

Members of Performers North rehearse the opening number of Fosse and More. John McKenzie/FREE PRESS

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The title changes, but the event is the same every year. Performers North, the public performance branch of Judy Russell's Enchainement Dance Studios, holds a fund-raising variety show every year. Each one is based on a contemporary dance theme. This one is entitled "Fosse & More" in tribute to choreographer Bob Fosse. It is a brightly coloured, flamboyant, high-energy collection of the best dance numbers the dancers have been working on this year.

"There are 26 numbers, from all dance varieties: ballet, jazz, tap, musical theatre and a big production number which is dedicated to Charles Schulz (creator of Charlie Brown and the Peanuts cartoon strip). It opens with Fosse, which is a Kim Collins choreographed number. Some of these were seen at the showcase night at the dance festival, but some are new numbers. There's a bit of everything," says Graham Holmes, president of the Performers North Entertainment Society.

The society is mandated

to promote, enhance and provide opportunities for dance performance for Northern B.C. Sometimes that is an appearance on stage at a public event in Prince George, or it could be travelling to another community. A dance competition in Calgary is on the agenda for later this year, but first comes the annual pilgrimage to Prince Rupert for that town's prestigious dance festival, the B.C. Annual Dance Competition.

"Performers North and

Judy Russell are putting on this fund-raiser to help raise money to send Performers North to Prince Rupert at the end of the month. It is to assist with travel costs, accommodation, costumes, all the costs associated with attending this event," Graham says.

"It is probably one of the premier festivals in the province. It attracts dancers from all over the province. A big contingent is coming this year from Burnaby, a studio comes every year from

Toronto, it is high-caliber competition and the prize money is good, too. It's a week-long excursion and good for the kids to get away for an experience like that."

Performers North presents "Fosse & Company" at Vanier Hall on April 19 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets (\$10 adult / \$8 seniors, students) are available at all Tim Horton's locations, Enchainement Dance Studio from any Performers North dancer or at the door.

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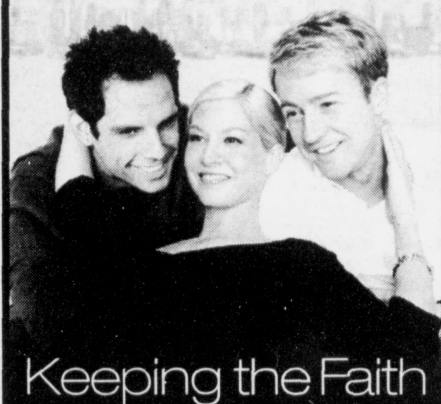
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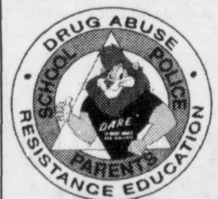
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