

Island Moving Co. News



30 YEARS

Where passionate dancers and energized audiences connect



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HERE'S TO 30 MORE YEARS

We know that these thirty years of creation, collaboration and discovery could never have been accomplished without the passion and encouragement of our community.

As our 30th Anniversary celebration comes to an end, we'd like to take a moment to thank everyone who has become a part of the Island Moving Co. family and made our 30th season so memorable. Since our inception in 1982, we have presented thousands of performances, danced with hundreds of talented performers, and reimagined dozens of beautiful, still sites into places full of life and creativity, if only for a brief period of time

We thank you, our audience, and our patrons for making



Island Moving Co., as Miki Ohlsen says, "a land of possibilities." Whether it is one of our scholarship students in his first ballet class, or a Board member exploring new initiatives for us to pursue, we draw energy from that passion. Our dearest hope is that the spark goes both ways and that you will all continue this adventure with us. We look forward to performing for you, your family, and your friends for another 30 years.

SHOW ME MISSOURI!

On March 5 Island Moving Co. will be leaving Newport for a week-long residency with Missouri Contemporary Ballet as part of the Great Friends Touring Project. During their stay, IMC will be performing new pieces with MCB, who wowed audiences last summer at our GFDF. We're looking forward to showing the 'Show Me state' what we've got!



NEW FACES



Born in Vietnam, and a former resident of Cincinnati, Devon Vu Rotinghaus moved to Rhode Island to pursue her future with IMC.

"This new chapter in my life has been such a wonderful experience and more than I could ever imagine. I was welcomed with warm, open arms and immediately felt at home and a part of something amazingly special."



Jason Stotz is a native of Rochester, NY. After participating in the 2012 Great Friends Dance Festival, he was very excited for his first performance with IMC performing the role of Dracula. *"It is an incredible honor to be a guest artist with such a welcoming company, in such a beautiful area, and to perform in such a phenomenal, historic location as Carey Mansion."*

AN ODE TO OPEN FOR DANCING

Audiences agreed that Rocco Michaluk's film *A Sense of Place*, a documentary about Island Moving Co.'s unique and transformative site specific dance and art festival, *Open for Dancing*, was a big success. The hour-long movie featured footage from the 2011 festival and interviews with participants and artists such as Rachel Balaban, Laura Cahill, Joya Hoyt, Bob Rizzo,

and of course, Miki Ohlsen and Dominique Alfandre. All spoke about their experiences in creating the festival's unique dances in short such a



period of time, as well as the important role that dance has had in their lives.

During the film's premiere, Rocco and Dominique announced Rhode Island PBS' interest in the film, slated to air in 2013.

Thanks to everyone who came and helped to make the night so incredible!



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Check out "What's New" on our website for stories and photos from rehearsal and other Company news.



AND THE WINNER IS...

At "It's So Newport" at Rough Point, we gave some fabulous prizes. The winners were:

- Tom Hockaday- Tom's Market cocktail party;
- Jack Arruda- painting by John Sawicki;
- Noelle Shiland- painting by Holly Grosvenor,
- Rosalind Newton- 2 night Newport Experience;
- Robert & Cynthia Sinclair- 2 hour cruise for 12.

Many thanks to our co Chairs Christine Capozzi & Ellen Barnes, Ruth Thumbtzen and Randal Poirier for securing the great prizes!

(DANCE)CLASS IS IN SESSION



Classes have begun again at the Newport Academy of Ballet and this year

looks better than ever! To date, this is the largest scholarship class NAB has ever had. "I'm so excited to be teaching the scholarship class this year," says Glen Lewis. "It's going to be fun."

2012-13 Season

- Nov. 23-30 The Newport Nutcracker at Rosecliff
- Feb. 9-10 NY & Philadelphia Auditions
- Mar. 5-10 IMC tour in Missouri
- May 11 Casino Theater
- July 12 Save the Date for our summer gala at Bellevue House

DRACULA AUDIENCES: "I'M A FAN(G)!"

This October, for four nights, Newport's Dark Shadows Mansion (Seaview Terrace) was transformed into Count Dracula's Castle, where audiences were entranced by Island Moving Co.'s performance of Miki Ohlsen's sultry, and dangerously close dance, *Dracula*. Featuring new-to-IMC dancer, Jason Stotz, as Count Dracula, the performance was one audiences will never forget, as they moved from one stunning room to another, enveloped by the chilling tale of Jonathan Harker, his beloved Mina, the beautiful Lucy, Professor Van Helsing, and the bloodthirsty Count.

ous masks for one final night of dangerously close dancing during *Dracula's Masked Ball*. For more pictures of the event or the most up-to-date information on our performances, visit us at www.islandmovingco.org. A HUGE thank-you to Denise Carey for hosting this unbelievable performance.

On one memorable night, dancers and audience donned their most mysteri-



Danielle and Jason perform *Dracula*



CHRISTINE IS TYING THE KNOT!

Join us in congratulating Christine Sandorfi, IMC dancer of 6 years, on her recent engagement to Bill Kaminski this past July. We're so happy to share this special part of her life with her and wish them a lifetime of happiness on their new adventure together. Congratulations!

GRANTS: GRANTED!

Island Moving Co.'s staff has been working tirelessly this past year to secure funding for the future of IMC. Organizations that have awarded us grants recently include the Rhode Island Foundation, the Prince Charitable Trusts, and the Rhode Island State Legislature. Our new scholarship class is funded by the Frederick Prince Trust at Newport Hospital.