



## american dance festival

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## The American Dance Festival Hosts 3rd Annual Block Party Sunday, May 22 at Casbah

Durham, NC, May 5, 2011. – In celebration of the 2011 **American Dance Festival (ADF)** which runs June 9-July 23, the ADF will throw its third annual pre-season **Block Party**, sponsored by Casbah. Presented by ADF Modern Scene, the season kick-off event will take place at Casbah, located at 1007 West Main Street in downtown Durham, on Sunday, May 22, 2011 from 4-7pm. **This event is free and open to the public.**

Join friends and neighbors for great food from favorite local food trucks including Only Burger and Parlez-Vous Crepes, drinks from Casbah’s cash bar, live music by DJ’s Sound Cartel, a free raffle, and ADF trivia!

**New this year!** Join local artists as they collaborate to re-paint the iconic ADF school bus. Jamie Wolcott, Darius Quarles, Eleatta Diver, Josh McRibe, Gabe Eng-Goetz, as well as several students of Seesaw Studio will lend their diverse styles and talents to transform the ADF bus into a moving artistic mural. “ADF students rely on our school buses to get from dorms to classes and performances during the summer. With the help of some amazing local artists in the community we are going to give new life to these ADF treasures, and bring a new and exciting energy to the Block Party,” said ADF Co-Director, Jodee Nimerichter.

As in the past, ADF Block Party attendees will enjoy 25% off any ADF ticket purchased that evening when they provide three non-perishable food items to support the **Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina**. The Food Bank will also be accepting dry and canned pet food this year.

### About the 2011 ADF Season

Performances during the ADF’s 78th season will be presented at the Durham Performing Arts Center and Reynolds Industries Theater, as well as the Sarah P. Duke Gardens from June 9 – July 23. The 2011 Festival, entitled Something New, Something Treasured will celebrate the best in modern dance, both past and present. For detailed information about the 2011 Festival, the ADF School, community programs, and ticketing, please visit [www.americandancefestival.org](http://www.americandancefestival.org).

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**Calendar editors, please note:**

ADF Block Party

Sunday May 22

4-7pm

Rain or shine

Free and open to the public

Casbah, 1007 West Main Street

Brightleaf Square District, downtown Durham

**About ADF:**

*Founded in 1934 in Bennington, Vermont, the ADF remains an international magnet for choreographers, dancers, teachers, students, critics, musicians, and scholars to learn and create in a supportive environment. The ADF's wide range of programs includes performances, artist services, humanities projects, publications, community outreach, educational programs and classes, archives, media projects, and national and international projects. The ADF has been presenting the best in modern dance for over 77 years. [www.americandancefestival.org](http://www.americandancefestival.org).*