

Forum Theatre instructor earns choreography award

Submitted by Jill Obereiner

Forum Dance Theatre's Ballet Master, Brent Caburnay, won the Regional Dance America National Choreography Recognition Award during the RDA Mid-States Ballet Association Festival, held recently at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie.

The award recognized Caburnay's choreography for a work titled "Coda," which was performed during the third night, considered the gala performance, wrapping up the Mid-States Ballet Association Festival.

Caburnay's "Coda" is a 12-minute, five-movement piece that celebrates the strength of women, and emulates how the struggle of losing someone is never easy, but how we must find the courage to move forward.

This beautiful tribute is dedicated to Caburnay's mother and depicts her strength through the loss of his father in 2014.

The piece was performed at RDA by Libertyville-based Forum Dance Theatre, a

pre-professional contemporary dance company led by Artistic Director Kimberly Fletcher-Stibel.

Additionally, 21 local high school students who are members of Forum Dance Theatre will take "Coda" and several other pieces from Forum's 2015 repertoire to Europe this June, as they have been invited to participate in the Austrian dance festival Young!Tanzsommer.

"Coda" is truly a work of art. It's magnificent to watch all of our dancers on stage working together to tell this story," Caburnay said. "I am proud to be able to work with such a talented group of young artists who are able to bring my visions to life while perfecting their craft."

"Kim (Fletcher Stibel) and Catie Deitz Griffith, director of Forum Dance Theatre II, worked diligently to prepare our dancers for their 'Coda' performances during Forum's 2015 season, with a major focus on both RDA and Young!Tanzsommer," Caburnay said.

Forum Dance Theatre is a

not-for-profit youth dance organization based out of Talent Forum in Libertyville. Tax-deductible donations can be made to help support these local dancers at Talent Forum, 450 Peterson Road, Libertyville, IL 60048.

Forum Dance Theatre serves as a catalyst for young, aspiring artists to envision, expand, and collaborate on dance works that challenge the artistic depth and creativity involved in contemporary dance.

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Choreographer Brent Caburnay works with student Olivia Ruby of Gurnee at Libertyville's Talent Forum dance studios. Caburnay recently earned the Regional Dance America National Choreography Recognition Award during the Mid-States Ballet Association Festival held in Skokie



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CLC's geothermal project is teaching tool

Submitted by the College of Lake County

The College of Lake County's Grayslake Campus was turned into a living laboratory recently as 20 students and two instructors had the chance to observe contractors drilling wells for a new geothermal heating and cooling system being built on the Grayslake campus.

The students are enrolled in CLC's heating and air conditioning engineering technology program. Sustainability practices and technology are taught in the program.

The well-drilling is being done as part of the college's \$163 million Sustainable Campus Master Plan, which includes improvements on all three of CLC's campuses.

Eighty 500-foot geothermal wells are being drilled on the north end of the Grayslake Campus soccer field to create a geothermal system that will provide heating and cooling to the campus's A and B wings and a cafe addition.

The design of the field will allow expansion in the future to serve more buildings, according to Dorothy McCarty, program manager for Cotter Consulting, a firm working with the college on master plan projects.

The project includes burying polyethylene piping below the frost line, where the ambient temperature is about 55 degrees Fahrenheit. The piping will circulate water from the wells through a sealed underground loop that will connect to heat pumps in the basement of the new cafe, McCarty said.

CLC heating and air conditioning instructors were eager for completion of the geothermal system so they can use it as a teaching tool.



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From left, CLC construction manager Mike Welch and heating, ventilating and air conditioning instructor Allen Smith Jr. discuss CLC's new geothermal system with HVAC student Matt Ivantic.

"We've had a much smaller geothermal loop on the north side of the Technology Building that we've used to demonstrate a residential application," said Allen Smith Jr., an instructor in the program and department chair. "This larger loop for the entire campus will let us show students an example of a larger commercial system that will serve multiple zones and multiple buildings. Geothermal technology is the wave of the future, and knowing this technology will give our graduates an edge in the job market."

