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"Art in Motion" – Master Artworks Come Alive Through Dance

May, 2010, Coronado – Coronado School of the Arts Dance Company presents its final performance of the season, "Art in Motion." The production premieres colorful and creative works by professional and emerging choreographers based on master works by internationally recognized visual artists, including Da Vinci, Dalí, and O'Keefe. CoSA students and faculty selected artworks to inspire their new dances. Dance styles range from classical to contemporary, including ballet, jazz, modern, hip hop, and more, and the music selected to deliver the works is equally diverse, ranging from classical to ethnic to alternative.

The evening opens with Betzi Roe's (Chair, CoSA Dance Department) tribute to the work of renowned projection artist, Jenny Holzer. CoSA digital media students have developed their own projections based on Holzer's work that will be displayed in the lobby and on the walls of the theater for the audience's contemplation. Daniel Marshall, CoSA Dance Instructor and founder of La Diego Dance Company, will premiere his stunning "Last Supper" based on da Vinci's famous painting. CoSA Dance Instructor Sadie Weinberg's piece, inspired by Georgia O'Keefe's painting "Poppy," displays the classical technique of CoSA dancers with lovely group formations and swirling movement. Gina Bolles Sorenson and Tiffany Bagg (CoSA Dance Instructors) developed terrific upbeat ensemble pieces that will close the evening adding a celebration to the end-of-the-year performance.

A unique aspect of the CoSA dance program is that the students are taught how to choreograph their own pieces, and this will be showcased as well. Three graduating seniors will re-present excerpts from their March concert in the larger venue of Coronado High Performing Arts Center. Each choreographer has selected five minutes of work that best represents her senior project. Angela Bevevino will present excerpts from "Progress," Samantha Gonzalez-Gold will present excerpts from "The Ugly Truth," and Alexandra Prantil will present a piece from "Stages." Ten other CoSA students will be showing their own choreography inspired by photographers, paper artists, painters, and digital artists with creative music choices and diverse choreographic styles.

CoSA dance productions always engage and inspire the audience. Previous productions of "Go Ask Alice" (Roe's take on *Alice in Wonderland*), "Regeneration" (all new choreography by Roe to *Appalachian Spring*) that featured a collaboration with members of the San Diego Symphony, and this year's holiday

favorite, “The Cracked Nut” (a modern twist on *The Nutcracker*) have shown the professional caliber of the CoSA dance department. “Art in Motion” will be no exception.

Tickets are $7 to $15 and may be purchased online at www.cosafoundation.org or at the ticket office 45 minutes before each show. For more information about this production or CoSA please call 619.522.4050.

For those of you who want to "keep on dancing," CoSA will be offering a variety of dance and exercise classes during the month of July for teens and adults Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The dance classes will be led by renowned CoSA dance faculty and special guest instructors. Please visit www.cosafoundation.org/summercamps for details.

About Coronado School of the Arts (CoSA)

CoSA is a public arts conservatory for high school students that embraces and encourages artistic creativity and academic excellence. This pre-professional arts program reaches out to talented students from all over San Diego County and offers a nurturing environment focused on individual growth, opportunity, and diversity.

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