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Celebrating 10 years as Michigan's premier summer dance event

Brighton, MI - Registration is open for the 10th Annual Brighton Dance Festival, happening August 5-10, 2019. BDF provides pre-professional and professional training opportunities to experienced dancers, plus community events for all to enjoy. Interested students can learn more and register at www.brightondancefestival.com. The deadline to sign up is July 22, but space is limited so students are encouraged to register early.

The intensive training programs at the festival offer students the opportunity to work closely with professional dancers, company directors and choreographers from all across the nation. Notable faculty members include NYC performers Erik Abbott-Main (Sleep No More), and Tiffanie Carson (BARE Dance Co.), Chicago-based choreographers Megan Drabant, and Samuel Horning (Dance Exchange), and local stand out educators Jill Cassidy, Michelle Marzejon, and Kathy King among many others.

BDF also has a robust lineup of community events for all to enjoy. The newly launched *BDF Studio Series* will offer daily performances by Michigan-based professional dance companies in the MADPAC Studio Theatre, located at 101 Appian Way, Suite 102, Brighton, MI. Performances are free and open to the public, and will run 1-2pm, Monday through Friday, August 5-9. The community is also invited to partake in the inaugural *BDF Block Party* on Thursday August 8, 9am-6pm, for a fun day of vendors, music, food, and dance.

To wrap up the festival week, all full time attending students, along with several guest artists, will present the highly anticipated *BDF Student Showcase* at the Brighton Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday August 10 at 6pm. Tickets are \$10 advance sale and \$15 at door. All ticket proceeds are donated to the BCPA to help further the growth of arts education in Livingston County.

The Brighton Dance Festival was founded in 2010 by local dance educator Kathy King, in partnership with the Michigan Dance Project organization, Michelle's Academy of Dance & Performing Arts Center, and the Brighton Center for the Performing Arts. Now in its 10th season, the festival has served hundreds of students from across the Midwest, and presented performances to thousands of audience members. BDF has donated more than \$30,000 to local arts and educational organizations, plus has given away more than \$25,000 in festival tuition scholarships to students nationwide. To learn more, visit www.brightondancefestival.com.

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