

Dear friends,

It is with complex feelings that I am stating that this will be the last season of Jeanne Ruddy Dance. I have decided that after the Company's Twelfth Concert Season, which will be performed at the Suzanne Roberts Theatre on May 10 – 12, 2012, it is time for me to shift the focus of my professional work.

In 1998, I dedicated myself to presenting and making dances and founded Jeanne Ruddy Dance. First launched with four female dancers, all over the age of 40, Jeanne Ruddy Dance grew over the years to include eleven spectacular dancers. Along with my own choreographic works, we presented new works of nationally recognized choreographers: Igal Perry, Mark Dendy, Zvi Gotheiner, Robert Battle, Annie Reinking, Peter Sparling, Jane Comfort, Susanne Linke, and Martha Clarke.

We also created the Performance Garage – JRD's home studio where over 120 choreographers have rehearsed, auditioned or performed since its opening in 2003.

I have fulfilled my goal in creating and presenting dance in a company format. I will now pursue individual artistic projects and be available to accept guest artist invitations and to write.

We end the Company on a high note in artistic product, in organizational structure and in fiscal health. I am proud of what we have accomplished and am deeply appreciative of the support and guidance of my board president, Greg Gosfield, as well as the board members, the staff, the dancers, my collaborators, government and foundations, my husband, Victor Keen, and of all the many, many people, including you, who have supported us since 1998.

I hope you will continue to support us as we face the challenges of archival work cataloging the photographic images, preserving marketing materials and my notebooks, digitizing hundreds of Company videos as well as supporting our staff and dancers with their own new paths.

I look forward to seeing you at our final season to celebrate our twelve years of sincere and joyous efforts in creating new dance works.

My deepest appreciation for your support through this journey.

Sincerely,

Jeanne