



## ARTward Bound: Santa Fe

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### ARCOS Dance stretches creative limits with new repertoire

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Based in Santa Fe, ARCOS Dance is known for cutting edge choreographies and creative means of expression.

Presented as part of their four-concert home season, the ARCOS Dance "Spring Repertory Concert" will run for two weekends, revealing creative choreography from an eclectic collection of works. Under the artistic co-direction of Curtis Uhlemann and Erica Gionfriddo, the concert will feature a company of 21 dancers ranging in age from 14-27.



ARCOS is shaping the Southwest contemporary performing arts scene.

Founded just under a year ago, the company has maintained a rigorous training schedule, preparing their dancers for a number of upcoming performances including multimedia dance concerts, musician collaborations, and international touring in Spain, France and Germany.

"We felt such satisfaction with the success of and response to our February multimedia production '500 Words or Less' that we want to push ourselves even more in that direction – eventually achieving evening-length works that blend several genres," said Gionfriddo, following the successful premiere of their recent production. "The spring repertory show is our next step in experimenting."

Featuring a 90-minute program of choreography, the three featured pieces will include two new works, and the restaging of "To Have Everything," an homage to Uhlemann's mother.

The performances will highlight the coalesced artistic visions of Uhlemann and Gionfriddo, and each piece was conceived with music at its core.

With musical accompaniment that ranges from live and recorded jazz to American minimalist orchestral movements and piano compositions, each piece explores the complexities of sound and physicality from vantage points that juxtapose soft fluidity with broken rigidity to create a seemingly contrasting sense of cohesion.

**April 6-7, 13-15, Fridays, Saturdays, 7:30 pm, Sunday, 2 pm**

**ARCOS Dance Spring Repertory Concert**

**MPD Performance Space**

Tickets \$20 adults, \$15 students; 1583 Pacheco, Santa Fe, 505.473.7434; arcoscience.com