

[Fusionworks Marks 30th Anniversary](#)

Modern dance company Fusionworks is celebrating their 30th anniversary with a special concert on November 5. Artistic director Deb Meunier, who founded the company and serves as its primary choreographer, promises a lot of variety in the performances. "It will be a wonderful rollercoaster ride," Meunier said. "I wanted to create a new piece myself, which is what I did. Then I pulled out two dances of my own that were my favorites over the years."

Meunier's choreography has been produced at Jacob's Pillow, Dance Services Network, ECA, The Mayfair Festival in PA, Artspace of New Haven, the Gowanus Outback Series, The Field and the 92nd Street Y of NYC. In addition, her work was chosen to represent Rhode Island at the New England Artist's Congress and she has been invited to present her work two times at the prestigious 92nd Street Y in New York City.

The concert will feature audience favorites, including the heart-pounding dance, *Please*, created by this season's first place winner of Fusionworks' Nationally Emerging Choreographers Festival, Aaron McGloin. Audiences will also see *Vesperae*, a dance performed to one of Mozart's magnificent choral arrangements, as well as the deeply musical, rhythmically layered *River Rocks* and the non-stop jumping *Elliptic/Stippling Line*.

Fusionworks' junior company, Fusionworks II, which serves as a training ground for young dancers, ages 14-20, who wish to further their education in modern dance, is also presenting a piece. "They always perform a piece with us as part of their education," Meunier noted.

There will be also some special guests: Former members of Fusionworks will be watching the current company on stage. Amy Burns has been with the company since 2001 and said the experience has been rewarding. "It's been a great environment to grow as a dancer and as an artist," Burns said. "What I love about dance is it combines the physical and the spiritual and the intellectual and the mental so you're coming at this discipline from every aspect of your life and applying things you've learned and things you've experienced to your art and sharing that with other people."

30th Anniversary Performance, Nov 5, 3pm and 6pm, Festival Ballet Providence Blackbox Theater, 825 Hope St, PVD. 401-334-3091, fusionworksdance.org/calendar