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The American Dance Festival (ADF) continues the exploration of Where Ballet and Modern Meet with an eclectic week of dancemaking.





Mark Dendy GoldenBelt, Photos by Monica Barco

Golden Belt by Mark Dendy: North Carolina native Mark Dendy will present Golden Belt, a site-specific work that will utilize a stunning top floor space in the newly renovated Golden Belt. The historic structure instantly inspired Dendy: “The moment I stepped off the elevator and onto the top floor, I was choreographing.” Free and open to the public, Golden Belt will immerse dance enthusiasts and newcomers alike in an ADF-commissioned World Premiere.

Complimentary Champagne & Chocolate Party at Golden Belt: On the tails of the Festival’s immensely popular Block Party in May, the ADF will host a Champagne and Chocolate party to celebrate Mark Dendy’s Golden Belt on Friday, July 17 at 6pm. Golden Belt will surround and intersect patrons as they sip on the sweet tastes of summer in the coolest of locations. Patrons will get a glimpse of how the historical environment of Golden Belt inspired one of the ADF’s longtime participants. Champagne, chocolate covered strawberries, and deliciously delectable dance, all for free – what could be sweeter?

For tickets to these and other ADF performances, call the Duke University Box Office at (919) 684-4444 or the DPAC Box Office at (919) 680-2787. You may also purchase tickets online by visiting www.tickets.duke.edu or www.dpacnc.com. For information about additional ADF programs, community projects, or to view the Festival’s new online video blog (new posts every day), please visit www.americandancefestival.org.