

Island Moving Company Brings Great Friends to Newport



Photo by Bill Peresta

Island Moving Company is continuing its return to live performances with the **Newport Dance Festival**, which takes place July 20-25 on the lawn of **Great Friend Meeting House** in Newport. This unique festival will continue the tradition of hosting a resident company for two weeks: Malashock Dance Company from San Deigo. As part of the residency, John Malashock, artistic director of Malashock Dance Company, will choreograph a dance that both companies will perform together at the festival.

Other dance companies taking part in the six-day dance festival include **Boston Dance Theater** (Boston), **East Coast Contemporary Ballet** (Norwalk, Conn.) and **Revolve Dance Project** (Providence). Inviting other dance companies to share the stage is in the spirit of “great friends,” the festival’s former name. The festival will be a display of diverse talent and choreographic points of view.

Danielle Genest, associate artistic director of Island Moving Company, shared that an audience favorite of the Newport Dance Festival is the *Etudes* repertory. For each day of the performances, a novel dance is created in a 2-hour rehearsal, the day of the show. Any dancer can sign up to dance and choreograph for *Etudes*.

Miki Ohlsen, artistic director of Island Moving Company states, “The joy of the Newport Dance Festival is bringing incredible choreographers and dancers from around the country and across the

globe here to Newport to share their incredible art with our community.”

Newport Dance Festival takes place Jul 20 - 25 at 7pm. Lawn of Great Friends Meeting House, 21 Farewell St, Newport. For more info, islandmovingco.org @islandmovingcompany