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STUDENTS USE DANCE TO SPEAK FREELY WITH “LIQUID POETRY” IN COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY’S SENIOR DANCE SHOWCASE

Fort Collins, CO – “Liquid Poetry,” a showcase of the choreographic and performance talents of Colorado State University Dance majors Jennifer Girtell, Rhonda Padilla, and Andrea Palesh, will be held on Thursday, Dec. 6 and Friday, Dec. 7 at 8:00 pm in the Lory Student Center Theatre at Laurel and Meldrum Streets in Fort Collins. Tickets are \$10 for the public and \$7 for Colorado State students and may be purchased through the Campus Box Office in person at the Lory Student Center, by phone at (970) 491-4TIX, or online at www.csutix.com.

“Liquid Poetry” is a senior dance capstone project featuring the choreographic and performance talents of Girtell, Padilla, and Palesh, who are all graduating dance majors. The showcase involves numerous dancers, musicians, designers, and technicians who create a spectacular and innovative dance showcase. The seniors are required to choreograph a large group piece in addition to a solo, duo, or trio, totaling over an hour of choreography and performance. This production is the culmination of four and a half years of college dance training and the seniors are ecstatic to share their passion for dance as well as speak to the audience through the power of movement.

Jennifer Girtell’s group dance is based on her life over the past four years. Each section represents another part of her and how she got through with the help of her friends. She says that as dancers “we have the power to put our art on the stage and

expose ourselves to the audience, and make them feel things they did not feel before, to move them.”

Padilla’s group piece was inspired by the daily struggles a person faces, from getting out of bed, working as a team with others, transportation, coming home to what makes you relax, and reflecting on the day’s activities. She is excited about the show because “it is something I have been looking forward to since my freshmen year and we produce the whole show!”

Andrea Palesh choreographed a trio for the three seniors titled “Feeling is Believing,” which focuses on choices and the struggle to figure out which choices are best. She is thrilled to work with her fellow seniors, not only in the trio, but for the entire show because “they are dedicated and professional to work with, as well as amazingly creative dancers.”

“Liquid Poetry” is one of three productions put on by the department of Dance at Colorado State University during the Fall season which is sponsored in part by the Best Western University Inn.

For full profiles of Jennifer Girtell, Rhonda Padilla, and Andrea Palesh, visit <http://sota.colostate.edu/about/student.html>. For more information on this and other arts events or to sign up for a free event e-newsletter, visit www.CSUSchooloftheArts.com.

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