



For Release: Immediately Upon Receipt

Contact: Warren Collins, PS/21 Administrative Director, 518.392.6121, ps21@taconic.net

PS21 Presents An Evening of World Music and Dance by Vanaver Caravan

[CHATHAM, NY] - S21: Performance Spaces for the 21st Century welcomes The Vanaver Caravan, a Hudson Valley, NY performance company dedicated to promoting world cultures through dance and music. The four-day engagement begins with two three-day dance workshops - clogging/percussive dance and swing dance. The featured performance “Earthbeat! A Journey” will take place Saturday, August 6 at The Tent at PS21, located at 2980 Route 66 in Chatham, NY.

“Expect a high-spirited, eclectic palate of dance and live music presented with a warmth that is signature to The Vanaver Caravan and rhythm that will have everyone on their feet dancing by the end,” said choreographer Livia Drapkin Vanaver. “You will leave feeling a spirit of hope for the world.”

Clogging and Percussive Dance Workshop

Taught by Bill and Livia Vanaver, participants in this class will learn the basic steps and then sequences strung together to form whole dances. “We will also teach dance improvisation, so participants can create their own dances,” said Livia. “This skill is great for anyone who will go dancing in the future and wants to know what to do with their feet when they’re at a dance.” Participants are encouraged to dress in comfortable clothing and hard-soled shoes or tap shoes.

The Clogging and Percussive Dance Workshop will be held 5:30-6:30pm, Wednesday-Friday, August 3-5. \$15 members and nonmembers. \$40 for the series of 3.

BOARD of DIRECTORS

Judith B. Grunberg
president

Hannah Hanani
vice-pres /secretary

Frances Veillette
treasurer

Paula Forman

James Kraft

Seth Lachterman

Evan Messinger



ADVISORY BOARD

Helene Annas

Ella Baff

Peter Biskind

Kenneth Cooper

Frank Farnham

Fr. Gary Gelfenbien

Gwen Gould

Yehuda Hanani

Courtney Hunt

Lincoln Mayorga

Calliope Nicholas

David Parsons

Arnold Steinhardt

Uel Wade

Jean Waggoner

PS21@TACONIC.NET
518.392.6121
PS21CHATHAM.ORG
BOX 364 CHATHAM
NEW YORK 12037



- more -



BOARD of DIRECTORS

Judith B. Grunberg
president

Hannah Hanani
vice-pres /secretary

Frances Veillette
treasurer

Paula Forman

James Kraft

Seth Lachterman

Evan Messinger



ADVISORY BOARD

Helene Annas

Ella Baff

Peter Biskind

Kenneth Cooper

Frank Farnham

Fr. Gary Gelfenbien

Gwen Gould

Yehuda Hanani

Courtney Hunt

Lincoln Mayorga

Calliope Nicholas

David Parsons

Arnold Steinhardt

Uel Wade

Jean Waggoner

PS21@TACONIC.NET
518.392.6121
PS21CHATHAM.ORG
BOX 364 CHATHAM
NEW YORK 12037



Swing Dance Workshop

The Swing Dance workshops will teach Lindy Hop, a jazz dance which had its beginnings in the '20s and '30s and which is based on The Charleston. Taught by master teacher Nathan Bugh, the workshop is appropriate for all levels. "Nathan is known for being able to teach at all levels," said Livia. "Everyone learns and is challenged no matter what their skill or experience."

"You don't need to bring a partner, although you're certainly welcome to," said Livia.

"Dancers will switch throughout the class, unless of course you're set with staying with your own partner."

The Swing Dance Workshop will be held 6:30-7:30pm Wednesday-Friday, August 3-5. \$15 members and nonmembers. \$40 for the series of 3

Earthbeat! A Journey

"The program we will be performing Saturday night, 'Earthbeat! A Journey' is an accessible and enjoyable piece for new audiences. It's like having an entire world dance and music festival in one company in one evening," said Livia. "It is a show of rhythm and percussion journeying through India, Brazil, South Africa, the British Isles, and Spain including Spanish flamenco, Indian Kuchipudi, Chinese ribbon dance, Taiko drumming, Capoeira, Appalachian clog dances, and gumboot dance (a rhythmic South African dance form)."

This performance will be held at 8:00 pm Saturday, August 6. \$20 members; \$25 non-members; \$10 students

For information or to order tickets for either of the workshops or the Saturday evening performance, please call 518.392.6121 or visit ps21chatham.org. Tickets will also be available at the door until the show sells out.

- more -



CLOGGING WORKSHOP with THE VANAVER CARAVAN

Wednesday-Friday, August 5-7, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

\$15 members and non-members. \$40 for the series of 3

SWING DANCE WORKSHOP with THE VANAVER CARAVAN

Wednesday-Friday, August 5-7, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

\$15 members and non-members. \$40 for the series of 3

THE VANAVER CARAVAN PERFORMANCE

Saturday, August 6, 8:00 pm

\$20 members; \$25 non-members; \$10 students

BOARD of DIRECTORS

Judith B. Grunberg
president

Hannah Hanani
vice-pres /secretary

Frances Veillette
treasurer

Paula Forman

James Kraft

Seth Lachterman

Evan Messinger

ADVISORY BOARD

Helene Annas

Ella Baff

Peter Biskind

Kenneth Cooper

Frank Farnham

Fr. Gary Gelfenbien

Gwen Gould

Yehuda Hanani

Courtney Hunt

Lincoln Mayorga

Calliope Nicholas

David Parsons

Arnold Steinhardt

Uel Wade

Jean Waggoner

The Vanaver Caravan was founded in 1972 by musician/composer Bill Vanaver and dancer/choreographer Livia Drapkin Vanaver. Their down-home, high-spirited performances have been presented throughout the U.S., Europe and North Africa.

Bill Vanaver is known for his work with folk instruments, for his vast knowledge of traditional song and musical styles, and as “World Dance and Music” professor at Bard and Skidmore Colleges. Livia Drapkin collects and performs traditional dance and music from many cultures, as well as her own original work, and she is committed to creating community through the vehicle of dance. This concert is made possible in part with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts dance program.

PS21 is a not-for-profit organization located at 2980 Route 66 in Chatham, New York. PS21 is dedicated to the performing arts and to serving a diverse community with concerts, programs and residencies by professional artists and ensembles, youth and children’s programming and cultural education opportunities for all ages.

PS21@TACONIC.NET
518.392.6121
PS21CHATHAM.ORG
BOX 364 CHATHAM
NEW YORK 12037

#####

Photo available upon request