



THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL

4 October 2013

Dear Ms. Ozumerzifon,

Thank you for your letter of 17 September 2013 inviting me to attend Community Action Open Studio's observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which will be held on 16 and 21 October 2013 at Gibney Dance Center.

I am grateful for your kind invitation. I regret, however, that I will not be able to attend due to prior commitments.

I appreciate your understanding and take this opportunity to wish you a successful event.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

Jan Eliasson

Ms. Yasemin Ozumerzifon
Community Action Manager
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GIBNEY DANCE

September 17, 2013

Ms. Jan Eliasson
Deputy Secretary General
United Nations
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New York, NY 10017

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Dear Ms. Eliasson:

On behalf of the community and staff of Gibney Dance, I would like to personally invite you to a **Community Action Open Studio** as part of our observance of **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**.

Gibney Dance Community Action is a year-round arts/social service program singularly devoted to using movement and creativity to empower survivors of domestic violence. The first of its kind, our program unites survivors of domestic violence, who often struggle with grave issues of self-determination and autonomy, with professional dancers, who through years of training have learned to control their physical environment with freedom and confidence. Our movement workshops are held in partnership with some of the most highly regarded social service organizations in the country, including Sanctuary for Families and Safe Horizon.

Throughout the month of October, Gibney Dance is taking a stand against domestic violence by raising awareness through outreach and advocacy events. Open Studios demonstrate the content of our movement workshops in a public setting. Gibney Dance Company members, who act as movement workshop facilitators, will lead the group through our workshop model emphasizing creative choices, group collaboration, and specific stress-reduction techniques.

I sincerely hope you will consider joining us for one of our Open Studios on either **October 16 or October 21 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Gibney Dance Center** and show your support for our ongoing efforts to build awareness around the issue of domestic violence as we work to bring positive change through the arts.

Please enjoy the enclosed newsletter, which details our activities and immense growth over the past year, including successfully reaching our goal of 365 free movement workshops to women, children, and teens in domestic violence shelters throughout New York City. In response to the earnest expression of need voiced by our program partners and participants, Gibney Dance has pledged to conduct 500 movement workshops this year.

For more information about our Community Action programming or Gibney Dance as an organization, please do not hesitate to contact me at 212 677 8560 or via email at yasemin@gibneydance.org.

I hope to welcome you to Gibney Dance Center soon.

With warm regards,

Yasemin Ozumerzifon
Community Action Manager

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