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The Somerville Arts Council and Zoe Dance presents an ArtsUnion event:

Somerville Dance Fest



Fri, July 27
raindate: Sat, July 28
7-10pm
Union Square,
Somerville
FREE



Zoe Dance presents Somerville Dance Fest featuring a dozen dance groups ranging in style from improvisation to dance theatre to step.

Dancers hailing from Somerville, Boston, Philadelphia, Maine, New York and Ireland, will utilize video projection as its common thread at this free outdoor festival in Union Square. Each group is asked to use the same setup consisting of a scrim being placed in front of the stage with video projecting onto it. This will create an illusion of the live performers having the same “weight” than that of the video in the front. If you don’t know what this dance “thing” is, we encourage you to come on out and see! This is a great way to experience dance—without having to buy tickets!

Dancers and troupes include, Alicia Christofi-Walshe (IRE), Zoe Dance, Jimena Bermejo-Black and Ali Ross, Luminarium, Aparna Das, Kelley Donovan, Weber Dance, Marcia Rotondo, Falling Flight Project, Loren Grenendaal (PHILLY) and Contrapose.

Zoe Dance Company has been presenting mainly its own work since 2002 in the greater Boston area as well as internationally in Santiago, Chile. Zoe has also been presented by World Music/CRASH Arts, The Dance Renewal Project, Boston Center for the Arts, Somerville Arts Council’s “ArtBeat” festival—the list goes on. Zoe Dance has received several grants from the Somerville Arts Council, awarded a finalist for the Boston Dance Alliance’s Rehearsal and Retreat Fellowship and has received numerous reviews and mentions in the Boston Globe, the Boston Herald, and other local publications. Zoe Dance strives to enliven the public space by offering public performance installations that are free and open to all.

About ArtsUnion: A Spotlight on the Culture and Diversity of Union Square

The Somerville Arts Council’s ArtsUnion Project is an initiative designed to boost the cultural economic development of Union Square, Somerville. Now in its sixth year, ArtsUnion has been instrumental in reinvigorating the artistic and business landscape of the area. ArtsUnion presents numerous events and markets, and leads cultural tours. In addition, ArtsUnion has commissioned local artisans to fabricate street furniture and was instrumental in creating an Arts Overlay District that provides zoning incentives for arts related development in the square. The Somerville Arts Council and the Mayor’s Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development created ArtsUnion, in partnership with ArtsSomerville, Brickbottom Artists Association, Washington Steet Art Center, the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission, the Somerville Chamber of Commerce, Somerville Open Studios and Union Square Main Streets. Generous funding for our initiative is provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council’s John and Abigail Adams Program and the City of Somerville.



Curated by the Somerville Arts Council, City of Somerville, Joseph A. Curtatone, Mayor