MoveSpeakSpin

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Dear teachers, home schoolers, and educators,

We are currently taking reservations for the April 7-11, 2014 school matinee performances of an exciting and unique dance/theater concert, *The Daughters of Hypatia: Circles of Mathematical Women*. This four woman concert highlights great women mathematicians throughout history, celebrating their lives and struggles to create groundbreaking mathematics. Such performances can provide role models and help counter-act the myths and stereotypes surrounding the discipline of mathematics, and can encourage and inspire all students to see themselves as capable and talented in a subject that is too often a stumbling block, and too seldom seen for the beautiful and imaginative endeavor that it actually is .

The performances, including questions and answers with the performers, will last approximately 55 minutes, and will take place at West End Studio Theatre in Santa Cruz. The performance is appropriate for a wide age range, from elementary grades to high school, and the stories and dances are engaging for all ages, adults included.

School performances will be given according to the following schedule: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, April 7, 9, and 11, at 10:00 AM and 12 noon. Tuesday and Thursday, April 8 and 10, at 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM.

Because seating is limited – approximately 80 seats per show - reservations are important. If a large school group needs slight alterations in starting times for a particular performance, we may be able to accommodate, please contact us for details. Prices are \$9 per person, with discounts for large groups – contact us for details.

A set of pre- and post-performance class activities for all grade levels will be provided free of charge to educators bringing students to the performance (a few examples are shown in the accompanying flyer).

Please contact us right away if you, your students, or your school is interested in attending. This event is sponsored by West End Studio Theatre, which has been delighting audiences of all ages for years with exciting theatrical performances and classes, and is partially funded by a grant from the Arts Council Santa Cruz County.

We hope to hear from you soon. Contact us at <u>karl_schaffer@yahoo.com</u> or 831-480-5114. More information on the performance is in the accompanying flyer.

Sincerely,

Karl Schaffer

Co-Artistic Director

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