



**Academy of Visual and Performing Arts  
At Culver City High School**

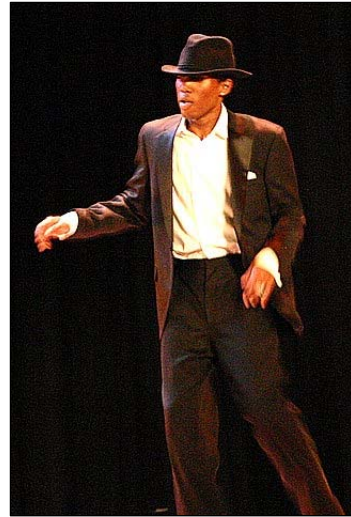
**Student Dance Soars During AVPA's Spring Concert**

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**Culver City – April 19, 2007** – Nothing communicates like the art of dance. And the Dance Department at Culver City High School's Academy of Visual and Performing Arts' (AVPA) Spring Dance Concert—Dance OFF! VI—will prove it. The concert begins at 7pm on April 26, 27 and 28 in the Robert Frost Auditorium, 4401 Elenda Street. in Culver City. Tickets are \$10 general and \$7 ASB/senior.

Dance OFF! VI will feature dozens of students performing several styles of dance, including traditional Japanese, screen (dance film), improvisation, jazz, hip hop, ballet, tap, contemporary Indian folk and postmodern. An appearance by special hip hop guests will help make the evening even more memorable.



The co-directors of AVPA's Dance Department, Cari Ann Shim Sham\* and Julie Carson have been pleased with their students' progress this year, both in terms of exposure and technique. According to Carson, "The students' perspectives of dance have changed dramatically since the fall, and I'm excited to see their performances showcased in this concert. I have no doubt it will be very exciting."

Shim Sham\* adds, "The students visited UCLA to see the World Arts and Cultures department MFA 2 concert and it really got them excited about their own upcoming concert. This kind of exposure helps them see what is going on in the world of dance, opens their eyes to new ideas and inspires them to make their own work."

The choreographers for the dance concert include Lisa Kobashi, Carson and Shim Sham\* as well as several student choreographers.

**About the Academy of Visual and Performing Arts**

The Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) at Culver City High School has been inspiring and empowering students to build a compassionate, creative community through innovative and challenging arts education since 1996. AVPA enjoys tremendous support from Sony Pictures Entertainment and other area businesses as well as from the Culver City

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**Photo caption:**

IMG\_6744: Kenji Igus Tapping to the Music

IMB\_6772: AVPA's Ballet Class Gracing the Stage

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