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Trolley Dances: Catch the Rapids

San Diego Dance Theater and the Metropolitan Transit System present
17th Annual Trolley Dances

17TH ANNUAL SITE-SPECIFIC DANCE SERIES VENTURES TO BALBOA PARK FOR FIRST TIME

Saturday and Sunday

September 26 & 27 and October 3 & 4

Guided Tour Times: 10:00, 10:45, 11:30, 12:15, 1:00, 1:45

May 13, 2015 (SAN DIEGO) - Over the past 17 years of presenting **TROLLEY DANCES** Artistic Director **Jean Isaacs** has choreographed work in a fountain, a board room, a supermarket, a library and in a children's museum but never in Balboa Park! For this year's Annual TROLLEY DANCES, tours will travel from downtown to Balboa Park in celebration of Centennial with lots of surprises in between. A stellar team of choreographers are on board to create new work that is sure to delight and engage.

Isaacs, Trolley Dances founder, is thrilled to welcome award winning director/choreographer/media artist **Stephan Koplowitz** as a first-time Trolley Dance choreographer. Internationally known for his work on the concert stage and for creating original site-specific multi-media works for architecturally significant sites, Koplowitz is a Dean of the Dance Program at the California Institute for the Arts in Los Angeles. "I've been wanted to bring Stephan to San Diego for some time and I'm excited to see what he brings to the project," said Isaacs, who will also be creating a new dance for this year's event.

Rounding out the team of choreographers are Seattle's **Mark Haim** (recently in San Diego for the critically-acclaimed *This Land is Your Land*,) and San Diegans **Liv Isaacs Nollet**, **Anne Gehman** and **Suzanne Forbes Vierling** (African Dance).

Last year's event attracted over 3,000 patrons with many more enjoying the dance by simply walking by! Patrons are encouraged to wear good walking shoes, and to bring some water and a sense of adventure.

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Tours will begin at the new **County of San Diego Waterfront Park** at the San Diego County Building on N. Harbor Dr. and continue on trolley and MTS's new Rapids buses across town to Balboa Park. The education outreach program called **Kids-on-Board**, sponsored by **Qualcomm Foundation**, takes place **September 25, 2015**. This annual outreach initiative brings 550 students and teachers to view the dances free of charge. Each school also hosts a free residency on creating site-specific dance and the dances created in the residency are often performed for the entire school in assembly.

TROLLEY DANCES 2015 is funded in part by grants from MTS, City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture, City of San Diego, Qualcomm Foundation, California Arts Council, Parker Foundation, Weiss Charitable Trust, the County of San Diego, and the National Endowment of the Arts, its only funded dance activity in the region.

TROLLEY CENTRAL - Tour Starting Point: County Administration Building @ County Center/Little Italy Trolley Stop on the Green Line.

Link to Parking Info:

<http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/parks/CACWaterfrontPark/Docs/CACWaterfrontParkParking.pdf>

Tickets: \$35 General Admission; \$25 Seniors; \$15 Students/Active Military
6 Tours Daily.

Each ticket includes a FREE all day Trolley Pass and admission to Mingei International Museum with advanced purchase.

Children under 6 and patrons in wheelchairs are FREE.

Group Rates Available for 10 or more.

Visit www.sdmts.com for Trolley Maps and Schedules.

Tickets at www.sandiegodancetheater.org 619.225.1803

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