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DanceEstrella Brings This, That and the Other to Estrella Mountain Community College

Cabaret-style production set for April 26-27 at Performing Arts Center

AVONDALE, ARIZONA, March 19 – Estrella Mountain Community College's (EMCC) student dance company, DancEstrella, is gearing up for four performances of This, That and the Other on April 26 and 27 at the Performing Arts Center.

The program features 11 practicum dances; collaborative choreography by students in performance classes; and group dances by Professor Janaea Lyn McAlee and Ballet Arizona guest artist Colleen Buckley.

The performance and practicum dances incorporate ballet, modern, contemporary, jazz, old school hip-hop, and West African dance. These styles are combined in unexpected ways to explore individuality through the lens of self-discovery, relationships and community. Dance major Kyara Parker will also perform her solo, which was awarded first place Solo Performance and second place Solo Choreography on Feb. 16 at the Maricopa Artist of Promise Dance competition. The finale of This, That and the Other will be an original body of work created for Estrella dance students by Buckley during a weeklong residency.

Date/Time: Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27, 2019, at 3 and 7 p.m.

Location: EMCC Performing Art Center, 3000 N. Dysart Road, Avondale, Arizona 85392

McAlee said the theme for the show is individuality.

"Because of the range of dance styles and interpretations of the theme, which interested the practicum students, the shape of the production lent itself to a revue or cabaret style format," McAlee said. "We decided to create an environment that represented a supper club and called that Cabaret Papillon. The production's title of This, That and the Other captures the creative diversity of the student's choreography."

General admission is free and audience members are invited to participate in a brief discussion with dancers at the end of each show.

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[Estrella Mountain Community College](#) is one of the ten colleges in the Maricopa County Community College District, one of the largest community college districts in the nation. EMCC offers academic courses leading to associate degrees, university transfer, certificates, and short-term job training to more than 14,000 students annually. The flagship campus is located on Thomas and Dysart roads in Avondale. Classes are also offered online and at two Buckeye locations: EMCC's Buckeye Educational Center, located in downtown Buckeye, Arizona, and at the EMCC @ West-MEC Southwest Campus at 500 N. Verrado Way.