

'The Official Ashland Earthdance Afterparty and Fund Raiser'

The event will raise money for the international peace organization

SpiritDance, in association with Earthdance International, will host "The Official Ashland Earthdance Afterparty and Fund Raiser" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at the Ashland Elks Lodge, 255 E. Main St., Ashland.

The event will feature a preview screening at 8 p.m. of selected chapters of 1 Giant Leap's new movie, "What About Me?" DVD Weekly called the film "Jubilant, unique, ambitious, epic, dramatic, life-affirming and positively absorbing ... a musical and visual feast."

After the showing of the film, there will be live music and dancing from around 9:30 p.m. until late. Performing will be Medicine Drum Fest, Chris Deckker (Earthdance founder), Rara Avis, Wisdom, Organik Time Machine, A-Town Infusion, and DJ Kenny B of SpiritDance.

"What About Me?" explores through music, interviews, poetry and dance the complexities of human nature on a global scale, and aims to reveal how we are all connected through our creativity and beliefs, but most of all through our madness. Filmed in 50 different global locations over a four-year period, "What About Me?" strives to show that the humanity that unites us is far stronger than the forces dividing us.

"What About Me?" features Noam Chomsky, Eckhart Tolle, Deepak Chopra, Neale Donald Walsch, Marianne Williamson, Tom Robbins, Ram Dass, Susan Sarandon, Tim Robbins, Gabrielle Roth, Carlos Santana, Michael Franti, k.d. lang, Alanis Morissette, Michael Stipe, Daniel Lanois



The band Goddess Akherry performs at the Earthdance 2008 event, and others.

Earthdance, the Global Dance Festival for Peace, has grown to become the world's largest simultaneous music

and dance event. Founded in 1996, with 22 cities and 18 countries participating, Earthdance has grown to more than 300 locations in

65 countries participating in 2008, with locations ranging from the clubs of New York to the rainforests of Brazil. Every year, in alignment with the

IF YOU GO

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When: 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25

Where: Ashland Elks Lodge, 255 E. Main St., Ashland

Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door

Call: 301-5006

International Day of Peace, over 200,000 people unite in dance with hundreds of thousands more joining online in support of global peace and humanitarian aims.

The defining moment of each Earthdance event is a synchronized link-up, when every event around the world plays a specially produced song called "The Prayer for Peace" at exactly the same time. This year's celebration took place on Sept. 13.

Earthdance has been described by the music industry as the "Dance Aid" for the new millennium. The event aims to promote peace by joining participants worldwide in a synchronized prayer for peace and to support humanitarian causes through the global language of music and dance. Earthdance

is a nonpolitical event and is organized by Earthdance International, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

The group is seeking participation from promoters, clubs, artists, musicians and peace-lovers worldwide to dedicate one day to support humanitarian efforts and help unite people from all nations in a day of peaceful celebration and harmony. Earthdance hopes to create as many Earthdance events around the world as possible, from public stadium concerts to private living room gatherings.

Tickets to the Afterparty are \$10 in advance at Music Coop, and \$15 at the door. The event will benefit the work of Earthdance.

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