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MIRO DANCE THEATRE's Monthly Open Studio Series Continues
***Stories from the City at Night* @ Girard College, Thurs. March 13th**
British composer Pete M. Wyer to accompany with a live performance

WHEN: Thursday, March 13th, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Girard College, Mechanical School
2101 South College Ave. (at Girard Ave. & Corinthian Ave.)
Accessible by #15 & #33 buses; free and secure parking.

ADMISSION: FREE; light refreshments will be served.
For directions and more information, visit www.mirodancetheatre.org
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Philadelphia's **Miro Dance Theatre's** monthly **Open Studio Series** returns to **Girard College** on **Thursday, March 13th** at 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Miro co-Artistic Director's **Amanda Miller** and **Tobin Rothlein** welcome longtime friend and collaborator **Pete M. Wyer**, one of the composers of Miro's *Hurdy Gurdy* (2005). In celebration of collaborations, past and future, and the U.S. CD release of Wyer's *Stories from the City at Night*, Miro will perform excerpts from their repertoire, set to Wyer's moving music and videos featuring Miro dancers. Wyer will also accompany with a live musical performance.

The Open Studio Series, which launched in February 2007, provides audiences with open access to the creative process and a chance to see and respond to new dance works in progress, as well as previous pieces from the Miro repertoire. The 2007 season featured guest artists from the region and around the world, all at Miro's Girard College studio where the company also serves as artists-in-residence and continue to oversee an outreach program with the school's students. All series events are free and open to the public.

"I've been working with Pete Wyer longer than Miro has been in existence and I love creating work to his music," said Rothlein, Miro's video and visual artist. "I've been dancing and choreographing to Pete's music for over 10 years now," seconds Miro choreographer Amanda Miller. "I always have a very emotional reaction to his music which is one of the reasons I love performing with it."

A self-taught musician hailing from the UK, Pete M. Wyer has worked with the acclaimed Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Opera North (Leeds, England), and the Julliard School, among others. The "pioneering, transatlantic composer" (*The Independent*) is thrilled to reconnect with Miro in 2008. For additional information on Wyer and to sample his music, visit www.pmwmusic.com.

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.

About Miro Dance Theatre

Miro Dance Theatre (“Miro”) 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.

About Girard College

Girard College is a private boarding school for academically capable students, grades 1 through 12, from families with limited financial resources, each headed by a single parent or guardian. All Girard students receive full scholarships to take part in the school’s strong academic program and to live safely on its enclosed 43-acre campus in the Fairmount section of Philadelphia. Girard is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. It holds membership in the National Association of Independent Schools, The Association of Boarding Schools, the Coalition for Residential Education, and the Association of Delaware Valley Independent Schools. For information, visit www.girardcollege.com.

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