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Dancing dreams do come true

By Kim Mikus

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Two dancers who grew up in the suburbs started dancing about the same time they learned to walk. The professional dancers are now part of the 20th anniversary season of the River North Chicago Dance Company.

Elgin native Hanna Britson, 23, and 25-year-old Cassandra Porter, originally from Aurora, talk about their dancing careers and what it means to be part of the anniversary season that kicks off with two world premieres.

Hanna Britson

Q. Where did you go to high school and where do you live now?

A. I live in Chicago. I grew up in Elgin and graduated from Larkin High School.

Q. What's one of your earliest memories of dancing?

A. I started dancing when I was 2. One of my earliest memories is the first time I was on stage when I was about 3 years old. I remember being underneath the lights and seeing the audience. I still get completely nervous anytime I do a performance.

If you go

What: To celebrate the 20th season, River North Chicago Dance Company is expanding its programming this season to include a fall engagement.

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7

Where: Harris Theater for Music and Dance in Millennium Park

Tickets: \$30 to \$65

Info: (312) 334-7777 or harristheaterchicago.org

Q. What is it like to dance with River North?

A. I have to pinch myself in the morning before I go to work. Being able to dance every day for a living is pretty incredible.

Q. What is your dance background?

A. I'm a graduate of Larkin High School's Visual and Performing Arts Dance Academy in Elgin. I received the Women's Bureau of Arts scholarship and the Organ Donor Gift of Life award, and was offered dance scholarships to both Point Park University and Western Michigan University.

Q. How long have you been with River North?

A. I attended River North

Chicago workshops at the age of 13 and continued through the program as one of the youngest Summer Intensive program participants and company apprentices.

Cassandra Porter

Q. Where did you go to high school and where do you live now?

A. I live in Chicago and graduated from West Aurora High School.

Q. What's one of your earliest memories of dancing?

A. I started dancing when I was about 7 years old. I remember being in a ballet class and learning the dance for a recital. At the ending pose — I had to hold a boy's hand. But a more pinnacle moment was when I was 9



Cassandra Porter, left, of Aurora, Christian Denice and Hanna Britson will perform for River North Chicago Dance Company Saturday.

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or 10 and my parents took me to see a dance concert. It was the River North Chicago Dance Company. Two pieces stuck with me, "Glimpse" and "Reality of a Dreamer." That's when I knew I wanted to be a dancer.

Q. What else were you involved in growing up?

A. I played the flute and tried to do the cheerleading thing. I was involved with musicals, too. But I always loved to dance.

Q. What else have you done professionally?

A. I've had three contracts with Royal Caribbean Cruise

Line where I traveled the world performing under well-known choreographers. Since 2003, I've danced in the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's annual Christmas show, "Welcome Yule."

Q. Are you happy here in Chicago?

A. I have tested the waters on the ships and this is where I want to be.

Q. What do you want to do when you retire from dancing?

A. I kind of want to be a baker. I want to decorate cakes.

Wheaton to bury time capsule

By Robert Sanchez

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After getting the opportunity to open a time capsule from the late 1950s, Wheaton is going to return the favor to generations 50 years from now.

The city has collected a number of items — including newspapers, books and DVDs — for a time capsule set to be opened on Wheaton's bicentennial anniversary in 2059. The capsule will be buried this weekend in front of city hall, 303 W. Wesley St. A dedication ceremony is planned for 9 a.m. Saturday at city hall.

"This is an excellent teaching device for us as a city," Mayor Michael Gresk said. "Fifty years from now, when we celebrate our 200th anniversary, there will be artifacts and documents and letters that we can put forward to Wheaton at the middle of this century. I'm just very excited about it."

If you go

What: Wheaton time capsule dedication

When: 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7

Where: Wheaton city hall, 303 W. Wesley St., Wheaton

Cost: Free

Info: wheaton.il.us/

In June, the city opened a time capsule from 1959 as part of its yearlong sesquicentennial celebration. That capsule was created to mark Wheaton's 100th anniversary and was originally buried at the old police station site along Wheaton Avenue. It was unearthed for the first time when the building was demolished in 1992 and reburied at the current police station site along Liberty Drive.

When it was finally opened, the 1959 capsule contained

items such as posters, toys and letters.

For the new capsule, the city asked community groups, schools and residents to submit items and spent several months getting everything together.

"There's a big variety of items representing the town," said Susan Wallace, the city's special projects assistant.

Wallace said the list of items placed inside the time capsule include a Wheaton North High School cheerleading uniform, photographs, a cellular phone and variety of items from Wheaton's sesquicentennial anniversary celebration. There are even a few advertisements.

All the contents were prepared for burial with the help of the Center for History in Wheaton.

For information about Saturday's dedication ceremony, visit the city's Web site at wheaton.il.us/.



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Alberta Adamson, president and CEO of the Center for History in Wheaton, prepares the items that will be placed inside a time capsule to be opened in 2059.

Mark your calendar

Today

The Elmhurst College Jazz Band and the vocal jazz ensemble Late Night Blues perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Mill Theatre, 253 Walter St., Elmhurst. Free. Info: (630) 617-3515 or elmhurst.edu.

