



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

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**AVPA Department of Dance Presents  
"1, 2, 3, Go! A Showing of Solos, Duets and Trios"  
Featuring Exciting New Work by Young Choreographers**

*For immediate release:*

**Culver City, CA – January 8, 2009:** “1, 2, 3, Go! A Showing of Solos, Duets and Trios” introduces new dance work by many of Culver City High School’s Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) finest young choreographers. The showing will provide an intimate setting featuring an exciting array of primarily student-created dance and dance theater works. The concert will be held on Friday and Saturday evenings, January 16 and 17, at 7:00 PM in the SPoT, the black box theater adjacent to Robert Frost Auditorium, 4401 Elenda, on the Culver City High School campus. Admission is \$10 for general audience; \$7 for ASB, faculty, seniors, and children under 12; free with a Season Pass. Tickets will be available at the door thirty minutes before the performance.



“I’m amazed and inspired by the student choreographers’ wealth of creativity,” states Julie Carson, the Creative Director of Dance for the AVPA, and the choreography teacher. “This is the first choreography class I’ve offered to the AVPA students, many of whom have never created dances before,” Carson continues. “Their work shows imagination, wisdom, and wit. In class, I challenged the students to make dances that interpreted poetic form, emotional content from visual art pieces, and even to create words and sentences through the movement of individual body parts and gestures.” The students first worked on solos in silence, then to music, and then took on studies pertaining to duets and trios. The students’ creations proved worthy of performance, and a showing developed to showcase the best work from the choreographic studies. Carson enthusiastically states, “It’s very exciting to see the students moving and

imagining dance in new ways. It will be wonderful to share this work with family, friends, and community members.”

Some of the work in the showing will continue to develop throughout the spring semester and will return in the Spring Dance Concert in April as more fully-realized dance, possibly with a larger group of dancers or performed to different music. Whether in-progress or in complete form, the AVPA dance students are sure to present an evening of captivating dance.

**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 community. For more information about the Academy, go to <http://avpa.org> or contact Tony Spano at 310-842-4200 x6094 or Kristine Hatanaka at 310-842-4200 x6001.



Photo captions:

01: Helen Arencibia, Kimberley Lu and Susie Miller Rehearse a "1, 2, 3 Trio"

02: Kimberley Lu and Helen Arencibia Rehearse a "1, 2, 3 Duet"

03: Kimberley Lu and Olivia Wong during "1, 2, 3" Dance Rehearsal

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