

## Young Choreographer's Forum

What is Young Choreographer's Forum?

Mark Foehringer Dance Project|SF (MFDP|SF) offers this educational opportunity to young choreographers who are looking for guidance and feedback on the process of making a dance. The YCF is divided into three gatherings. Choreographers should bring their concept or proposal for their work to the first panel review session. Choreographers should also be prepared to show some of the material he/she is planning to develop for this new work. If there is a musical selection, choreographers should bring it to the first panel review session. Choreographers should bring in their dancers to show the work in progress on the second panel review. Choreographers must attend both sessions. The final step of the YCF is the Young Choreographer's Festival which is presented in association with Dancing in the Park on April 28 at the Bandshell in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco.

Other optional sessions are available with a panel member on a first come, first serve basis. These sessions are one hour long and held between October 16 and February 26 on Sunday afternoons.

### Eligibility:

2 age groups of choreographers are made. Choreographers ages 16 to 20 and choreographers ages 21-24 may submit an application for the forum. Works should be no longer than 6 minutes. No solos will be considered.

Review Panelists: Lizz Roman, Susan Weber, Kara Davis, Brian Fisher and Mark Foehringer

### Panel review and forums dates:

October 16 from noon to 3 pm

February 26 from noon to 3 pm

Panel reviews at San Francisco Conservatory of Dance, 301 Eighth Street, #205, San Francisco, CA 94103

Performance: April 28 noon to 1 pm, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

### About the panel:

Lizz Roman: Founder and choreographer for Lizz Roman and Dancers. She teaches contact improv and sit on the panel for ODC's Pilot program.

Susan Weber- Associate director of Berkeley Ballet Theater. Former dancer of Lar Lubovitch Dance Company, Susan sets works by Lar Lubovitch and Mark Morris nationally and internationally.

Kara Davis: Founder and choreographer of project agora. Kara teaches and choreographs at Lines Ballet School and Dominican University/Lines Ballet BFA among others.

Brian Fisher- Danced for ODC/Dance SF for 15 years. He received an Izzie Award along with Brandon Freeman. He has collaborated with MFDP|SF for 14 years. He teaches and performs throughout the Bay Area.

Mark Foehringer- Founder, artistic director and choreographer of MFDP|SF and artistic director of TDC. Mark teaches and choreographs nationally and internationally.

Mark Foehringer Dance Project|SF ( MFDP|SF) is a project based organization currently in its 16<sup>th</sup> season. MFDP|SF focuses on community engagement by performing works by Mark Foehringer, educating dancers and choreographers and presenting an annual dance festival "Dancing in the Park".

Mark Foehringer Dance Project | SF

Young Choreographer's Forum 2011  
Application form

Name of choreographer:

Age:

Address:

Email address:

Cell #:

What dance program are you currently part of?

Tell us about your proposed work. How many dancers? How long do you imagine it will be? ( 6 minutes limit. You may chose to show a section of a longer work). While props are allowed, scenic elements must be small and portable if used.( No solos will be accepted)

You are expected to rehearse the work on your own time and coordinate the schedule for your dancers. YCF does not provide rehearsal space for the choreographers.

Please sign the liability form and return with this application by mail or fax:

MFDP|SF  
1338 Haight Street #28  
San Francisco, CA 94117

Fax: (650) 506 3275

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

Mark Foehringer Dance Project/SF (MFDP|SF) and Young Choreographer’s Forum 2011, its affiliated entities, agents, employees and contractors, will be referred to as MFDP|SF.

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, I am not a minor and understand that by being a participant in Young Choreographer’s Forum 2011, that:

or I, \_\_\_\_\_, am the legal guardian for or parent of \_\_\_\_\_ and understand that by allowing my child to participate in Young Choreographer’s Forum 2011 that:

**A.** Participant will voluntarily participate in Young Choreographer’s Forum 2011. I understand that participant may be subjected to a variety of hazards and risks, foreseen or unforeseen, which may cause me to suffer property damage, injury or death (“DAMAGES”). I know that these DAMAGES can occur due to natural causes, the active or passive negligence of MFDP|SF, or the negligent or intentional acts of third parties and/or fellow participants. I understand that participant should therefore exercise extra care for participant’s own person. Participant chooses to participate in Young Choreographer’s Forum 2011, assuming all necessary costs and voluntarily assume the risks of such DAMAGES occurring while participating in Forum activities.

**B.** MFDP|SF may at times deliver participants to various third parties, who are not MFD|SF employees, who will conduct, supervise, guide or instruct participants in various activities. MFDP|SF assumes no duty to certify, monitor or verify the qualifications of any third parties involved in these activities. Participants’ concerns regarding the qualifications of any third parties conducting these activities should be directed to those third parties. Participant agrees to release, indemnify and hold harmless MFDP|SF for liability for DAMAGES arising out of negligence of such third parties.

**C.** I recognize that dance and all related activities require intense physical exertion that may be strenuous and may cause physical injury and therefore involve unique risks of DAMAGES, and I am fully aware of the risks and hazards involved. I understand the nature of Marley or other dance floors, mobile floor bars and other dance equipment, and the consequences of wearing ballet slippers, pointe shoes, socks or bare feet and other related dance footwear, and I accept full responsibility for my own choice of footwear. I hereby assume all the risks inherent in the activities associated with the FESTIVAL. I voluntarily assume the risks of any and all DAMAGES I may incur as a participant in Young Choreographer’s Forum 2011.

**RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

**1.** In consideration of participating in Young Choreographer’s Forum 2011, I hereby agree to hold MFDP|SF, its employees, agents, contractors or owners, harmless from any and all liability, action, causes of action, debts, claims and demands of every kind and nature whatsoever which I now have or which may arise from or in connection with my Young Choreographer’s Forum 2011 activity. The terms of this agreement shall also serve as release and assumption of risk from my heirs, executors and administrators for all members of my family.

**2.** I further agree that this RELEASE and ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT and WAIVER OF LIABILITY is intended to be as broad as permitted under California law, and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that all other portions shall continue in full legal force and effect.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE ABOVE AGREEMENT AND VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

IF THE PARTICIPANT IS A MINOR, THIS DOCUMENT IS TO BE SIGNED BY THE MINOR’S LEGAL GUARDIAN. BY SIGNING BELOW THE MINOR’S LEGAL GUARDIAN INDICATES THAT HE OR SHE UNDERSTANDS THAT “I” ABOVE REFERS TO BOTH HIM OR HER AND THE MINOR

**Print name of dancer:** \_\_\_\_\_ (if participant is a minor)