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## **MCCC DANCE ENSEMBLE TO JOIN FORCES WITH LOCAL MUSICAL AND VOCAL TALENT**

### ***Paul DeVee and Friends, Kevin Daniels, ISD Chimes Choir Among Those Featured in 'Keepin' it Live'***

MONROE, Mich. – Monroe County Community College's Inside Out Dance Ensemble will join forces with some of Monroe's most recognizable musical and vocal talents for a captivating concert of dance and live music collaboration at the La-Z-Boy Center.

There will be two performances of the concert, which is entitled "Keepin' it Live": Saturday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 25 at 3 p.m.

Among the local guests who will provide music for the Inside Out Dance Ensemble, which is directed by Kellie Lajiness, will be the Paul DeVee and Friends Jazz Combo; pianist Elizabeth Stewart; vocalist and guitarist Kevin Daniels; Off Beat Production Choirs, directed by Alison Drougel; and the Monroe County Intermediate School District's Chimes Choir and Creative Expressions Group, directed by Angie Snell and joined by Tony Marchese on violin.

The Inside Out Dance Ensemble will be joined by guest dancers from MCCC's Destination Dance School and the college's Ballroom Dance Club.

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“It is rare for entire dance concerts to be set to live music,” said Lajiness. “This concert keep’s its promise to ‘Keep it Live’ – we have reached out to Monroe’s incredibly gifted local composers, musicians and multi-generational vocalists to create a “plugged-in” and collaborative environment for their concert.”

According to Lajiness, eight dance pieces will set to specially selected music, both familiar and new. Dance forms represented will include jazz, modern, contemporary, and tap and will range from solos to large ensembles of 24 or more.

Members of the Inside Out Dance Ensemble include Gabby Abel, Krista Boos, Kara Danner, Kayla Lockmiller, Mariah Robinette and Victoria Adkins. Drew Batton will be a guest dancer with the ensemble, and Lajiness will also perform.

The La-Z-Boy Center is located on MCCC’s Main Campus at 1555 S. Raisinville Rd.

Tickets are \$15 for reserved seating and can be purchased on the Web at [www.monroecc.edu/theater](http://www.monroecc.edu/theater), in person at the MCCC Cashier’s Office in the Warrick Student Services/Administration Building, or via phone using VISA, MasterCard or Discover by calling the MCCC Ticket Hotline at (734) 384-4272.

Tickets can also be purchased the day of the show.

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