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PRESS RELEASE

What: NYC-based BALAM Dance Theatre to perform martial arts/dance

When: 6 p.m. Tuesday May 5

Where: Little Egg Harbor library branch

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Martial arts/dance fusion at Little Egg Harbor library branch

TOMS RIVER - The New York City-based BALAM Dance Theatre will present an evening of martial arts and dance 6 p.m. Tuesday May 5 at the Little Egg Harbor library branch, 290 Mathistown Rd.

The dance company's artistic director Carlos Fittante and principal dancer Toshinori Hamada will perform in traditional costumes.

The BALAM Dance Theatre joins diverse dances and historical periods from around the world with the opulence and aura of Balinese theatre. It appeals to audiences of all ages and backgrounds. Its artistry and movement fused with athletic and detailed skills are enhanced by eclectic music, striking masks, vibrant costumes and fantasy stories.

They will perform four dances during their program:

- Baris, a Balinese warrior dance set to gamelan music that primarily uses percussive instruments;
- the Japanese Noh Theatre dance "Yashima";
- the Baroque dance solo "Entrée de Apollon," published in 1701;
- "El Vito," a Spanish Escuela Bolera dance solo celebrating the allure of the bullfighter.

They will also present a special feature, a demonstration of laido, a Japanese wood sword technique, with audience participation.

The programs is free and open to the public but registration is required. To register telephone the branch 609-294-1197 or go to the library website: www.theoceancountylibrary.org , click on the "Events & News" icon, then click on "Calendar of Events." Registration begins April 6.