

THE MOVEMENT

Group dances to Donkey Coffee to display original choreography

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Members of The Movement student dance organization will showcase seven original choreographed works and four improvised trios tomorrow night at their annual Donkey Coffee concert.

The organization, open to all students, provides performance opportunities for dancers and choreographers.

"Anyone can join. You don't have to be affiliated with the School of Dance at all," said Sammy Donahue, president of The Movement.

The Movement held its first annual concert of the year at the Shirley Wimmer Dance Theater Fall Quarter, but the Donkey Coffee venue makes for a more up-close and personal performance, Donahue said.

Instead of a big, tall stage facing the audience, the stage is set in the middle of the room and surrounded by the audience on all sides.

Senior dancer Janelle Bonfour-Mikes said she took this set-up into consideration while choreographing her

solo for the concert, planning how her movements would be perceived from all angles.

The inspiration for her piece is drawn from the 1962 French film *Vivre Sa Vie* about a woman who leaves her family to become an actress, is unsuccessful and descends into prostitution.

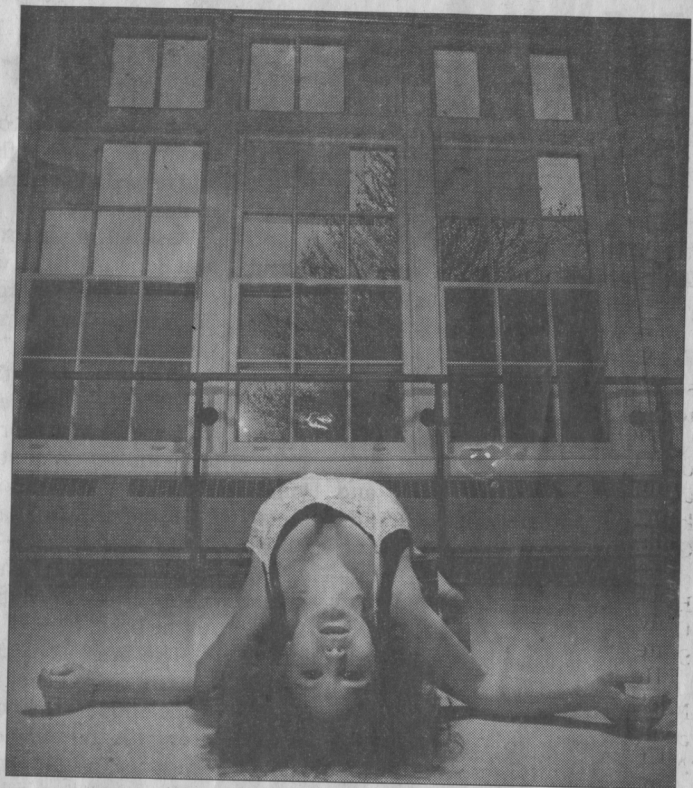
"I was really affected by the story that was being told, and I thought it could be translated into movement," Bonfour-Mikes said.

Working with a more serious theme was a different experience for her.

"I usually do weird, quirky things that make people laugh," she said. "But I was very much engulfed in this world, and so I thought, 'Where better else to perform this than Donkey?' It's the concert where you can do anything you want!"

Keri Noble, a junior studying dance, went for a playful vibe and choreographed a piece about her relationship with her little brother, which will be performed by two freshmen dancers.

"It shows how we are alike and different at the same



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Janelle Bonfour-Mikes, a senior dance major, practices her routine influenced by the 1962 French film *Vivre Sa Vie*. Members of the dance group, The Movement, will perform their choreographed works tomorrow at Donkey Coffee & Espresso.

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go

WHAT: The Movement Concert

WHEN: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. tomorrow

WHERE: Donkey Coffee & Espresso, 17 1/2 W.
Washington St.

ADMISSION: \$5

time," Noble said.

She incorporated their secret handshake into the dance as well as the little things they do that bug each other.

Noble said her brother is coming to the concert so that they can watch the

dance together.

A portion of proceeds from tickets will be donated to Girl Power, a group for female students at Trimble Middle School in Athens County.

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