

Paul Taylor 2 Brings the Wonder of Modern Dance to Stockton PAC

Performance set for Feb. 6

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Galloway Township, NJ – "Taylor 2 is a kind of a miracle... All of the dancers are considerable talents [who] unite fearlessness with skill." -Gia Kourlas, *New York Times*. Paul Taylor 2 comes to the Stockton Performing Arts Center on Thursday, Feb. 6, 2014.

Show time is 7 p.m. Tickets are \$32. Children's tickets are \$12 when accompanied by an adult. Tickets may be ordered online at <u>www.stockton.edu/pac</u> or by calling the Box Office at (609) 652-9000. The Box Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 90 minutes before the performance. For group sales, contact Angie at (609) 652-4786.

Paul Taylor established the Paul Taylor 2 Dance Company in 1993 to ensure that his works could be seen by audiences all over the world, unhindered by economic or technical limitations. Taylor worked with longtime colleague Linda Hodes to create a company that could accommodate performance requests as well as teach and provide community outreach. Taylor looked back to the 1954 origins of the Paul Taylor Dance Company for the structure of his new company: six professionals with a particular gift for Taylor's style to perform his work around the world.

Engagements are flexible and are customized to meet the needs of each community, and often consist of master classes and lecture demonstrations in addition to performances in non-traditional venues as well as theaters. In selecting repertoire for Taylor 2, Taylor chooses dances that span the broad spectrum of his work. Several of the dances performed by Taylor 2 have been re-worked from the Paul Taylor Dance **-more-**

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Company's version to enable the smaller ensemble of dancers to perform them. Critics and audiences cheer as Taylor 2 introduces the athleticism, humor and range of emotions found in Taylor's work.

Taylor 2, which tours extensively, has had engagements in nearly 400 cities to date. In the spring of 1994, the United States Information Agency sponsored the company's first international tour that sent the dancers to the African nations of Mozambique, Botswana, Mauritius, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Swaziland. In January 1997, the company celebrated India's 50 years of independence by touring in tandem with the Paul Taylor Dance Company. Taylor 2 India stops included Jamshedpur, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Ahmedabad, Pune and Lucknow. Taylor 2's widespread domestic touring has already taken the company to 46 states. Taylor 2's rehearsal directors, all distinguished former Taylor dancers, followed the inspired leadership of founding rehearsal director Linda Hodes. They have included Richard Chen See, Mary Cochran, Patrick Corbin, Kristi Egtvedt, Francie Huber, Susan McGuire, Thomas Patrick, Sandra Stone, Kenneth Tosti and Andy LeBeau. Former Taylor dancer Ruth Andrien became director of Taylor 2 in May 2010.

For our patrons with special needs, the Stockton Performing Arts Center offers wheelchair accessible seating, large type programs, and listening assistive devices. Please identify any needs you may have when making a reservation.

The Stockton Performing Arts Center, the Jersey Shore's Center for the Arts, is located on the campus of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, on Jim Leeds Road in Pomona (Galloway Township). Just 12 miles west of Atlantic City, the Center is easily accessible from the Garden State Parkway and the Atlantic City Expressway.

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Center is located in the M-Wing of the college's main campus at 101 Vera King Farris

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