

BOYCOTT & PROTEST THE BATSHEVA DANCE CO.



7:30 PM Sharp, Saturday February 14, 2009

3:30 PM Sharp, Sunday, February 15, 2009

(performances start at 8 PM and 4 PM)

Power Center, 121 Fletcher (at Huron) UMich-Ann Arbor

Sponsored by the Middle East Task Force with support from Home for Peace and Justice; MidEast JustPeace; Newaygo County People for Peace; Jewish Witnesses for Peace and Friends; Ann Arbor Coalition Against War; Palestine Office; Michigan Emergency Committee Against War & Injustice; the Rev. Naim Ateek, Director of Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center, Jerusalem; and the Israel/Palestine Action Group of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship.

The University Musical Society is bringing the Batsheva Dance Company of Tel Aviv to Ann Arbor for two performances. This is a violation of the 2004 Palestinian call to "***comprehensively and consistently boycott all Israeli academic and cultural institutions***" and the 2005 call of 171 Palestinian civil society organizations for broad boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) against Israel. The Batsheva Dance Company is funded by the Israeli government, it has no Arab performers, and is "proud to be considered Israel's leading ambassador." Ohad Naharin, the dance company's director, is an Israeli army veteran and current Israeli soldiers/reservists also belong to the company. **We urge you to join us as we nonviolently oppose these performances as part of building a sustained BDS campaign.**

Occupied Ramallah, Palestine - 27 December 2008: Now, more than ever, the Palestinian Boycott, divestment and Sanctions National Committee, BNC, calls upon international civil society not just to protest and condemn in diverse forms Israel's massacre in Gaza, but also to join and intensify the international Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel ... Without sustained, effective pressure by people of conscience the world over, Israel will continue with its gradual, rolling acts of genocide against the Palestinians, burying any prospects for a just peace under the blood and rubble of Gaza, Nablus and Jerusalem.
Source: <http://bdsmovement.net/?q=node/235>

What you can do:

1. Call, write, or send an e-letter to Ken Fischer and the UMS Board asking them to cancel the show and honor the boycott against Israel (go to <http://michiganpeacenetwork.org/eletters/>).
2. Write letters to the editor of the *Michigan Daily* and *Ann Arbor News*.
3. Don't buy tickets to the Batsheva performance.
4. If you already have tickets then exchange them for another show.
5. Please join us in nonviolently protesting the Batsheva performances unless the UMS cancels them.

For updates, directions, and more information go to: nextyearinalquds.blogspot.com or <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=43823859382>