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North Shore Dance Alliance Revives Itself With New Website, Board Members and an Upcoming Fall Performance

Alliance Kicks Off With Celebration of National Dance Week

Newburyport, MA, April 22, 2013 — After a brief hiatus, the [North Shore Dance Alliance](#), an organization dedicated to supporting and encouraging a wide range of dance on the greater North Shore area, has revived itself with the launch of a [new website](#), the addition of two new board members and a fall performance currently scheduled for November 9 and 10, 2013.

To celebrate the group's revival, select North Shore dance studios will be offering specials during National Dance Week, April 26 – May 5. Participating studios include:

- [Dance Dimensions](#), Nahant, MA: “Bring a friend” to class for students enrolled in Dance Dimensions and free classes for new students.
- [Marblehead School of Ballet](#), Marblehead, MA: Various offerings including “bring a friend” to class day for students enrolled in Marblehead School of Ballet, \$5 classes for new students and special discounts on dance books at Spirit of '76 Bookstore.
- [The Dance Place](#), **Newburyport, MA**: Free contemporary class on Wednesday, May 1 and half-off Zumba class on Saturday, May 4.

For full details on specials, go [here](#).

The North Shore Dance Alliance (NSDA) is also recognizing the retirement of NSDA President Mary Lee Karlins from the Board of Directors. “Mary Lee was the leading force of this organization since 2001 and kept it running smoothly. Her leadership and unwavering commitment to dance and our group's mission will be missed,” said Sallee Slagle, Director of Dance Dimensions and Founder and Artistic Director of Forty Steps Dance.

Joining the board are Wendy Hamel, a resident of Newburyport and member of Exit Dance Theatre and Darlene Doyle, an Amesbury resident also with Exit Dance Theatre. Continuing on NSDA's board are founding board members Paula K. Shiff, Beverly resident, Director of the Marblehead School of Ballet and Artistic Director of North Shore Civic Ballet; Sallee Slagle, Nahant resident, Director of Dance Dimensions and Founder and Artistic Director of Forty Steps Dance; and Fontaine Dollas Dubus,

Newbury resident, Director of The Dance Place and Co-founder and Artistic Director of Exit Dance Theatre.

“We’re thrilled that we have support of new board members to help carry this initiative forward and to see dance stay alive in our community,” said Paula K. Shiff, Director of the Marblehead School of Ballet and Artistic Director of North Shore Civic Ballet. “We need the arts in our lives in this tumultuous time.”

North Shore Dance Alliance’s annual dance collaborative is currently scheduled for November 9 and 10, 2013. For North Shore dance companies, choreographers and dancers interested in contributing work, please contact info@northshoredancealliance.org.

You can also join North Shore Dance Alliance by contacting info@northshoredancealliance.org . To join the mailing list, go [here](#).

About North Shore Dance Alliance

North Shore Dance Alliance (NSDA), founded in 2001, is an organization dedicated to supporting and encouraging a wide range of dance on the North Shore of Massachusetts. Our goals are to:

1. Build a community for dance
2. Share resources
3. Broaden the dance audience
4. Support the spirit and vision of our members

NSDA is open to dancers, teachers, choreographers and dance enthusiasts.