



Geva
Theatre
Center

Bill Evans Dance Presents

AUTUMN LEAVES: HOT JAZZ/COOL TAP

September 30 – October 8, 2011

Geva Theatre Center Nextstage
75 Woodbury Blvd
Rochester, NY 14607

RHYTHM TAP ROCHESTER

William Evans/Cheryl Johnson/Courtney World


With guest artists Don Halquist and
Leanne Rinelli, modern tango dancers
and

NO MEAN FEAT JAZZ TRIO

Gabe Condon/Alex Dugdale/Dominic Sbrega

With guest artists Danny Lopa, jazz bassist,
and Tamara Wilcox, pianist





Classic and Contemporary Rhythm Tap Dance, Live Jazz and Blues Music— Vocal and Instrumental

\$20 Adults, \$15 Seniors and Groups,
\$10 Students and Children

232-Geva or via the website: www.gevatheatre.org

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Friday, October 7 @ 7:30pm
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AUTUMN LEAVES: HOT JAZZ/COOL TAP

Rhythm Tap Rochester

(William Evans/Cheryl Johnson/Courtney World)

With guest artists Don Halquist and Leanne Rinelli

AND THE

No Mean Feat Jazz Trio

(Gabe Condo—guitarist, Alex Dugdale—saxophonist/clarietnist, and Dominic Sbrega--bassist)

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IN AN PROGRAM OF

Exciting Tap Dance and Live Jazz Music—Vocal and Instrumental

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August 22, 2011. Rochester, N.Y. –Bill Evans Dance is delighted to return to the intimate Geva Theatre Centre Nextstage, this time with a full evening of varied and exciting rhythm tap dance accompanied by live jazz and blues musicians.

Hot Jazz/Cool Tap is an evening of classic and contemporary rhythm tap with live jazz music. It will showcase RHYTHM TAP ROCHESTER (William Evans, Cheryl Johnson and Courtney World) and NO MEAN FEAT JAZZ TRIO (Gabe Condon, Alex Dugdale and Dominic Sbrega). Guests artists will be Don Halquist and Leanne Rinelli, of the internationally-acclaimed Bill Evans Dance Company, dancing Evans' modern Tango, Danny Lopa, renowned Rochester jazz bassist, and Tamara Wilcox, pianist and director of music in the Department of Dance at The College at Brockport.

The entertaining and uplifting show will run seamlessly for about two hours, including a 15-minute intermission. There will a rich stylistic variety of tap dance and live jazz music (both vocal and instrumental), with a little tango and blues for good measure. Music will include *Autumn Leaves*, *September Song*, *Try to Remember*, *Autumn in New York* and other seasonal favorites in updated and swingin' arrangements.

William Evans was named one of America's three favorite tap artists in the most recent *Dance Magazine* Reader's Poll. Cheryl Johnson, a Rochester native, became Seattle's most-acclaimed rhythm tap artist/jazz vocalist before returning home just this year. Courtney World is a vivacious and engaging dancer who has collaborated with Evans for the past seven years. Alex Dugdale, who will lead other jazz musicians from the Eastman School of Music, is a clarinetist, saxophonist and virtuoso tap dancer.

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**For further information, photographs or to arrange interviews, please contact:
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(On sale September 6, 2011)**

RESERVATIONS: **232-Geva or via the website: www.gevatheatre.org**

LOCATION: **Geva Theatre Center Nextstage, 75 Woodbury Blvd, Rochester, NY 14607**

BILL EVANS DANCE

The **BILL EVANS DANCE COMPANY**, founded in 1975, was for several years the most-booked professional dance troupe in the U.S. The company has performed in all 50 states, throughout Mexico and Canada and in many countries in Europe, Asia and Australasia. It is one of the few professional companies performing both contemporary dance and rhythm tap dance, sometimes in separate works and sometimes interwoven in a single work. It was based in Seattle through 1983 and then in Albuquerque through 2004. It now works on a project basis and performs regularly in Rochester and elsewhere in Western New York.