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**THE DANCE CENTER OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO WELCOMES ALL AGES  
TO 11TH FAMILYDANCE MATINEE SERIES**

CHICAGO—Introducing families to the world of contemporary dance, The Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago presents its 11th season of **FamilyDance Matinees**, featuring a variety of Chicago dance artists.

The 2009–10 season of FamilyDance highlights three respected Chicago dance companies marking milestones: Lucky Plush Productions (FamilyDance Matinee on October 24, 2009), celebrating its 10th anniversary; Jump Rhythm Jazz Project (February 20, 2010), celebrating its 20th anniversary; and Hedwig Dances (April 3, 2010), celebrating its 25th anniversary. The Dance Center also will present regular evening performances by all three companies during the same weeks as their FamilyDance Matinees. The fourth FamilyDance Matinee features students in The Dance Center’s Repertory Performance Workshop performing work by professional choreographers (December 19, 2009)

Each FamilyDance Matinee consists of a special 45-minute family-oriented performance preceded by a free workshop that encourages parents and children to move with the artists.

“Since its inception, FamilyDance has become a very popular event, introducing new people to The Dance Center and new artists to our loyal FamilyDance subscribers,” said Dance Center Executive Director Phil Reynolds, “It’s an opportunity to show kids and parents that dance is fun by letting them get up and move with the artists. Once they’ve tried it themselves, they’ll enjoy watching it even more. We hope we’re nurturing the development of the next generation of dancers and audience members as well.”

The Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago, named “Chicago’s Best Dance Theatre” by *Chicago* magazine and “Best Dance Venue” by the *Chicago Reader*, is the city’s leading presenter of contemporary dance, showcasing artists of regional, national and international significance. Programs of The Dance Center are supported in part by Alphawood Foundation, The Chicago Community Trust, The MacArthur Fund for Arts and Culture at Prince, The Elizabeth Morse Charitable Trust, New England Foundation for the Arts, The Boeing Company Charitable Trust, Arts Midwest, Elizabeth F. Cheney Foundation, The Richard H. Driehaus Foundation, and The Irving Harris Foundation. Additional funding is provided by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Illinois Arts Council. Special thanks to Friends of The Dance Center. All programming is subject to change.

Each FamilyDance Matinee begins at 3 p.m.; the free movement workshop begins at 2:15 p.m. Single tickets are \$6 for children 12 and younger, \$10 for adults; a FamilyDance season pass for all four performances is \$18 for children, \$30 for adults. The theatre is accessible to people with disabilities. Call 312-369-8330 or visit [colum.edu/dancecenter](http://colum.edu/dancecenter).

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