



Propel-her Dance Collective

Newsletter Spring 2008

Happy Spring from Propel-her!

Dear Friends,

This year, Propel-her has hit the ground running! Our plans for 2008-2009 include a new work commission from noted choreographer Lisa Race, and outreach activities aimed to teach teens the power of self-expression through dance and collaboration. LOOK OUT for the launch of our new website later this month. Web designer Amelia Montgomery has helped create the streamlined www.propelherdance.com which will feature a photo gallery, listing of upcoming Propel-her events, press, repertory and artist info, and much more. We hope the spring finds you well and we look forward to seeing you at Propel-her events in coming months.

All our Best,
Amy, Ani, Betsy, Cara & Maggie

Propel-her Member News

AMY ADAMS has been dancing around town! Amy performed with Regina Nejman & Co. at Dance New Amsterdam's Raw Materials series in December and in March, at the 92nd St. Y's Fridays at Noon series. She also recently began dancing with Valerie Green/Dance Entropy, and performed with the group at Mannes School of Music in January.

Dance NYC's YAC about Dance online newsletter featured **ANI JAVIAN** as their young artist of the month in February. She and fellow collective member Betsy Miller have received scholarships from Dance/NYC to represent Propel-her at the National Performing Arts Convention this June in Denver, Colorado. Currently Ani is performing in work by Molly Lieber and is choreographing for a group of 20 high school dance students in Connecticut.

Ohio State University has awarded **BETSY MILLER** a prestigious university fellowship. Betsy begins work towards an MFA at the school this Fall. In February, her work was presented by two Brooklyn dance venues: Betsy performed a new solo work at the Cool New York Dance Festival in Dumbo, and Cara Liguori performed "Night Passage" at Williamsburg Art Nexus' series, WaxWorks.

Dance Theater Workshop's 2008 Fresh Tracks performance series featured the work of **MAGGIE BENNETT**. Maggie is now participating in space residency and workshops as part of the renowned program. She has also been working with improvisation group Cheap Cake Dance Club. In May, she will resume working with Jennifer Monson on a project based at the Mahomet Aquifer. In September, Maggie will travel to Austria with Vanessa Justice Dance for a month-long residency at Salzburg Experimental Academy of Dance (S.E.A.D.)

CARA LIGUORI will head to Europe to dance for the summer of 2008! Following a busy winter dancing with Aviva Geismar's Drastic Action in New York City, Cara will travel to Germany with the group to perform and teach dance workshops to students in the country's public school system. She will also attend the Impulstanz 2008 Festival in Vienna, Austria in July. On the homefront, Cara's "Goddess Worship" was presented as part of GrooveMamaInk's Wonder Woman Festival in December, and since then she has been teaching dance and Pilates.

Spring Events

- **April 11-13 and 17-19** Amy performs in Green Space Blooms dance festival with Valerie Green/Dance Entropy.
- **April 17-20** Maggie performs at Dance New Amsterdam with Vanessa Justice Dance in a shared evening of choreography by female artists.
- **April 26-27, 9pm** Maggie and Betsy perform a collaborative improvisational duet as part of York Dance's spring season at the Merce Cunningham Studio Theater.
- **May 1-4** Amy performs in *Reveal* with Regina Nejman and Company at Merce Cunningham Studio Theater.
- **May 27** Cara performs with Stefanie Nelson Dance Group as part of Movement Research's open performance series.

■ **May 31, 2:30pm** Propel-her street show at Spoke the Hub's Local Produce Festival in Park Slope. Union St, b/w 5th and 6th Avenues, Brooklyn.
www.spokethehub.org

*Support from individuals plays a vital role in enabling our artistic exploration and creation. All contributions are tax deductible through The Field's Sponsored Artist Program. Please make checks out to **The Field** earmarked for Propel-her Dance Collective. Thank you, in advance, for your support.*

Donations can be mailed to:
Ani Javian
Attn: Propel-her Dance Collective
229 East 84th Street, #4A
New York, NY 10028

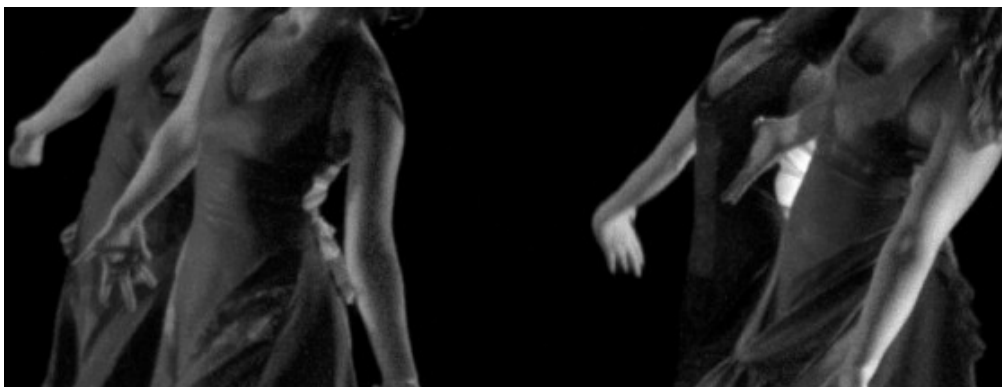


photo: Morrigan McCarthy

**The Field is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organization serving the NYC performing arts community. Contributions made to The Field and earmarked for Propel-her Dance Collective are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. For more information contact: The Field, 161 6th Avenue, New York NY 10013, (212) 691-6969, fax: (212) 255-2053, www.thefield.org. A copy of The Field's latest annual report may be obtained from The Field or from the Office of the Attorney General, Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway, New York, NY 10271.*