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## NAOMI GOLDBERG HAAS BRINGS DANCES FOR A VARIABLE POPULATION TO THE TENT AT PS/21

### Dynamic Dance Company Erases Border Between Dancer and NonDancer By Including Chatham Locals In Dance Concert

[CHATHAM, NY] - PS/21: Performance Spaces for the 21st Century welcomes Dances for a Variable Population, a NY-based dance company that will team Chatham locals with professional dancers. From children to adults, the highly active to persons with disabilities and seniors, this is a wonderful opportunity to discover your inner dancer.

The program, which runs August 2-7, includes a five day fitness class, a six day dance workshop, and a Saturday night performance. Sign up for one class, be part of the audience for the performance, or participate in the entire program.

“Our company aims to erase the border between dancer and non-dancer,” said choreographer Naomi Goldberg Haas. “We hope the participants gain a greater sense of who they are, to think about people differently, and to experience an expanded vision of dance. There is a dancer in every human being.”

#### *Program Details:*

#### **Daily Dance Fitness Class August 2-6, 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM**

Working with individuals of all abilities, the classes emphasize the value of cross-training between health/fitness and the expressive language of dance. The classes will have the components of a basic fitness class and will provide an opportunity to think about the body with the awareness of a dancer. “Anyone who has ever been to a fitness class won’t find anything scary,” said Goldberg. “We add a twist of aesthetics, images of how to stand well and move with grace at the same time as one improves strength, balance and flexibility.”

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**Performance Workshop August 2-7, 11 AM - 12:30 PM**

Workshop participants will share in the joys of dance for expression, wellness and celebration. The weeklong performance workshop will culminate in a Saturday evening performance joining Dances For A Variable Population.

**Saturday Evening Performance August 7, 8 PM**

This concert dance performance will feature Dances For A Variable Population, joined by participants of the five-day workshop. Critics have described it as “an emotionally inspiring experience, an exquisite example of community collaboration coupled with technical virtuosity and artistic sensitivity.”

Director/Choreographer Naomi Goldberg Haas trained at the School of American Ballet and the Tisch School of the Arts, she has taught at California State University, Loyola Marymount and NYU. Goldberg Haas has been called “theatrical choreographer extraordinaire” by the Village Voice and “always pushing the boundaries of the medium” by Dance Magazine.

Pricing for the various components are as follows:

Fitness Class Series \$70 or \$15 per class. Performance Workshop (including all classes, workshops and Saturday performance) \$100. Saturday Night Performance \$20 General Admission / \$15 PS/21 members. To purchase tickets or for more information about this event, call 518.392.6121 or visit [ps21chatham.org](http://ps21chatham.org).

“It’s thrilling when our participants who consider themselves non-dancers realize that they are dancers,” said Naomi Goldberg Haas. “Every residency brings a unique medley of people and it is the sharing between the people which is essential to the development and shaping of the work.”

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