

## Investigating Motion: a Dance Benefit for the UCSD AIDS Research Institute

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**T**he AIDS Research Institute (ARI) at the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine will be the sole beneficiary of a special fund raising event on Thursday, October 1. “Investigating Motion” – an evening of performances, including new works by local dance theatre companies – will begin 6:30 pm at The Abbey, 2825 Fifth Avenue, a beautifully renovated historic building in San Diego’s Hillcrest neighborhood.

“UC San Diego continues to provide state-of-the-art medical care to HIV-positive individuals in greater San Diego, and is at the forefront of HIV/AIDS laboratory research. We think that is something to celebrate,” said ARI director Douglas Richman, MD, professor of pathology and medicine and the Florence Seeley Riford Chair in AIDS Research.



benefit will feature dances by Butterworth Dance

The benefit, hosted by Butterworth Dance and the UCSD AIDS Research Institute, will feature performances by Butterworth Dance, Malashock Dance Company, somebody’s dance theatre, and

UC San Diego theatre faculty member Eric Geiger. This evening of compelling and memorable performances marks the beginning of a planned series of annual dance benefits for the ARI.

A suggested donation of \$25 or more per person includes a ticket to the performance and reception with gourmet appetizers, wine and non-alcoholic drinks, as well as an upscale opportunity drawing and silent auction. Local media personality Ken Kramer will be emcee for the evening.

Registration information is available by calling 858-534-5545.

## **The UCSD AIDS Research Institute (ARI)**

In 1996, the ARI was established to coordinate the diverse HIV/AIDS research and clinical activities on the University of California, San Diego campus. Housed within UCSD's School of Medicine, the ARI serves as a regional resource for HIV/AIDS research and information in the San Diego area. Its mission includes coordinating and stimulating collaborative scientific research and exchange within the academic community, offering relevant educational and training opportunities in the many areas related to HIV infection, and providing clinical resources and education to the San Diego community. ARI members strive to halt the spread of HIV/AIDS through cutting-edge research, innovative clinical trials and public education.

In its 2009 annual ranking of medical schools, *US News and World Report* named the UCSD HIV program as the 8<sup>th</sup> best in the country. In addition, the journal *Science* recently named ARI director Douglas Richman, MD, as the most widely cited HIV/AIDS author in the world.

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