

Lewitzky Dance Company to appear at UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium on April 20

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Choreographer Bella Lewitzky of Los Angeles will bring the Lewitzky Dance Company to the University of California, San Diego for a performance at 8 p.m. April 20 in the Mandeville Auditorium.

Considered to be one of the leading choreographers in American modern dance, Lewitzky is also known to be one of the most outspoken advocates for freedom of expression in the arts. Recently, she rejected a \$72,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts in protest of a proposed obscenity pledge.

For 25 years, Lewitzky's company has been known for its strength and flexibility, and for its inventive exploration of space. In 1990, the company was the only one from the west coast to represent American modern dance in the famed French Biennale de la Dance, in Lyon. The festival also presented the companies of Paul Taylor and the late Martha Graham.

Lewitzky, an active participant in the American arts scene, is a member of many arts organizations, including the National Foundation for the Advancement in the Arts, the UCLA Center for the Performing Arts, and the Dance Council and Artes de El Camino, El Camino College, California. She is the recipient of many awards, including the First California Governor's Award/Individual Artist Lifetime Achievement; the First Los Angeles Arts Council Honor in Dance; an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree from Otis/Parsons School of Design and the American Dance Guild Annual Award in 1989. She also is the recipient of a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship.

Tickets for the Lewitzky Company are \$16 for general admission, \$14 for seniors and \$12 for students, and may be purchased at the UCSD Box Office (534-4559) or from TicketMaster outlets. This event is sponsored by UCSD University Events.

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