• Wheaton Newcomers' annual Holiday Bazaar runs 6 to 9 p.m. at St. Daniel the Prophet Church, 101 West Loop Road, Wheaton. Admission: \$5. Info: wheatonnewcomers.com.

• Find out about the vampire that may be running loose in "Bloodhounds," a comic murder mystery by Eileen Moushey, at 7 p.m. Nov. 6, and 7 and 6 p.m. Nov. 8 at Villa Park Public Library, 305 S. Ardmore Ave. Tickets: \$15, \$12 for Friends of Library. Info: (630) 834-1164.

• "Charlotte's Web" takes the stage at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Oakbrook Terrace Park District's Mario Parente Theater, 1S325 Ardmore Ave. Tickets: \$6.25 and must be purchased in advance. Info: (630) 627-6100 or obtpd.org.

• Author Kimberly Thompson and illustrator Christopher Easey sign their book, "Toulouse on the Loose," from 7 to 9 p.m. at the DuPage Art

League, 218 W. Front St., Wheaton. Proceeds from book sales benefit the art league. Info: (630) 653-7090.

Saturday 7

Concordia Circle's craft show and sale is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 0S501 Summit Drive, Winfield. Includes handcrafted holiday decorations, a bake sale, lunch. Info: (630) 665-5110.

• Naperville Junior Woman's Club's 38th annual Fashion Show fundraiser starts at 10 a.m. at Bobak's Signature Events and Conference Center at Seven Bridges, 6440 Double Eagle Drive, Woodridge. Includes lunch at noon, silent auction, raffle packages and grand prizes. Proceeds benefit charities. Info: njwcfashionshow.evitebrite.com or (630) 575-9567.

• Coach Jim Brown, president of Naperville's St. Raphael Football League, signs his book, "More Than a Game," from 1 to 4 p.m. at Play It Again Sports, 24 W. Gartner Road, Suite 104, Naperville. Info: more-than-a-game.com.

• Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the Martin Mitchell

Mansion, peek into a traveling trunk of a Victorian beauty and enjoy sweet treats at the Pre-Eruption House Tavern from 10 a.m. to noon at Naper Settlement, 523 S. Webster St., Naperville. Tickets: \$25. Info: (630) 420-6010.

• Dinosaur expert Janel Riehecky tells kids how to choose, care for and train a pet dinosaur at 2 p.m. at the Lisle Library, 777 Front St. Info: (630) 971-1675.

• A Women's Expo is from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the St. Joan of Arc School gym, 4913 Columbia, Lisle. Info: (630) 369-4389 or (630) 904-1790.

• The Mistletoe Mart, a sale of jewelry, crafts and baked goods, runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the First Church of Lombard, 220 S. Main St.

• Elmhurst Heritage Foundation holds Rockin' the Schoolhouse, a celebration to support next year's reopening of Churchville Schoolhouse, starting at 6 p.m. at Drury Lane, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace. Includes dinner, open bar, live auction, dancing, and '60s and '70s rock 'n' roll by the Nevery Brothers. Tickets: \$115. Info: (630) 833-1457.

• The Sons of the American Legion of Carol Stream Post

76 holds its annual turkey dinner fundraiser from 5 to 7 p.m. at the post, 570 S. Gary Ave., Carol Stream. Info: (630) 682-0076.

• Residents learn about Aurora's community services at the Georgetown Relief Efforts Neighborhood Organization monthly meeting at 9 a.m. in Eola Community Center, 555 S. Eola Road, Aurora. Free.

Info: (630) 264-4636.

Sunday 8

The Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra presents an afternoon of puppets and puppeteers at 3 p.m. at North Central College's Wentz Concert Hall, 171 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville. Free. Info: (312) 939-2207, ext. 31.



LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM

The Village will begin its 2009 Leaf Pickup Program for single-family homes located within the Village of Lisle's corporate limits. This program is free of charge and runs from October 19 through the week of November 16. The Village will pick up loose leaves (not bagged) during this time. All loose leaves must be placed in the parkway by 7:00 a.m. on Monday morning. **Please note that once Village crews pass a house during the week, they will not return until the following pickup week.**

We ask that homeowners adhere to the following guidelines when preparing their loose leaves:

- Leaves shall be placed as close to the edge of the street as possible but shall not block ditches, swales, or sidewalks.
- No other material (grass, rocks, stones, nails, branches, landscape waste, etc.) shall be placed in the leaf pile.
- Please do not park cars in front of leaf piles. If crews can not get to the leaf piles they will not be picked up.

On **November 24th** and **December 1st** the Village's Waste Hauler will be picking up leaves that are placed in **Yard Waste Bags** without stickers. **DO NOT rake leaves to the curb during this time. Only leaves in bags will be picked up.**

The Village's Waste Hauler will do a final pick up of Yard Waste Bags on December 8th, but a "Yard Waste Sticker" **must** be affixed to each bag on this final pick up.

Residents may contact the Public Works Department at 630-271-4180 with questions regarding the Village's Leaf Pickup Program.