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Summary: Dance Ensemble provides students an opportunity to choreograph and/or dance, and their performances showcase student creativity.

(November 3, 2009)-University of Minnesota, Morris Dance Ensemble (DE) will perform Friday and Saturday, November 13 and 14, 2009, at 7 p.m and Sunday, November 15, 2009, at 1 p.m. in Edson Auditorium in the Student Center. The fall showcase, one of two presented during the academic year, features 19 dances in a variety of styles sure to please. The show, created around the theme “Stand Out” from A Goofy Movie, culminates in a finale involving all the dancers on stage.

DE, the largest self-sustaining student organization on campus, allows students the opportunity to choreograph and/or dance. Nearly 200 students are expected to participate. Dance styles range from beginning jazz to advanced hip-hop, from swing to traditional Hmong dances. Brittany Schilla '11, Holmen, Wisconsin, believes DE participation is accessible for all students. She says, “You don't have to be an experienced dancer to participate because there are different styles of dance that fit a variety of people.”

DE is rewarding for the audience watching their shows and for the dancers as they rehearse and perform. Brian Moore '11, Rockford, liberal arts for human services, states, “[DE is] important because it gives people a chance to express themselves, get a workout, and be in a social place to meet new people. Plus, it's always fun to get on stage and go nuts!”

Matt Privatsky '11, Walker, political science, values DE, too. He says, “You get to meet new students, and it gives people in different majors a chance to hangout and learn from each other. The way it's organized helps different people get involved, and let's students work together on something they may have never done before.”

Adds Aphten Preston '10, Seattle, Washington, psychology: “It's good to have something fun like dance in your life to get rid of stress. Also, everyone likes to dance!”

Tickets for the Dance Ensemble fall show may be purchased beginning Monday, November 9, in the Student Center, as well as at the door. Tickets are \$6 for adults, and \$4 for children, students, and senior citizens.

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