

Pasatiempo, November 11-17 2005

Four dance companies, triumphing

Yes! It wasn't a fluke! For a second year, four Santa Fe dance schools and companies are getting together for a group presentation by their teen artists – in alpha order, Aspen Santa Fe Ballet, Moving People Dance Theater, National Dance Institute of New Mexico, and Something in the Air. The choreographers and teachers represented include Aspen Santa Fe's Gisela Genschow, Moving People's Ronn Stewart, NDI's Catherine Oppenheimer, and Something in the Air's Cathy Roe.

Three performances are scheduled at NDI's Dance Barns, 1140 Alto St.- 7 p.m. today and Saturday, Nov. 11 and 12, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13. The repertoire includes pieces set to music by Leonard Bernstein (West Side Story), Tchaikovsky, and Satie; a group finale involves the dancers from all four companies.

This is an admirable example of artistic collaboration and joint willingness to cross the often edgy turf lines that tend to keep rival groups at more than arm's length. Now if music and theater ensembles would just give this a try.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and are available at the door. Information: 983-7661. – Craig Smith