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## Parsons Dance Returns to the Tent at PS21 High-Energy Contemporary Dancers Combine Jazz, Rock, Tango and Percussion for a Mesmerizing Performance

[CHATHAM, NY] - There's no denying the popularity of TV shows like So You Think You Can Dance and Dancing with the Stars. But did you know that one of the most exceptional, theatrical and energetic dance companies is performing in our own backyard?

David Parsons, one of modern dance's great living dance-makers, returns for a sixth consecutive season to The Tent at PS21 with his company Parsons Dance, Saturday and Sunday, September 3 and 4. The performances are scheduled to feature six pieces, three of which are new to PS21. The dances include The Envelope, Tango Oficina, Slow Dance, Kind of Blue, Caught, and Nascimento.

“Athletic, entertaining and mesmerizing” – *The New York Times*

The Envelope is a social commentary about loss of identity in highly ordered social structures such as a contemporary office environment. Tango Oficina is modern dance choreography to a popular Argentinean tango piece. Created for three couples, Slow Dance is performed in 12x12 inches of light, with each dancer employing beautiful, geometric shapes enhanced by the hauntingly romantic score.

Kind of Blue, Caught, and Nascimento are classics in Parson's repertoire. Kind of Blue is a flirtatious and alluring tribute to jazz great Miles Davis. David Parsons' unforgettable signature stroboscopic tour-de-force, Caught, features a solo dancer defying gravity and flying above the stage. Using the legendary Brazilian composer Milton Nascimento's band, Nascimento explores the themes of sensuality, community and above all the stunning cohesion of ensemble work.

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“The enthusiasm of Parsons Dance is as infectious as its energy is amazing.”

- *New York Post*

David Parsons has enjoyed a remarkable career as dance performer, choreographer, teacher, director and producer. Born in Chicago and raised in Kansas City, he was a leading dancer with the Paul Taylor Dance Company from 1978–87. In 1985, he founded Parsons Dance with lighting designer Howell Binkley. As artistic director, Parsons has created more than 70 works for the company, given more than 1,500 performances and participated in many educational and community outreach residency activities.

“We love coming to Chatham! It is very special to us... We feel the love and appreciation of an audience who we really do know personally,” said David Parsons. “For Chatham we choose what will look beautiful in the outdoor venue as well as pieces the audience has not seen mixed in with the favorites.”

Parsons Dance will perform Saturday and Sunday, September 3 and 4 at 7:30 pm. Admission is \$40 general admission and \$35 for PS21 members. For information or to order tickets, please call [518.392.6121](tel:518.392.6121) or visit [ps21chatham.org](http://ps21chatham.org). Tickets will also be available at the door until the show sells out.

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