's premiere performance along with other fantastic displays of creative works for local artisans. Admission \$20.00.



### WORLD RENOWNED ARTIST DANIEL BOTTERO TO COLLABORATE WITH JERRY OPDENAKER

(Post date: 3.15.12)

[Daniel Bottero](#) has agreed to assist in the production elements of the new work entitled 'Lujah' by the internationally known choreographer and Director of O DANCE Jerry Opdenaker. Bottero's spiritually stimulating contemporary paintings are going to be displayed as the backdrop for the premiere work in the [FestOval of Dance 2012](#) on April 6th. The images of Bottero's paintings 'Sharing the Journey', 'Sharing the Vision', 'Reaching for Love', 'Reaching to Share' are the catalyst for inspiration of the new choreographic work that also features live music by singer, Lauren Pottinger and guitarist Tom Neile as well as the nine of the O Dance dancers.



The work of Daniel Bottero is exquisitely describe by two very esteemed art critics.

*Nuanced color effects transform the subtle abstract images created by Daniel Bottero into messages from the soul. As imaginary scenes emerge from thin, vibrant veils of color, fragments of cityscapes and figures take shape on luminous surfaces to bring content and feeling to every work. For Bottero, the intuitive process of creating art derives from personal experience that endows his paintings with special meaning and emotional substance that are relative to everyone. Carefully adjusted colors, derive from earthy terracotta, sunlit skies and deep reds and violets, transform hues from the darkest tonalities to the softest grays as he applies layer upon layer and never disguises the process. Drips, shadows, and ghostly shapes appear and disappear on the painterly surface like subliminal messages from the depths of the subconscious. The paintings can be appreciated from the perspective of subtle attractions concerned with color harmonies, to images replete with emotional references. From delicate lines that tend to appear and disappear as they bleed into beautifully colored backgrounds, forms and figures entice the viewer to become a part of the painting and create his or her own ending to a story both personal and universal.* by Carol Damian Bottero, then, is what Baudelaire called a poet painter, that is, a painter who uses the medium to convey the poetry of his emotions, indeed, of his temperament. He is a modernist painter, in the exploration of the gestural possibilities of painterly fluidity is of prime importance for him, but he is a poet in that he makes the medium resonate with feeling, and even tell a kind of emotional story. By Donald Kuspit

### LOCAL JULLIARD DANCERS TO PERFORM

(Post date: 3.15.12)



Graduates of dance from [Dreyfoos School of the Arts](#) and present students at [The Juilliard School](#), AlexAnderson, Jeremy Coachman and Juilliard Graduate Lauren Carey are lending the talents to O DANCE by agreeing to appear in the World Premiere by Jerry Opdenaker. O DANCE is honored to be working with these exceptional artisans and lucky to have them returning back to their Palm Beach County home to augment the O DANVE roster.

This is the third time Jeremy Coachman will be appearing in the O DANCE performances, our audiences might remember him from last years wonderful movie produced by [G Star School of the Arts](#) which featured Jeremy and Tara Langdon (also a Dreyfoos graduate and present Juilliard student).

Pictured: Left: Alex Anderson, Center: Jeremy Coachman, Right: Lauren Carey

### THE NEXT O WAVE TRAINEE PROGRAM

(Post date: 3.15.12)

O DANCE has again implemented a trainee program in this performance aligning with its mission to continually foster the growth of future artists in dance within this Palm Beach County. 3 local Dance studios nominated one student from their student body to participate in the this years [FestOval of Dance](#) as a representative of studios belief in the future generations of dance in this area. [Florida Dance Conservatory](#), [Florida School for Dance Education](#) and [Susan Lyle Dance Studios](#) selected an aspiring student that has displayed unique talents and strength of character to represent the studio in Jerry Opdenaker's new choreographic work 'Lujah'.

### O DANCE AND G STAR SCHOOL OF THE ARTS TO COLLABORATE AGAIN

(Post date: 3.15.12)

Building upon the relationship that started last year with O DANCE's successful venture of the filming of The Next O Wave Choreography Competition winner Jeremy Coachman's work "What the Heart Wants" [G Star School of the Arts](#) is collaborating with Jerry Opdenaker on a new film that will accompany his new work which will premiere during the FestOval. This endeavor will definitely have everybody talking about the depth of artistic talents of our youth in our beloved Palm Beach County. These talents students are creating a one of a kind film that spans an aquatic and realistic world. This piece is going to be truly magical to behold.



### AMERICAN REPERTORY BALLET'S ALEX DUTKO AND GUEST ARTISTS TO PERFORM AT FESTIVAL OF DANCE 2012

(Post Date: 2.18.12)

American Repertory Ballet's Principle Dancer and former O Dance dancer Alex Dutko will present a choreographic work with guest artists from the [American Repertory Ballet Company](#) in the [FestOval of Dance 2012](#). Alex's beautiful balletic choreographic stylings are featured in this South Florida premiere with his associates from the Princeton, New Jersey based company. O DANCE is fortunate to have Alex and his dancers join our roster of Nationally recognized list of talented artists.

