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THE AMERICAN DANCE FESTIVAL TO PARTICIPATE IN SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY EVENTS

Durham, NC, September 3, 2014 — The American Dance Festival (ADF) will participate in two special events in September to celebrate “community,” both local and international. ADF will take part in the **International Day of Peace** and the **NC Pride Parade and Festival**. “We are looking forward to coming together with our friends, neighbors, and supporters at these very special events this month,” states ADF Director Jodee Nimerichter.

International Day of Peace, celebrated by millions, was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1981. “Peace Day” is a ceasefire—personal or political—and an opportunity to create practical acts of peace. ADF will hold a **free meditation session** for all ages and abilities at the **Samuel H. Scripps Studios at 721 Broad Street in Durham** as a part of the International Day of Peace at **11:00am on Sunday, September 21st**. ADF faculty member **Jody Cassell** and sound artist **Jude Casseday** will lead this 1-hour experience of mindful breathing, slow movements, and gentle song intended to bring about peaceful well-being. At noon in every time zone, a moment of silence will be held, sending a peace wave around the world. The class will end with this moment of silence. Space will be limited so early registration is recommended at bit.ly/1oLyu8A.

On **Saturday, September 27th**, one of ADF’s vibrantly painted school buses, along with ADF staff, students, and fans, will take part in the **30th NC Pride Parade and Festival**. At last year’s parade there were over 60 vehicles, more than 15 floats, 88 registered groups, numerous local and state government officials, and thousands who marched. The parade begins at **1:00pm on Duke’s East Campus** and travels down Broad Street, then 9th Street, and finishes back at East Campus. If you’d like to march (or ride the bus!) with ADF to show your support for the LGBT community, please contact school@americandancefestival.org for more information.

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About ADF:

Founded in 1934 in Bennington, Vermont, ADF remains an international magnet for choreographers, dancers, teachers, students, critics, musicians, and scholars to learn and create in a supportive environment. ADF's wide range of programs includes performances, artist services, educational programs and classes, community outreach, national and international projects, archives, humanities projects, publications, and media projects. ADF has been presenting the best in modern dance for 81 years. americandancefestival.org.

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