

Cannon Arts Dance Studio branches out in recital "Family Trees"



"Family Trees" will be presented by students of Cannon Arts Dance Studio on May 12 at the Park Theater. Studio owner Lori Christensen, center, is surrounded by some of her students in front of the historic Birthing Tree. Tickets are available online at www.tututix.com/cannonartsdance.

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What makes a family? Is it DNA, love, or connections?

Cannon Arts Dance Studio explores the idea of family in its upcoming recital, "Family Trees," to be performed at the Park Theater this Saturday, May 12, at 7 p.m.

In the professional dance world, organizers say, the most powerful art is very personal. The inspiration for recital pieces this year is based on personal heirlooms, heritage or familial memories.

Students and teachers contributed to the selection and choreography of recital pieces, with everything from "Recuerdame," "Nancy Mulligan," and "Mambo Italiano," reflect student heritage. "Oh Miss Believer" is a lyrical piece designed by senior students cultivating childhood memories, and "Turn Around" is inspired by a grandmother's quilt.

"This is our most personal recital to date," says studio owner Lori Christensen, aka Ms. California. "I always strive to connect our recital pieces with community, history or culture, and "Family Trees" touches upon all three."

The show will also include segments from the studio's upcoming Disney performance and Centertown Elementary School's California Club.

To discover unique stories about individual dancers based on interviews, artifacts and memories, purchase tickets online at www.tututix.com/cannonartsdance. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door the night of the performance at the Park Theater, 115 West Main Street.

For more information regarding recital, Summer Camp planned for July 9-13 or upcoming dance classes, call/text (615) 563-9122 or email cannondance1@gmail.com.

Trump withdraws U.S. from nuclear accord with Iran

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump withdrew the U.S. from the landmark nuclear accord with Iran on Tuesday, abruptly restoring harsh sanctions in the most consequential foreign policy action of his presidency. He declared he was making the world safer, but he also deepened his isolation on the world stage and revived doubts about American credibility.

The 2015 agreement, which was negotiated by the Obama administration and included Germany, France and Britain, had lifted most U.S. and international economic sanctions against Iran. In exchange, Iran agreed to restrictions on its nuclear program, making it impossible to produce a bomb and establishing rigorous inspections.

But Trump, a severe critic of the deal dating back to his presidential campaign, said in a televised address from the White House it was "defective at its core."

U.S. allies in Europe had tried to keep him in and lamented his move to abandon it. Iran's leader ominously warned his country might "start enriching uranium more than before."

The sanctions seek to punish Iran for its nuclear program by limiting its ability to sell oil or do business overseas, affecting a wide range of Iranian economic sectors and individuals.

Major companies in the

U.S. and Europe could be hurt, too. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said that licenses held by Boeing and its European competitor Airbus to sell billions of dollars in commercial jetliners to Iran will be revoked. Certain exemptions are to be negotiated, but Mnuchin refused to discuss what products might qualify.

He said the sanctions will sharply curtail sales of oil by Iran, which is currently the world's fifth largest oil producer.

Mnuchin said he didn't expect oil prices to rise sharply, forecasting that other producers will step up production.

Iran's government must now decide whether to follow the U.S. and withdraw or try to salvage what's left with the Europeans. Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said he was sending his foreign minister to the remaining countries but warned there was only a short time to negotiate with them.

Laying out his case,

Trump contended, "If we do nothing, we know exactly what will happen. In just a short period of time, the world's leading state sponsor of terror will be on the cusp of acquiring the world's most dangerous weapons."

The administration said it would re-impose sanctions on Iran immediately but allow grace periods for businesses to wind down activity. Companies and banks doing business with Iran will have to scramble to extricate themselves or

run afoul of the U.S. government.

Meanwhile, for nations contemplating striking their own sensitive deals with Trump, such as North Korea, the withdrawal will increase suspicions that they cannot expect lasting U.S. fidelity to international agreements it signs.

Former President Barack Obama, whose administration negotiated the deal, called Trump's action "misguided" and said, "The consistent

flouting of agreements that our country is a party to risks eroding America's credibility and puts us at odds with the world's major powers."

Yet nations like Israel and Saudi Arabia that loathed the deal saw the action as a sign the United States is returning to a more skeptical, less trusting approach to dealing with adversaries.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu welcomed Trump's announcement as a "historic move."

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