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The artist will be present at an opening reception in the gallery from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 27.

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Samuels has been featured in numerous exhibits, both group and individual, and has won several awards, including the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts' Visual Arts Fellowship for 1987.

She holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, where she was Visiting Artist from 1980-85, and a diploma from Harvard University's Institute in Arts Administration. From 1976-79 she was an art instructor at Slippery Rock State College.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

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For the past six weeks, a "town and gown" group of 26 dancers, some from the community, others from Youngstown State University, have been practicing, practicing, practicing on routines they'll perform March 6 and 7.

On those two dates, this modern dance ensemble, which includes the dance troupe of local dance instructor Kathy Short, will present, "Winter Dance" to the public at 8:30 p.m. in Bliss Hall's Ford Auditorium.

In addition to the six area high school students in Short's troupe, students from YSU and two from Liberty High School were added at an open audition held last month.

The program is being sponsored by the YSU Dance Ensemble under Joan Wagman of Liberty, YSU instructor of Health and Physical Education. She is sharing the creative task of choreographing the show with Short, current artist-in-residence for the state of Pennsylvania and former dance instructor at Penn State University.

Wagman said she feels that this concert will help area residents know more about modern dance.

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What is modern dance then?

Wagman explained that "it combines many disciplines, including ballet and eastern styles of movements such as yoga." But she added, "it varies, depending on the individual dance artist."

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"It often tries to reflect current ideas and concerns," Wagman said.

The concert will be comprised of six pieces "ranging from 1930's jazz through current avant garde music." Wagman said she believes the program will be "moving, informative and enlightening."

"The dances cover a range of human emotions and experiences," she added.

Wagman is excited about the choreography for the performance. "I like the fact that modern dance is the kind of movement that can be suited to many body types.

"It presents a lot of room for creativity in choreography because you can use any movement you want, even gestures you see on the streets," she said.

Kathy Short now has a dance studio, Northeast Civic Ballet, in downtown Youngstown.

Tickets will be available at the door each night. They are \$4.50 for the public.

There will be a reduced price for YSU students.

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Joan Wagman of Liberty gets her dancer's body ready for action. The action in this case is the modern dance concert, "Winter Dance" which will be presented on March 6 and 7 at Youngstown State University. Wagman, YSU instructor of Health and Physical Education, co-choreographed the performances and will perform as well.

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Ashraf S. Zendah, Youngstown, twirls Cindy Peters of Canfield as Ruth Smrek of Boardman and Cindy Tobey, Hubbard, look on. The four are among 26 dancers who will perform a modern dance concert, "Winter Dance" on March 6 and 7 at Youngstown State University.

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Dr. Timothy Lyons of Austintown, dean of YSU's College of Fine and Performing Arts, will speak on "Charlie Chaplin: Myth and Reality."

His presentation will consist of a slide show which will give an overview of the private and public life of Charlie Chaplin from 1889 - 1977.

Dr. Lyons holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of California and a doctoral degree in Speech and Dramatic Art with an emphasis in film from the University of Iowa. He has written four books, two on Charlie Chaplin, and numerous articles.

Reservations for the program are recommended and can be made by calling the YSU Office of Continuing Education at (216) 742-3221.

The University's College for the 60-Plus enables Ohio residents 60 and older to enroll free in regular courses at YSU on a non-credit, space-available basis.

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