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CCPA DANCERS HEAD TO CALIFORNIA FOR INTERNATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL

CODY, WY (July 6, 2021)—Eleven dancers from Cody Center for the Performing Arts will represent Wyoming at Dance Excellence in Los Angeles, California from August 1 - 7. “Dance Ex” is an invitation-only global dance event which hosts classes, workshops and performances for dancers from all over the world. CCPA dancers were headed to Dance Excellence in March of 2020 when the Covid pandemic ended up shutting down the festival. The event has been reimagined and updated to adhere to health guidelines while still creating a rewarding experience for all involved.

Students from CCPA who will attend will be Michaela and Cecelia Bell, Kristen Boysen, Kinsley Braten, Faith Davidson, Emma Foley, Abigail Fullmer, Stanley McKenzie, Beatrice Sandvik, Sadie Smith and Josie Switzer. Leading the team will be Director Angie McKenzie along with CCPA teacher and theatre director Bethany Sandvik. Accompanying the team will be Makenzie Sauers along with a student from the Limelight Dance Factory in Buffalo, WY. Sauers is the former Director of Limelight and is a former student, teacher and Dance Excellence alumnae from CCPA.

“CCPA dancers traditionally attend this extraordinary event every other year,” notes CCPA Artistic Director, Angie McKenzie. “We didn’t know for sure if the event would even happen this year. So I am beyond thrilled to be taking this wonderful group of dancers to represent our state and studio in this week of learning, inspiration, and connecting with students and teachers from all over the world that share the language of dance.”

CCPA dancers will take classes and workshops throughout the week from world renowned dancers and choreographers where they will develop their skills and technique. In addition, participants will be entertained and inspired by a Monday Night Live by the Master Teachers and their dance companies, will visit Universal Studios Hollywood and will attend a gala awards banquet at weeks end.

The Cody Center for the Performing Arts has been a part of the Big Horn basin for 37 years offering dance instruction for children and adults ages 2 and up. Classes include creative movement, ballet, pointe, tap, jazz, modern, hip-hop and break-dancing. CCPA is also home to Studio Theatre at CCPA. CCPA dancers have competed and performed nationally in festivals and competitions in Montana, Los Angeles and New York City. All students of any ability are welcome at CCPA and will grow and learn in a positive, nurturing and structured environment. For more information about The Cody Center for the Performing Arts, visit our website: [www.codyperformingarts.com](http://www.codyperformingarts.com).

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