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PILOBOLUS DANCE THEATER TO PERFORM AT IU AUDITORIUM APRIL 14, LEAD IU STUDENT MASTERCLASSES

WHAT: Pilobolus Dance Theater

WHEN: Tuesday, April 14, 8 p.m.

WHERE: IU Auditorium

TICKETS: \$12-\$35 for IU Bloomington students with a valid ID and \$22-\$40 for general public, on sale now. Individual tickets may be purchased online at IUauditorium.com, in person at the IU Auditorium Box Office, as well as through Ticketmaster.com, all Ticketmaster outlets, or charge by phone at 800-745-3000. The IU Auditorium Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – IU Auditorium is excited to host the quirky, wildly creative, and internationally-celebrated Pilobolus Dance Theater on April 14, at 8 p.m.

Pilobolus, named after a barnyard fungus that propels its spores with extraordinary speed, accuracy and strength, is a dance company founded by a group of Dartmouth College students who were simply interested and curious movers in 1971. Pilobolus *Dance Theater* is the present-day vehicle for over 40 years' worth of Pilobolus's most inventive and groundbreaking choreographic work. The company tours extensively in the United States, splitting time between performing and teaching, and creating new works in the Pilobolus Lab's International Collaborators Project.

In addition to their performance at the Auditorium, members of the Pilobolus company will also be participating in educational activities with students from the IU Department of Theatre, Drama, and Contemporary Dance, the IU Ballet Department, and the IU African American Dance Ensemble.

This extraordinary troupe has constantly amused, engaged, and inspired their audiences with both their physical prowess and emotional breadth. With more than 40 years of history, this one-of-a-kind modern

dance company has toured 115 choreographic works in more than 64 countries around the world, has been seen by more than billion viewers, and has been featured on the 79th Academy Awards, *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, and *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*. It has been recognized with prestigious honors, including the Berlin Critic's Prize, the Scotsman Award, the Brandeis Award, a Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Achievement in Cultural Programming, the Samuel H. Scripps American Dance Festival Award for Lifetime Achievement in Choreography, and a TED Fellowship for presenting at the TED conference in 2005. Pilobolus broke the Guinness World Record in 2011 for fitting the most people into a Mini Cooper (26); and in 2012, the company was nominated for a Grammy Award for its interactive music video collaboration with OK Go and Google Chrome Japan, "All is Not Lost." Recently, Pilobolus was honored as the first collective to receive the Dance Magazine Award, which recognizes artists who have made lasting contributions to the field.

Pilobolus continually forms diverse collaborations that break down barriers between disciplines and challenge the way we think about dance. Physically and intellectually, the company engages and inspires audiences around the world through performance, education and creative consultation. Pilobolus propels itself in a variety of directions to reach these goals.

Pilobolus dancers' sheer physical strength, sharp kinesthetic intelligence, and the immense trust they place in one another have been awaking in viewers inspiring awe in what the human body can do. *Philadelphia Inquirer* refers to this remarkable performance as "There are other companies that take art to extremes, but Pilobolus proves once more that it does it best."

"We are happy to welcome the incredible dancers of Pilobolus to Bloomington and IU Auditorium," said IU Auditorium Director Doug Booher. "Pilobolus' quirky and passionate performances speak to a wide array of audiences, and with its out-of-this-world creative dance compositions, Pilobolus brings with it a unique and amazing evening of entertainment."

For more information on Pilobolus Dance Theatre and the rest of the 2014–2015 season, visit IUauditorium.com. The website features video clips and a selection of songs from this season's performances, in addition to a direct link to the IU Auditorium Facebook and Twitter pages, whose members receive exclusive benefits throughout the year.

IU Auditorium's 2014-2015 season is presented by Curry Auto Center, B97 Radio, *The Herald-Times*, and Grant Street Inn.

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