### EXCERPT OF FALL ASCENDING PERFORMED AT MUSE AWARDS

(Post Date 2.12.12)

O DANCE was invited to perform for the Palm Beach Cultural Council's Annual Muse Awards Ceremony at the Cohen Pavilion of the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts on February 9, 2012. Jerry Opdenaker himself, hosted and danced in this educational journey through dance's preliminary beginnings to professional contemporary choreographic stylings that featured Dani Giustino and Jerry in a duet created by him, which was an excerpt from his ballet *Fall Ascending*. Nicole Carroll from the Florida School for Dance Education and Bak School for the Arts assisted the performance by demonstrating the preliminary movements of ballet.

### TICKETS ARE ON SALE FOR THE DANCE EVENT OF THE SEASON

(Post Date: 1.25.12)

O DANCE

[Infinite Movement Ever Evolving](#)

[Surfscape Contemporary Dance Theatre](#)

[Reach Dance Company](#)

Artists from [American Repertory Ballet](#)

... Come together to bring Palm Beach county the best that dance has to offer in this thrilling show at the Kravis Center's Rinker Theatre on April 6-8

Check our [Performance Page](#) for times and online ticket information! Don't miss this amazing event!



### O DANCE IS MOVING!!!

(Post Date: 8/3/11)

We are now going to be performing at the KRAVIS CENTER'S RINKER THEATRE Stay tuned for details!



## FIRST FUNDRAISER

(Post Date: 3/5/11)

China Beach Bistro

407 Northwood Rd.  
West Palm Beach Fl. 33407  
March 24th, 2011 from 6 - 8 pm

The hippest hot spot in Northwood has offered the outdoor patio area for the first ever fundraiser for the O DANCE company. T.K. the owner of China Beach Bistro has generously donated the patio of his beautiful new restaurant for this vital event. Lisa Carey and Monique Book are co-chairs of the event that will bring the community of Northwood and the Palm Beach Dance Community together to help support the O Dance performance at the Duncan Theatre and future engagements. Wine and passed Hors d'oeuvres will be offered along with a cash bar and complimentary valet. Come out to support this great company and meet the Choreographers, Dancers and Artists participating in the next production as they try to continually provide Palm Beach County and the world's Dance Community with intriguing new dance creations.

## COEUR DE BASQUE – THE DREAM CAST SCHEDULED TO PERFORM WITH O DANCE

(Post Date: 2/7/11)

Jerry Opdenaker's Award Winning Ballet "Coeur de Basque" raved as #1 in 2004 for the Best Dance performance by Palm Beach Post writer Sharon McDaniel. The Dream Cast of *Coeur de Basque* will feature the return of a true icon of dance from Palm Beach County, Tina Martin will come out of retirement to reprise the role that was created for her, as the female lead in this magical event... The internationally acclaimed dancer and Co-director of the Florida Dance Conservatory Tina Martin will be joined by one of her favorite partners, former Boston Ballet Principal, Paul Thrussell. The former Complexions Dance Company dancers Hiroko Sakakibara and Simon Silva and Directors of IMEE Dance Company, Andrea Dawn Shelley and Spencer Gavin Hering and local favorite Dancer Trina Jennings will round out the Dream cast of *Coeur de Basque*. The assemblage of these talented, gifted artists is a true testament to the power and appeal of this award winning work and celebrated choreographer, Jerry Opdenaker.



## FORMER BALLET FRANKFURT DANCER TO CHOREOGRAPH

(Post Date: 2/7/11)

Celebrated and acclaimed Independent European Choreographer Maurice Causey has agreed to choreograph a new work for O Dance. Maurice is an accomplished dancer that was with Ballet Frankfurt under the direction of William Forsythe for a number of years before branching out on his own to develop a choreographic voice that is emerging to be extremely powerful in the dance world today. O DANCE is very honored to have this man create a new work for our Palm Beach audiences. Read more about Maurice in our Artists section of our web site.

## O DANCE TO PERFORM FOR WXEL

(Post date: 10/19/10)

On November 8th, 2010 at 7:30pm Choreographer/ Director Jerry Opdenaker will premiere his new work for WXEL's Evening of the Arts at their studio's in Delray Beach. Mauricio Canete and Trina Jennings will be dancing his latest creation about the releasing a sculpture from the clay. The performance roster has Copeland Davis as the headliner and various other local arts organizations scheduled to perform.



## MIAMI BEACH HOTEL TO HOST O DANCE

(Post date: 10/19/10)

The beautiful art filled Sagamore Hotel on Miami's South Beach will play host for O DANCE for the famous ART BASEL Art Festival on December 4th, 2010 @ 10:30 am and 2:00 pm. A new work created by choreographer/ Director Jerry Opdenaker will be unveiled in the pool of the Sagamore Hotel during the Saturday Brunch for ART BASEL. Paul Thrussell and Kandy Sandell will be dancing this aquatic pas de deux.

## NATIONAL CHOREOGRAPHY COMPETITION WINNER TO PERFORM WITH O DANCE

(Post date: 10/19/10)

National Society of Arts and Letters is holding a national choreography competition this year. The winner of the South Florida division of the competition will be offered a slot to perform their work with O Dance on April 2nd, 2010 at the Duncan Theatre. This is an added bonus to the young individual besides the prizes already assigned by the National Society. O DANCE is looking forward to having this young artist join the roster of theselected choreographers as well as starting this new relationship with this honored organization. **Check link for rules and application deadlines.**

## O DANCE AND FLORIDA DANCE CONSERVATORY TO HOLD CHOREOGRAPHY COMPETITION "THE NEXT O WAVE"