

SMC ASSOCIATES SPRING 2019 LECTURE SERIES

# MASTERS OF DANCE

The background of the poster features silhouettes of dancers in a dark blue setting. A large, dark silhouette of a person's head and shoulders is at the top. Below it, a person is in a dynamic, low-to-the-ground pose, leaning forward with one leg extended. To the right, another person is partially visible, holding hands with the first dancer. The overall mood is artistic and dramatic.

**03.28.19**

**CHING CHING  
WONG**

**Contemporary Modern Dance**

**04.24.19**

**SARAH ANINDO  
MARSHALL**

**African Dance**

**05.23.19**

**DENISE LEITNER**

**Contemporary Lyrical**

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## CHING CHING WONG

### Contemporary Modern Dance

Winner of the 2015 Princess Grace Award in Dance and named by Dance Magazine

in its "25 to Watch" in 2017, Ching Ching Wong began her dance training at Allegria Dance Theater under Dr. Alia Harlan Kaneaiakala, danced seven seasons with Northwest Dance Project, performed on season 15 of "So You Think You Can Dance," and recently returned from a 10-month world tour that included restaging work for Swiss choreographer Ihsan Rustem and collaborating with violinist-looper Joe Kye, Heidi Duckler Dance Theater, The Assembly, and Katie Scherman. Wong will lead a class that explores tools for use in the creation process, such as physicality, theatrical components, choices, sensations, and partnering. *If participating, wear appropriate black on black dancewear.*

**Thu, March 28 | 10:15 a.m. | Free | CPC 304 & 308**



## SARAH ANINDO MARSHALL

### African Dance

Kenya-born Sarah Anindo Marshall, a Certified Dunham Technique Instructor and

a member of the Katherine Dunham Certification Board, studied West African dance with Kimoko Samo, formerly artistic director of Guinea's Les Ballet Africains. Anindo Marshall has taught at the Debbie Allen Dance Academy, Dance Dimensions, University of Southern California, Lula Washington Dance Theater, and Dallas Black Dance Theater, among others, and is also a vocalist and a percussionist who studied with renowned percussionists such as Babatunde Olatunji and Mamadi Keita. She will lead a class that explores the richness of African Dance traditions, focusing on West African Djembe and Central African. *If participating, wear appropriate black on black dancewear.*

**Wed, April 24 | 3:45 p.m. | Free | CPC 304 & 308**



## DENISE LEITNER

### Contemporary Lyrical

Denise Leitner, internationally known as a choreographer for stage, screen, television, and music videos, is the founder of

critically acclaimed Dancer's Voice, which performs at dance festivals worldwide. She conducts workshops and master classes throughout the United States and abroad, trains dancers to work in a variety of entertainment media, has worked with Bjork and Nona Hendrix, and privately coaches performing artists such as Kate Hudson and Topher Grace. Leitner will lead a contemporary lyrical class that introduces how to dance from the inside out by embodying various aspects of dance forms, including jazz, ballet, and modern. *If participating, wear appropriate black on black dancewear.*

**Thu, May 23 | 12:30 p.m. | Free | CPC 304 & 308**

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