



Momentum 2011 brings together Singapore's top student dancers to inspire and celebrate love for dance

Momentum 2011, the annual dance festival organized by the Republic Polytechnic's Cultural Centre (TRCC) is back for its fourth consecutive year. Themed "**Emotions in Motion**", Momentum 2011 seeks to reflect the vibrant and adventurous spirit of today's youth and celebrate the love and appreciation for all forms of dance – from the traditional to the contemporary, from hip-hop to salsa.

Some of the award-winning groups performing in this year's festival include the NUS Dance Ensemble, InDanCity from the Singapore Management University, Dance Spectrum as well as dance interest groups from schools such as Raffles Girls' School and Teck Whye Secondary School. Republic Polytechnic will also be presenting six of its dance interest groups to participate in the dance festival, including the modern dance, Latin and Salsa social dance groups.

Through the week-long festival, TRCC's state of the art facility will play host to dance film screenings, workshops, workouts, dance dialogues and showcases. There will even be a Students' Choreographers platform, mentored by TRCC's assistant director, Mr. Zaini Tahir. This undoubtedly exciting and youthful festival will culminate in a 90-minute dance performance that not only showcases the best talents found in Singapore schools but is also the embodiment of "**Emotions in Motion**".

Momentum 2011 is the ideal place for youths to come together to create, inspire and share their love for dance. The annual dance festival will be held at Republic Polytechnic, and will run from 19th May to 28th May.

Appended is more information about the event highlights:

Momentum 2011 Launch

Momentum 2011 kicks off with a high! Featuring special guest dancers from the genres - HipHop, Salsa and Latin, keep up with the beat throughout this 30-minutes performance. Performers include Hip Hop group, Luminiq crew (finalists in "One Moment of Glory") and many more.

19th May, 430pm- 5pm. South Agora, Republic Polytechnic. Free.

LEAPS! – A students' choreographers' platform

A new addition to the Momentum family, LEAPS! is a dance concert choreographed by our very own RP student dancers from the various *Create Interest Groups*. The 7 dancers were mentored by TRCC's assistant director Zaini Tahir, after undergoing intense training sessions. Mr. Zaini Tahir himself is an acclaimed dancer/choreographer who has performed in productions by Theatreworks and in Andrew Lloyd Webber's production of *Cats*.

Please note that there will be a dialogue session with the student choreographers after the concert.

19th May, 530pm – 630pm. Dance Studio 1 at TRCC. Free (with limited seats; registration required).

12 Dance Film Screenings

For the movie-goers, there are 12 dance films lined-up for Momentum 2011. If you missed TRCC's past dance productions, this is your second chance to watch performances such as *Momentum 2009*, *Muse*, *Moksha Mudra* and *Tango Project 2009*. Other blockbuster dance movies such as *Step Up*, *Hairspray* and *Bring It On* will also be screened.

20th – 27th May, first show time: 12pm – 2pm, second show time: 4pm – 6pm. The Reel Room (RP Library). Free.

5 Dance Workshops

The Dance Workshop series runs for 5 days, and it aims to promote greater appreciation of different dance genres. Malay Dance (Tarian), Hip Hop, Modern Dance, Bollywood and Chinese Modern Dance will be conducted by renowned dance teachers.

20th – 27th May, 330pm – 430pm. Dance Studio 1 at TRCC. Free (with limited seats; registration required).

3 Dance Workouts

Another new addition to Momentum, the Dance Workout series runs for 3 sessions, each comprising of an hour of mass exercise fusing music and movement. The workout session aims to break preconceptions of limits that people have within them, proving that dance can be accessible. Hip Hop and Capoeira workouts are two of the workouts that will be taught.

20th May, 23rd May, 26th May, 430pm – 530pm. South Agora, Republic Polytechnic. Free.

Arts Platter (Traditional Dances)

The Arts Platter held during Momentum 2011 will showcase 6 traditional dance performances of high standards. Dance groups hail from secondary schools that clinched honours/gold award at the last Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Competition in 2009, such as Teck Whye Secondary School and Raffles Girls' School.

24th May, 430pm – 515pm. South Agora, Republic Polytechnic. Free.

Dance Dialogue

This interactive dialogue explores and discusses dance in relation to Passion, in line with this year's theme, *Emotions in Motion*. The panel of speakers includes student dancers, well-celebrated choreographers and artistic director from diverse backgrounds will be invited to speak.

25th May, 430pm – 530pm. TRCC VIP Reception Room, Level 2, Republic Polytechnic. Free (but with limited seats; registration required).

Dance Showcase – Emotions in Motion

The highlight of Momentum 2011 is the Dance Showcase, where all 13 performing groups merge in a brilliant display of creative and innovative dance performance. Different genres of dance ranging from Modern, Contemporary, Salsa, Latin, Hip Hop Ballet, Malay, etc will come together as they present their tribute to this year's theme – Emotions in Motion – celebrating their love and appreciate for dance.

List of the 13 performing groups:

1. SMU InDanCity
2. NUS Dance Ensemble
3. TP Dance Ensemble
4. TJC Modern Dance Group
5. Teck Whye Secondary School Malay Cultural Group
6. Raffles Girls' School Contemporary Dance Group
7. Dance Spectrum International (local dance school)
8. Republic Polytechnic Indian Cultural Group
9. Republic Polytechnic Malay Cultural Group (Tarian)
10. Republic Polytechnic Modern Dance Group
11. Republic Polytechnic Social Dance Group (Latin)
12. Republic Polytechnic Social Dance Group (Salsa)

13. Republic Polytechnic Hip Hop Group

27th May – 28th May, 8.00 – 9.30pm, TRCC Theatre, Republic Polytechnic. Tickets: \$10, payment via NETS is \$9/ticket. Call 6510 3000 for enquiries

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