THEA 210 Repertory Dance class # 10581
THEA 410 Repertory Dance class # 10589
TTH 3:00-4:15 2 credits Spring 2014 Boise State University
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COURSE DESCRIPTION
A beginning choreography class for the creatively inclined dance student. The class is
designed to give the student an opportunity to work with a professional choreographer, to
learn methods of choreography, to rehearse and to perform. The student will be required to
choreograph a dance piece during the semester. May be repeated once on each level for
credit. Student must be simultaneously attending another dance technique class in addition
to Repertory Dance.

Objectives: Students will be able to structure original choreography proficiently and
problem solve various choreographic projects/challenges. Students will be able to analyze,
critique and discuss choreography in an intelligent, productive manner. Students will be
able to work creatively under deadlines and manage rehearsals effectively, retaining
choreography and performing it with confidence and accuracy.

Policies: Always be on time. Wear suitable dance clothing, leotards please, and tights or
leggings. Canvas ballet slippers will be required. (beige, white, or light pink please) Hair up
and out of the way. Attendance is mandatory- your presence is imperative for the faculty
choreography to proceed smoothly. There are no excused absences outside of BSU
related and approved activities.

Recommended Text: A Primer for Choreographers by Lois Ellfeldt

GRADING- 1000 points possible
Students receive a letter grade utilizing the % point system and incorporating the +/-.
1. 80 pts: Four required short choreographic assignments at 20pts.each

2. 15 pts: Written proposal for your final choreography piece due no later than Tuesday
   February 4. Proposal must meet with Marla’s approval. You may change your music and
   proposal one time. Any changes must be made within the first 5 weeks of the semester.

3. 700 pts: Choreograph piece presented in the final concert and perform in faculty
   choreography.
   ½ the piece must be done by Thursday March 20 or 200 points will be deducted.

4. 20 pts: Technical info sheet at time of final showings, typed and clearly organized and
   performance quality recording of your music turned in at Final Showings: Tues. April 29
   and Thurs. May 1. If your piece is not ready to be shown by this date in its completed form
   with all the dancers, it will not be in the Dance Concert.

5. Do all showings of choreography in progress for the class as scheduled. Showings are
   once every 2-3 weeks, depending on the class size. Two late showings of choreography in
   progress will drop your grade by 1/2.
   Dress rehearsal Thurs. evening May 8 (all performers required). Performances
   Friday, May 9 at 7:30pm and Saturday May 10 at 2:00pm and 7:30. Danny Peterson
   Theatre in the Morrison Center.
6. Attend all classes! 2-3 absences = ½ grade drop, 4 absences = full grade drop

7. 35 pts: Help in the tech strike after the last performance.

8. Watch the DVD of the concert, discuss and evaluate our work. Date to be announced.

9. 150 pts: 2-3 page written critique for THEA 210 and 4 pages for THEA 410 evaluating the choreographic process and results of your choreography. Papers are due Thurs. May 15 by 12:00 noon.

Requirements for Repertory Dance class choreography projects to be performed in the Dance Concert, Rules for choreographers.
1. You must choreograph by yourself- NO collaborations.
2. 210 level students cannot be in their own piece. It is recommended that 410 students also not be in their own piece.
3. You may use any dancers you like- they do not have to be in repertory class, or BSU students. But they must be able to show the entire piece at the same time by the due date and be available for dress rehearsal and all performances.
4. Your piece may not be longer than 5-6 min. unless you have special permission from Ms. Hansen.
5. You may not use pop music with lyrics unless you are upper division and it must not be similar to your last piece for this class.
6. You may choreograph in any style and do most anything as long as it is not in “Bad” taste.
7. Upper division student may choreograph a solo on yourself only with Marla’s permission and it must be substantial in structure and length.
8. You may use as many dancers as you like if approved by Marla in your written proposal.
9. You may change your music and proposal one time after you have already turned in and received approval on your first proposal and it must done within the first 5 weeks of the semester.
10. You must purchase a copy of the DVD of the performance.
11. Choreographers must inform their dancers about policies for dress rehearsal and performance, you are responsible for keeping them informed!
12. All dancers must sign–in upon arriving at the theatre (time to be announced) and be on time for the warm-up. All dancers must warm-up.
13. All props or set pieces must be checked and set-up ready for the performance before the house opens. The house opens ½ hour before curtain. Choreographers are responsible for putting away their props/sets after each performance.
14. One dancer from each piece must check in with the stage manager to inform her that the dancers are all ready and in their places before going on stage.
15. Dancers are to be quiet when exiting the stage and remain quiet in the halls during performances.
16. No dancers are to come out in costume into the halls or areas where audience members can see them before or during performances, including intermissions.
17. No eating or drinking in costume. Do not leave any costume items on the floor. Leave all costumes borrowed from Idaho Dance Theatre in the dressing room after performance. Do not take home and launder- you may shrink or ruin something by not knowing how it should be cleaned.
18. Dancers are not allowed to go in the audience after they have performed and watch the rest of the show.
19. Dancers should inform their friends and relatives that they are not allowed to come to the performance for their piece only and then leave. Latecomers without tickets are not allowed into the performance.
20. No photography or videotaping is allowed during the performances. If you want to video it must be done during dress rehearsal. A professional videographer is hired to video the show and DVDs may be purchased.
21. Please read the B111 rules and times regarding signing up for rehearsal time.
22. you must turn in an excellent copy of your music the day of final showings!!!!!!