Students were intrigued by the new technology.

"Geothermal is now required if you want your building rated LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) platinum," student Matt Ivantic said. "To see a geothermal system being installed and to study it is pretty interesting."

Well-drilling began April 8. With local soil high in rock and clay content, it will take until August to finish the 80 wells north of the soccer field, said Jay Trout, project manager for the well-drilling contractor, Efflandt Geothermal Drilling, working as a subcontractor to DeKalb Mechanical.

An additional 47 wells will be drilled on the Grayslake Campus in the area south of the new Science and Engineering Building to serve that building, currently under construction.

When completed, the geothermal system will provide heating during the winter and cooling during the summer for four buildings, resulting in a projected savings on energy costs of more than 50 percent, according to David Agazzi, vice president for administrative affairs.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the new cafe addition and renovation of the A and B wings will take place at noon Saturday, May 16, in the Main Lobby between the A and B wings.

Gurnee Exchange Club to host Depke golf outing

Submitted by Lyla Chandy

The Exchange Club of Gurnee will host the Robert W. Depke Memorial Golf Outing Tuesday, June 23, at Bittersweet Golf Course in Gurnee. Proceeds will benefit Lake County charities that support the prevention of child abuse, a national project for the Exchange.

The event will begin with registration and lunch at 11:30 a.m., followed by shotgun start at 1 p.m. Golfers will enjoy 18 holes of golf and a steak dinner at 5 p.m. Participants will also have an opportunity to win

raffle prizes and bid on auction items, including a signed jersey of former Chicago Bear Brian Urlacher.

The cost for golf, lunch and dinner is \$95 per person or \$375 for a foursome. The cost for dinner only is \$35. Golf outing, dinner and tee sponsorships are also available.

For more information, contact Betty Fallos at (847) 561-9015 or betty.fallos@ctcu.org.

The late Depke was a long-time Lake County leader and a strong supporter and dedicated member of the Exchange Club of Gurnee.

Sign up for Libertyville pageants

Submitted by Bunny Otrembiak

The contestant search is under way for the 2015 Miss, Junior Miss, and Little Miss Libertyville Queens.

Applications are available at the Libertyville village hall, 118 W. Cook Ave. Age requirements for each category are: 16-21 for Miss Libertyville, 11-13 for Junior Miss

Libertyville, and 6-8 for Little Miss Libertyville. The application deadline is May 20. Contestants are required to reside in the 60048 ZIP code.

The 2015 Libertyville Pageant is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18, in Cook Park. For details on an application packet, call Bunny Otrembiak at (847) 362-7898.

Plant, Botanic Art Sale at Long Grove nature center

Submitted by Kenneth Wittig

For tested perennials direct from local gardens, heirloom tomatoes as well as and botanic art originals and prints, note cards and great gifts, come to the annual Plant and Botanic Art Sale May 16-17 at Reed-Turner Nature Center in Long Grove.

The annual sale is always popular. Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club members provide hundreds of plants that will be available at great prices. These are tested, tried-and-true plants from club members' gardens.

Plant selections include perennial natives and non-natives, plants for sun and shade and a few shrubs and trees. Heirloom and some popular hybrid tomatoes are also available. Every year includes a mix of familiar and

unusual plants.

The Reed-Turner Woodland Botanic Artists' Circle includes award-winning artists whose works appear in hundreds of homes and galleries. The artists will provide works from small to large and from notecards to prints to originals, so there is something for everyone's tastes and budget. This is your chance to obtain high-quality botanical art with a local flavor, as many of the works are of wildflowers found at Reed-Turner.

The sale is from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 16, and from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at Reed-Turner Nature Center, 3849 Old McHenry Road, Long Grove.

For details, contact Jane at (847) 566-5761 or jkwittig@comcast.net.

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