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The Salt Lake Community College Dance Company presents eMOTION in MOTION, a multi-media dance concert based on the theme of finding movement that delves into the many human emotions. With a variety of diverse dances and intricate technique, eMOTION in MOTION offers an opportunity for students, staff and family members to experience a production unlike past years, along with different styles of dance.

"I try to do something that has kind of a world or global connection every year," says SLCC Dance Company Director Tess Boone. "It gives a whole lot of variety; [the SLCC community] are going to find something they love [about this concert]."

This semester, Boone has decided to incorporate student choreography into the dance production. Many of the dance members, including Laura Espinoza, use personal experience and emotion to tell a story in their dance piece, creating exquisite choreography.

"[Espinoza's dance piece] - it's breathtaking [and] completely different than anything she's ever done. I'm so proud of her for creating such a beautiful masterpiece," says Kristen Aoki, SLCC Dance Company President. "When you have that kind of story to motivate you through movement - that's when you get the most powerful, and strongest choreography ever."

SLCC Dance Company was given the chance to work alongside guest choreographers Lori Hansen (Director of Samba Fogo), Ro Malaga (High School Musical Assistant Choreographer), Courtney Norris and SLCC dance faculty. These community dance professionals will be presenting their work at the dance showcase.

"Not only is it a wonderful connection, but it also gives the dancers more of an opportunity to work with someone they might not normally work with," says Boone. "It's a whole different experience."

Since last September, SLCC Dance Company has

been working extremely hard to put this production together.

"There's been so many hours invested, so much literal blood, sweat and tears," says Aoki. "This has definitely been [our] strongest year yet."

The SLCC community can expect to see an astonishing dance production. From samba to hip-hop to ballet, SLCC Dance Company has so many elaborate, idiosyncratic dances and styles to offer.

eMOTION in MOTION will take place on April 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m. in The Grand Theatre at South City Campus. Admission is free for SLCC students and staff; otherwise, it is a \$10 fee. If 2 non-perishable food items are brought, the ticket is half off.

"You'd really be missing out on a free concert," says Aoki. "I mean it's [worth] less than going out and seeing The Great Gatsby for the fifth time." 🍷



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