Dance Show To Begin Run at Howard College

The Howard College Dance Department will present its third annual Dance Show beginning Thursday at the Hall Center for the Arts.

The show, titled “Fantasy in Motion,” will run nightly through Saturday beginning at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are $5 for adults and $3 for students and seniors. College dancers, joined by students from Big Spring High School, the Dance Gallery and Legacy Dance of Midland, will perform dance interpretations of music from popular video games ranging from 1980s classics to today's popular entries such as “Guitar Hero,” college instructor Eulaine McIntosh said.

“Video games have become so widespread,” McIntosh said. “And it's a wide variety of music. Some of it is orchestral in nature, some of it is rock 'n' roll and some is as basic as simple acoustics.” Previously, the department presented its annual show in conjunction with the theater and music departments but will be flying solo this year, McIntosh said. “It used to be a collaboration,” she said. “But this year they opted not to join us ... so now we're kind of on our own feet.” Dances in the concert will vary from balletic and lyrical styles to contemporary modern and hip hop styles. More than 30 dance students are expected to participate.

Choreographers will include McIntosh and guest choreographers Stevi McKinnon of Big Spring's Dance Gallery and Terry Lane of Legacy Dance of Midland. Howard Cosmetology students will also participate by designing hair and makeup for the show.

The show has sold out the past two years, so McIntosh urged people to buy their tickets in advance. Advanced ticket sales are available through the college by calling Cynthia Weeks at 264-5161.

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