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2016 Sarus Festival coming to New Hanover County July 6-10

WILMINGTON, NC - The Alban Elved Dance Company is pleased to announce the performances, collaborations, line-up, and schedule happening within the annual Sarus Festival for Site-Specific & Performing Arts, running in its entirety from June 20th-July 10th, 2016. In addition to educational components, the festival will focus on a lively performance series from July 6th to 10th in and around New Hanover County. The 2016 events will feature artists from both local areas and surrounding states, as well as within a global scope.

Since its inception in 2007 the Sarus Festival has been an unorthodox force in the North Carolina performing and static arts scenes. Karola Lüttringhaus, Artistic and Executive Director, is excited to produce “a number of collaborative projects among artists of different fields” within the theme of this year’s focal point: *vibrations-visions-views*. The changing annual motif is an inspirational springboard, which artists can use to find a creative entry angle into the festival. Lüttringhaus says that this year’s theme “summarizes to some degree what art does, it creates vibrations, offers voices, and viewpoints.”

The 2016 Sarus Festival will focus on longer pieces by fewer artists, with an emphasis on duration and development of material. Highlighted musical artists include internationally acclaimed pianist and teacher, Barbara Lister-Sink, and classical guitarist/electroacoustic artist, Samuel Allen Taylor (both from Winston-Salem). Also showing work are Charlotte-based choreographer Breanne Horne, COMPANY Artistic Director, Justin Tornow from Durham, Printmaker Ben Billingsley, based in Wilmington, and Modern Dancer/Visual Artist Naomi Greenberg from Israel (for a complete roster see the festival’s website at www.sarusfestival.org).

Venues for this year's festival include Peace Rose Montessori, UNC-Wilmington, Cape Fear Community College, the Cameron Art Museum, Jengo's Playhouse, and Carolina Beach. Notable performances taking place will include pieces as vast as those exploring projections on a boat, a large family day event, video screenings, a mature-content evening, and an epic 14-hour slow motion solo during the culminating day of spectacles along Carolina Beach.

Ticket prices vary by event and venue. Individual tickets and festival passes will be available through www.sarusfestival.org/tickets.html. Advance sales are encouraged, however tickets will be available for purchase at events. In order to stay up to date on general festival events, as well as to receive promotional codes and sneak peaks, patrons are encouraged to join the Facebook event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/140149973012995/>.

In order to set up an interview with artists or the Festival Director, email: sarusfestival@gmail.com. For general information email: saruspress@gmail.com.