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Dance Camera West's 10th Anniversary Film Festival to Feature Oscar-Nominated Director Mike Figgis

Celebrated dancers, choreographers, directors and producers from around the globe will attend this year's Dance Camera West 10th Anniversary Dance Media Film Festival. A highlight of the festival will be the U.S. premiere of director Mike Figgis' award-winning "The Co(te)lette Film," in collaboration with award winning Dutch choreographer Ann Van den Broek.

Dance Camera West's 10th Anniversary Festival, to be held from June 16 - 19, 2011, partners with The Getty Center, The Hammer Museum and UCLA to offer screenings, conversations and panel discussions with internationally renowned choreographers and dance media - or "screendance" artists.

A director's talk and later Q and A on June 18 with Mr. Figgis will explore the cinematic, or "cinematographic," adaptation of the dance performance by choreographer Ann Van den Broek. "Co(te)lette" is an intimate piece for three female dancers caught in a vicious circle between desire and fulfillment. The dance is a portrait of women, torn between attractiveness, sensuality, lust, carnality, fame, success, reflection, control and stillness.

Also added this year in celebration of DCW's anniversary is "Dance Media: An Active Spectrum" conference, investigating the collaboration between the dance and film worlds. Panels will cover the synthesis of entertainment and art, the future of dance media, funding and distribution. "Dance media has evolved beyond the traditional theater-based cinematic experience", said Dance Camera West founder and Executive/Artistic Director Lynette Kessler. "Our goal is to provide opportunities for small-scale independent artists to network with players in the creative and entertainment industries."

All festival events are free and open to the public, although seating is limited. Guaranteed seating through the special Dance Camera West Membership Pass is highly recommended.

Dance Camera West's 10th Anniversary Dance Media Film Festival opens on Thursday, June 16, with a screening and special guests at The Getty Center. On Friday, June 17, the conference, "Dance Media: An Active Spectrum," at UCLA's Department of World Arts and Cultures/Dance will be followed by an outdoor screening at the UCLA Fowler Museum Amphitheater. DCW will then present two days of screenings at the Hammer Museum's Billy Wilder Theater on Saturday, June 18 and Sunday, June 19.

The 2011 **Dance Camera West 10th Anniversary** event is supported in part by Mortimer Levitt Foundation, Metabolic Studio of the Annenberg Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, and Los Angeles County Arts Commission, Consulate of Mexico in Los Angeles, Consulate for the Netherlands in New York. Our official hotel sponsor is Hotel Palomar Los Angeles/Westwood. This year's community partners include Cinedans Festival Amsterdam, New FilmMakers Los Angeles, and Los Angeles Filmforum.

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