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Gravity's Ripple;; Outdoor Contemporary Dance Performances
Sept. 16-17 at Dublin Arts Council

DUBLIN, Ohio — (Aug. 19, 2010) *Gravity's Ripple*;;, an original, site-specific outdoor contemporary dance project, will be presented by Dublin Arts Council and OhioDance in collaboration with The Ohio State University Department of Dance and Ohio Department of Education Division of the Arts. A free public performance will be staged Thurs., Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m. on the sloping riverfront grounds of Dublin Arts Council (DAC), 7125 Riverside Dr., in Dublin. The approximate 40-minute performance, inspired by the rolling hills of the site and the Scioto River, will be followed by a question and answer session between the choreographer, the dancers and the audience.

The project is part of DAC's ongoing project *Ripple Effect: Artistic Impact of the Scioto River*, designed to offer unique opportunities for visual, performing and interpretive art projects associated with investigation of the Scioto River. The public is also invited to attend a dress rehearsal performance at 11 a.m. on Thurs. Sept. 16 at Dublin Arts Council.

Gravity's Ripple;; choreographer Julie Fox, who currently resides in Columbus, considers herself a teacher, choreographer, performer and writer. She has danced in classical ballet and opera productions, and has performed and choreographed contemporary dance works, including site-specific and improvisational, primarily in Houston, Chicago and Columbus. Fox earned a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre/Dance from the University of Houston in 2006 and a Master of Fine Arts in Dance from The Ohio State University in 2009.

"Creating dance works in the outdoors presents an exciting challenge and opportunity to collaborate with the most expert and talented of all artists – nature," Fox says. "With highly choreographed and beautifully improvised motion, sound, architecture and light, nature continues to weave an elaborately simple and profound dance that guides and propels. In essence, there are three dances here – nature, this dance unfolding in nature and the audience's dance as they listen and experience the intersection of the two."

Fox will work with six primary dancers from The Ohio State University accompanied by three musicians. She will also integrate movement by select

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dancers from Ohio's Denison University, Kenyon College, Oberlin College, Ohio Wesleyan University and The College of Wooster. She plans to harness the gravity of the hillside and listen to the current of time rushing by as she uses her work to explore the historical journey of Columbus and surrounding communities' relationship to the ecosystem of the Scioto River.

The *Gravity's Ripple* project takes place at Dublin Arts Council from Sept. 13 – 17 and includes master classes for Columbus students from Duxberry Park Arts IMPACT Elementary School and Fort Hayes Performing Arts High School.

The final performance of *Gravity's Ripple* will take place on Fri., Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at DAC in conjunction with Dublin Arts Council's Wine Tasting Fundraiser. The event features fine wines provided by W.J. Deutsch & Sons and hors d'oeuvres from The Refectory. Tickets are \$50 per person. Proceeds benefit Dublin Arts Council.

Additional support for the *Gravity's Ripple* project is provided by Ohio Arts Council, a Franklin County Neighborhood Arts grant from the Greater Columbus Arts Council and the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation.

For more information about *Gravity's Ripple*, DAC's Wine Tasting fundraiser, or any of Dublin Arts Council's programs, exhibitions and events call (614) 889-7444 or visit www.dublinarts.org. Dublin Arts Council (DAC), is located at 7125 Riverside Dr. in Dublin, Ohio. Hours are Tues., 10am-7pm; Wed./Thurs./Fri., 10am-5pm; and Sat., 11am-2pm. DAC is supported in part by the City of Dublin's Hotel/Motel tax endowment and the Ohio Arts Council, which helps fund Dublin Arts Council and its programs with state tax dollars to encourage economic growth, educational excellence and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans. DAC is further supported by individuals, corporations, foundations, and through in-kind contributions. DAC engages the community, cultivates creativity and fosters life-long learning through the arts.

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