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**MIRO DANCE THEATRE presents *Cinco de Miro: ¡Super Salsa Sensacional!*  
First Annual Fundraiser @ Founder's Hall, Girard College, May 9<sup>th</sup>  
featuring music, Salsa dancing competition, Latin food & drinks and more**

PHILADELPHIA – **Miro Dance Theatre** is thrilled to invite dance enthusiasts, supporters and members of the Philadelphia community to Salsa the night away at ***Cinco de Miro: ¡Super Salsa Sensacional!*** – the company's first annual fundraising event, on **Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** from 6 – 11 p.m. This "Party for the People" includes Latin music, a Salsa dancing competition featuring Philadelphia personalities, a live auction, Latin inspired food catered by *Breath of Life Caterers* and a cash bar with Margaritas, Martinis and top shelf Tequila by Gran Centenario. Held at **Girard College's Historic Founder's Hall**, located at 2101 South College Ave. (at Girard Ave. & Corinthian Ave.), the unique social and fundraising event promises to be an exciting night for all, with proceeds benefiting Miro Dance Theatre programs including the free monthly **Open Studio Series**, local educational outreach and development of new work.

*Cinco de Miro* tickets are \$25 and are available online at [www.mirodancetheatre.org](http://www.mirodancetheatre.org), by calling **(215) 962-4773** and at the following Philadelphia locations: *Halloween* (1329 Pine St), *Black & Brew* (1523 E Passyunk Ave), and *American Mortals* (729 Walnut St).

The highlight of *Cinco de Miro* is the live Salsa dancing competition featuring Philadelphia personalities **Marisa Magnatta** of WMMR's Preston & Steve Show, President of Girard College **Hon. Dominic Cermele**, hip-hopper **Michelle Byrd-McPhee** of Montazh Performing Arts Company, Massage Therapist and Personal Trainer **Rita Jean Clark**, Bucks County Community College student **Chelsea Davis**, Miro's Producing Artistic Director **Tobin Rothlein**, and **Antony Giblisi** and **Heidi Hirjak** of American Mortals Salon. Led by Salsa Professional and DJ **Victor Colon**, the contestants will team up with professional salsa dancers from **Fuzion Creativa Dance Company** to strut their stuff on the dance floor. Prior to the event, each contestant will receive professional training with their dance partner in preparation for the competition. Audiences are invited to cheer on and cast their vote for the best dance team along with guest Judges including **Kathy Romano** of WMMR's Preston & Steve Show, **Ms. Tess Tickle** and **Jose Guillermo Ortega Tanus**.

The competition will be followed by a dance party for all, with Victor Colon as DJ for the evening. *Cinco de Miro* will also include a live auction with items such as private Salsa lessons, dinner with Miro Artistic Directors, gift certificates to local establishments, and more.

A vital member of Philadelphia's independent dance community, Miro Dance Theatre creates and performs original work that explores the collaborative intersections of dance, video, and visual art. Miro uses classical

technique as a departure point from which to explore new and challenging dance vocabularies, ideologies, performance disciplines, and the way media co-exist within the performance space. The company was founded in 2004 by dancer and choreographer **Amanda Miller** and video and visual artist **Tobin Rothlein**, following five years as Co-Artistic directors of Phrenic New Ballet. Miller, with ten years experience as a dancer with the Pennsylvania Ballet and choreographic studies in Europe under Siobhan Davies, is at the helm of Miro's choreographic exploration. Rothlein, whose work as video artist and visual designer for Rennie Harris Puremovement and others has garnered national and international accolades, oversees the company's work in combining dance, multi-media and visual arts. As the 2007-08 Girard College artists-in-residence, the company also oversees an outreach program with the school's students.

*Cinco de Miro is supported by Gran Centenario, 1800, Three Olives, Whole Foods, American Mortals, and Black and Brew. Catering for the event is generously provided by Breath of Life Caterers; Smiley Ferebee, Rodney Gains and Munirah King.*

*Miro Dance Theatre and the Open Studio Series are supported by the Philadelphia Cultural Fund, Independence Foundation, Advanta Foundation, Samuel S. Fels Fund and Girard College.*

### **Schedule of Upcoming Events & Performances**

#### **Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

Open Studio Series: Behind-the-scenes of *Self-Portrait*  
Girard College, Mechanical School  
2101 South College Ave. (at Girard Ave. & Corinthian Ave.), Philadelphia  
Admission is FREE.

#### **Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**

World Premiere of *Self-Portrait*  
Philadelphia Museum of Art, *Art After 5* series  
26<sup>th</sup> Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia  
For additional information about the Museum's Frida Kahlo exhibit and *Art After 5*, visit [www.philamuseum.org](http://www.philamuseum.org).

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