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ALBAN ELVĚD DANCE COMPANY PERFORMS *INERTIA*
Ballet about the Holocaust is Part of Two-Week Salem Residency

WINSTON-SALEM, NC – ALBAN ELVĚD DANCE COMPANY will present *INERTIA* – *REMEMBERING THE HOLOCAUST* on Friday, Nov. 20 through Monday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Drama Workshop, Salem Fine Arts Center. The four performances are part of a two-week residency by the ballet company on the campus of Salem College, lasting from November 8-November 23.

In remembrance of the Holocaust, *INERTIA* is scheduled at a time that marks the “Night of Broken Glass” or “Reichskristallnacht” (November 9, 1938). Based on interviews with Holocaust survivors, historical research, personal reflections and her experiences growing up in Germany in the shadow of the Berlin Wall, choreographer Karola Lüttringhaus created *INERTIA* as an emotional response to the terrifying potential of human cruelty. *INERTIA* speaks to us all, bearing both hope and powerlessness. By looking back, it points to our future, reminding us of the ever-present need to bring light and hope into this world. A conversation with the audience will be offered after each performance. A special reception will follow Saturday's performance.

Admission by ticket only: \$12 for general admission, free for Salem faculty, staff and students. Reservations can be made beginning November 5 by visiting www.albanelved.com or by calling 336-917-5493. Group rates available.

Also scheduled during the two-week residency and open to the public are:

Film/Discussion: Monday, Nov. 9, 7-9 p.m., Salem Fine Arts Center. FREE. *The Restless Conscience*, a documentary by Hava Beller. FREE.

Dance Master Classes: Conducted by choreographer Karola Lüttringhaus in the Dance Studio, Salem Academy and College. You may attend one or all. FREE although donations are welcome. Please make reservations by emailing albanelved@albanelved.com.

- Monday, Nov. 9, 10-11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 11, 10-11:30 a.m.
- Friday, Nov. 13, 10-11:30 a.m.

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Also as part of the “Inertia” performance, ALBAN ELVĚD is seeking art submissions with the Holocaust as subject. These works may be by students, professional artists, children and anyone else with an interest in Holocaust-themed art.

- The art exhibit will be available for viewing at Salem College from November 21 through December 15th. For information, visit www.albanelved.com.

The ALBAN ELVĚD DANCE COMPANY residency at Salem is sponsored by the Committee on Cultural Events with support from the Arts Council of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County, The Mary Duke Biddle Foundation, Temple Emmanuel, O’Kelley Design Studios, Dynamic Body Therapeutic Massage & Bodwork, The Academy of Dance Arts, ALBAN ELVĚD DANCE COMPANY, private donors and others.

Founded in 1772, Salem is the nation’s oldest continually operating institution for women, offering 30 undergraduate majors for women, coeducational graduate studies and programs for men and women ages 23 and over via the Fler Center for Adult Education. For more information about Salem College, call (336)721-2669 or visit www.salem.edu.

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