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## **transcenDANCE YOUTH ARTS PROJECT CELEBRATES 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY WITH 10xChange**

A Dance Theatre Production Celebrating a Decade of Social Change and Change-Makers

SAN DIEGO, CA– April 11, 2016 - On July 14, 15, and 16, transcenDANCE Youth Arts Project presents **10xChange**, a teen dance performance at the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego in La Jolla. This annual performance is the culminating event of the six-month long CREATE program where young dancers explore the collective history of transcenDANCE through a social change curriculum.

“This is a main component of our three-tiered Creative Youth Development program,” explained Cat Corral, Executive Director of the nonprofit based in National City. “CREATE is the heart of what we do. Students from underserved communities in San Diego and National City audition annually. Selected students go through rigorous dance training, work with professional choreographers, and develop critical leadership skills all while co-creating socially-conscious original dance pieces to be performed in a professional theatre. Students come out of the experience with the confidence, life skills, and sense of belonging that is truly transformative in their lives. This activates a ripple effect that then positively impacts families and communities.”

“As transcenDANCE celebrates ten years of success, this meaningful and engaging production honors those who have worked to help us thrive in our mission to serve the youth in San Diego communities,” she added.

35 high school students from six different partner schools were selected and will be joined by 15 alumni guest performers. Student work is shaped into an original dance theatre production in collaboration with dance professionals including Tonnie Sammartano, Erica Buechner, Ron “RJ” Davis, grace shinae jun, and Seiha Vor. The show features original live music and film content. Local video content agency, **emota**, presents stunning film footage giving audiences an up-close experience with student stories. **10xChange** reimagines some of the best dances of the organization’s ten year history with new imprints by its present dancers and choreographers. Through this compelling dance theatre performance, audiences will witness a new generation of youth planting the seeds of change for the next chapter of transcenDANCE.

Bringing the production to life is supported through a collaboration with **A Reason to Survive (ARTS)**, which brings music, costume, and scenic design elements to the stage through their student Apprenticeship Program.

This year’s CREATE key partnerships include the **Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes, the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, UCSD Art Power!** and **A Reason to Survive (ARTS)** and is funded in part by **Danah Fayman, Dr. Pat Zigarmi, emota, The William Hall and Ruth Rathell Tippett Foundation, The Bader Group, City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture, The Kiwanis Club of San Diego, The Office of Councilmember Todd Gloria, and The Office of Councilmember Marti Emerald.**

**DATES/TIMES:** Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm (Student Groups Only\*\*)
Public Performances Friday, July 15 and Saturday, July 16 at 8pm
VIP Reception, Saturday, July 16, 6:00-7:30 pm

**LOCATION:** Sherwood Auditorium, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego,
700 Prospect Street La Jolla, CA 92037

Tickets can be purchased online: [www.tDArts.org](http://www.tDArts.org).

Ticket Prices range from \$10 - \$25 for performances.

VIP Package price is \$75 per person and includes a show ticket, reception with food, drink, live music, silent auction and more.

\*\*Contact transcenDANCE for group pricing and student group arrangements.\*\*

**Unsung Heroes and #ThePowerOfOne**

Educational partner, the Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes, helped to shape a framework for 10xChange by sharing their curriculum that helps identify and celebrate community heroes who have made extraordinary impact. The transcenDANCE dancers will interview unsung heroes of the organization as a way of understanding the power of one individual to make positive change in our local communities as they contribute to a greater collective movement. Board members, graduates, and key supporters will share their stories with the dancers as a way of inspiring the next generation of change-makers.

[www.lowellmilkencenter.org](http://www.lowellmilkencenter.org)

**transcenDANCE Youth Arts Project**

Founded in November 2005, transcenDANCE Youth Arts Project empowers youth to mobilize social change through dance and performance in under-served San Diego communities. On average, transcenDANCE serves 250 students per week through outreach programs at underserved schools and performs for several thousands of audience members per year. transcenDANCE is a local Creative Youth Development organization with the ultimate goal of creating dynamic performances that synthesize students' artistic strengths while integrating socially-relevant thematic content. transcenDANCE youth performers share these performances to uplift and inspire cross-generational audience members.

[www.tDArts.org](http://www.tDArts.org). See a glimpse of the powerful work of transcenDANCE Youth Arts Project here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QTptkJ9f-7w>

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