



## ***Media Advisory***

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# **Portland Dances on the World Scene**

## ***Water Issues Clearly Front and Center***

**Event:** Portland's Global Water Dance

**When:** Saturday, June 25, 2011  
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Where:** Cathedral Park under St. Johns Bridge  
by the intersection of N. Baltimore and N. Bradford Streets

**Who:** Portland's three Global Water Dance choreographers and  
the Portland Office of Healthy Working Rivers.  
*(Available for media interviews from 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)*

**Background:** As five o'clock moves through time zones from Australia to Hawaii, 55 communities will dance together over a 24-hour period to draw attention to the global need to safeguard clean water supplies and protect waterways for the benefit of all.  
(See [www.globalwaterdances.org](http://www.globalwaterdances.org) for details.)

Portland's Global Water Dance is being produced by three choreographers — Kirsten Peterson, Tamara Gilbert, and Beverly Burke — and is supported by the Portland Office of Healthy Working Rivers. The hour-long community dance is free and open to the public. A group of dancers (Kirsten Peterson, Toni Anderson, Bev Burke, Bonnie Leiser, Carolyn Schirmacher, and Claire Stock) will perform *Willamette River Flow*, a poem written and narrated by Martha Murphy Hall. The pre-recorded music used in the dance and key movement phrases are the common threads linking this dance to all other Global Water Dances. Group improvisation will be used so that all people, including those with no prior dance experience, can join in a group water dance. The opening ceremony will give voice to local water issues and celebrate the ways that water has contributed to Portland's vitality. The dance closes with simple unison movements that everyone throughout the world will do as an artistic expression of human connections to water.

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