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Kupferberg Center Performances
And The Lifelong Learning Institute at Queens College Present
KEEP DANCING:
AN AFTERNOON WITH MARGE CHAMPION AND DONALD SADDLER
In LeFrak Concert Hall @ Queens College
Sunday, February 28, 2010 at 3 PM

– New documentary by Douglas Blair Turnbaugh, creator and producer of the famed documentary “Ballets Russes,” to be screened with remarks from Marge Champion and Donald Saddler–

(Flushing – February, 2010) – Kupferberg Center Performances and The Lifelong Learning Institute at Queens College proudly present ***Keep Dancing: An Afternoon with Marge Champion and Donald Saddler*** in the LeFrak Concert Hall on Sunday, February 28th at 3 pm. This event, hosted by Philip Harwood, The Lifelong Learning Institute’s film historian, features a screening of the new documentary film *Keep Dancing*, produced by Douglas Blair Turnbaugh and directed by Greg Vander Veer with remarks by Marge Champion, Donald Saddler and the filmmakers, with a reception to follow.

Keep Dancing, a project of the National Arts Club, follows the celebrated careers of legendary dancers Marge Champion and Donald Saddler who became friends while performing together in the 2001 Broadway production of *Follies*. When the show closed, they decided to rent a private studio together, where they have been choreographing and rehearsing original dances ever since. *Keep Dancing* seamlessly blends nine decades of archival film and photographs with present day footage to tell a story, through dance, of the passage of time and the process of aging.

Marge Champion has been a legend in Hollywood since she and her late husband, Gower Champion, became America's most famous dance team in the 1950's. Their work in film, TV and theatre endeared them to generations of Americans, an affection that continues today. Marge and Gower Champion starred in such films as *Show Boat*, *Three for the Show*, *Everything I have is Yours*, *Give a Girl a Break*, *Jupiter's Darling*, and *Lovely to Look At*.

Donald Saddler was an original member of the American Ballet Theatre before heading overseas to serve in World War II. With his own company, he danced and created ballets for Maria Karnilova, Patricia Birch, Joe Layton and others. Donald choreographed 21 Broadway shows, including Tony Award-winners *Wonderful Town* and *No, No Nanette*, Tony Award-nominees *On Your Toes*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, as well as *The Grand Tour*, *The Robber Bridegroom*, *Teddy & Alice*, and *Milk and Honey*. His choreographic credits also include scores of shows on television, in film, and in opera. In 1997, Donald was inducted into the Theatre Hall of Fame.

For more information about *Keep Dancing*, visit www.keepdancingthemovie.com.

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) at Queens College offers a diverse repertoire of stimulating educational and cultural opportunities for adults who are interested in learning simply for the joy of learning. To become a LLI member or for more information, please call 718-997-5025, email lifelonglearning@qc.cuny.edu, or visit www.qc.cuny.edu/LLI

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Tickets for *KEEP DANCING: AN AFTERNOON WITH MARGE CHAMPION AND DONALD SADDLER* are still available at \$25; \$23 seniors, QC Alumni or QCID. Orders may be charged online at www.KupferbergCenterArts.org, by phone at 718-793-8080, or purchased at the Colden Auditorium Box Office.

Events at Kupferberg Center Performances are presented in Colden Auditorium and LeFrak Concert Hall. These venues are located on the Queens College campus, between exits 23 & 24 of the eastbound service road of the Long Island Expressway in Flushing. Free parking is available. Both Colden Auditorium and LeFrak Concert Hall are wheelchair accessible, have facilities for the hearing impaired, and are available for rental year round.

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