

*Dance Brigade*

Dance Mission Theater

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*Dance Brigade presents the Grrrl Brigade in*

***Gaia Grrrls***

May 4-6, 2012

Friday, 8pm; Saturday, 4pm and 8pm; Sunday, 4pm

Dance Mission Theater, 3316 24<sup>th</sup> Street, San Francisco CA 94110

**Ticket prices: \$15 in advance; \$17 at the door**

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(San Francisco, CA) Gaia Grrrls features the Grrrl Brigade in a contemporary dance/drama that explores the effects of climate change and how an era of endless wars is crippling the environment. With modern dance, original poetry and script, taiko drumming and hip-hop, the Grrrl Brigade youth company takes a stand and raises their voices in solidarity with Mother Earth. The beautifully performed work is provocative, funny and heartwarming – a show for the whole family. Original choreography by **Krissy Keefer, Ramon Ramos Alayo, Leila Baradaran, Tina Banchemo** and **Fredrika Keefer**, with Taiko composition by **Bruce ‘Mui’ Ghent**.

**Dance Brigade** was founded in 1984 as a professional feminist dance company. Its mission is to engage diverse Bay Area communities and artists in the exploration, performance and presentation of contemporary social issues through dance. In 1998, Dance Brigade began to operate **Dance Mission Theater** at 24th and Mission Streets in San Francisco. At Dance Mission, they created an affordable 140-seat theater and rehearsal space for San Francisco dancers and artists and expanded Adult and Youth Dance Programs to include a full range of dance classes, including Hip-Hop, Salsa, Bhangra, Brazilian, Bollywood, Afro-Haitian, Modern, Ballet and more. In 2004, the **Grrrl Brigade** was formed as an intensive dance/leadership development program designed to provide high quality dance training, performance opportunities, and a sense of self-empowerment for San Francisco's girls ages 9 to 18.

**For Calendar Editors:**

What: Gaia Grrrls

Who: Grrrl Brigade, Dance Brigade's youth company

When: May 4, 8pm; May 5, 4pm and 8pm; May 6, 4pm

Where: Dance Mission Theater, 3316 24<sup>th</sup> St, SF CA 94110

Program: Dance, youth

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