

Downtown gallery opens new exhibit

Towne Square Gallery in downtown Oakville is opening a new art exhibit on Saturday, April 2.

The exhibit, titled Connections, features the work of painter Judy Finch, who focuses on a number of subjects with her work.

"When painting a portrait I want to get as close to the personality of that particular person as I am capable of doing, while keeping the integrity of an interesting painting . . . I do believe that portraits are treasures to be enjoyed now and for generations to come," reads her artist's statement in the Towne Square press release.

The exhibit goes on until April 16. An opening reception on Saturday runs from 1 to 4 p.m.

The gallery is located at 94 George St. For more information visit www.townesquaregallery.com.

Dance teacher choreographs ballet in Toronto

Oakville choreographer José Carret Morejón will be premiering a ballet, featuring Afro-Cuban rhythms, at the harbourfront in Toronto.

His ballet, titled The Antagonist, is part of Ballet Creole's performance series at the Fleck Dance Theatre running April 7 to 9. The Ballet Creole show is part of the Harbourfront Centre's Next Steps Series and the nightly performances will feature a number of ballets.

The Antagonist features Afro-Cuban rhythms. It is what the company calls a duel of the sexes and delves into the complexities of love, relationships and the conflicts buried beneath the surface.

The Cuban born Morejón draws from his cultural roots to capture the spirited and tumultuous character of a people that are driven by flagrant passion for life.

Other performances in the show will feature dance icon Danny Grossman in a ballet called Inching. The show will also feature a premier of Troughka, featuring the musical score of Igor Stravinsky's Petrouchka, as well as the ballet Raphael.

The show features some nudity.

Ballet Creole was founded in 1990 and features performances ranging from African ritualism to abstract modern dance, and is inspired by black cultural roots, ballet and modern dance.

Morejón is both a teacher and guest choreographer at the dance company.

Show times are at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$20 to \$45 with student and senior discounts available. For more information visit www.balletcreole.org.



ART OF DANCE: Oakville's José Carret Morejón will premiere his ballet titled The Antagonist. The performance is part of Ballet Creole's ballet series at Toronto's Fleck Dance Theatre, running April 7 to 9. Pictured, the dancer-choreographer is showing his work.

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