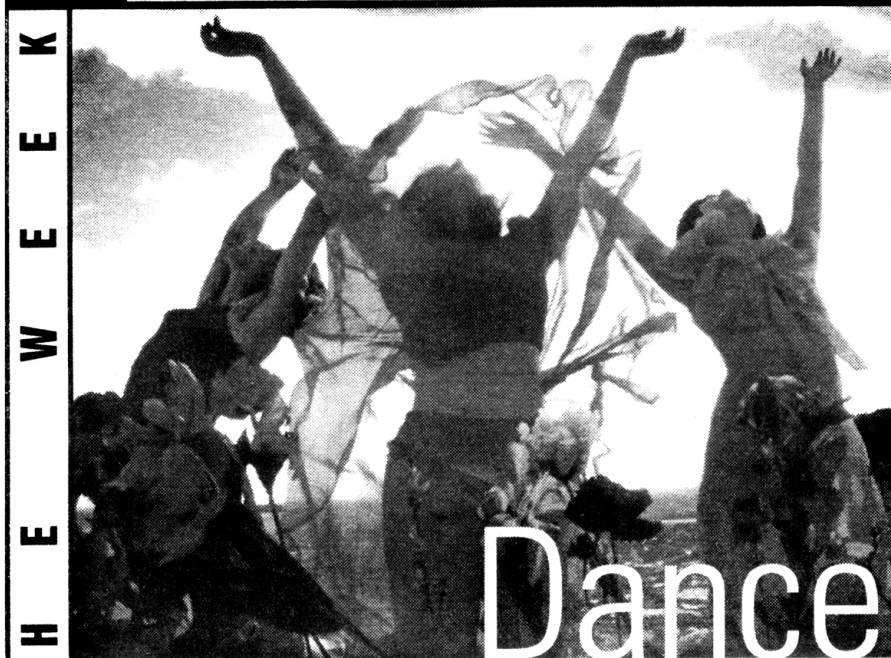


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TRIP DANCE THEATER: May Mother Sea

Tired of look-alike flower bouquets and overcrowded restaurants on Mother's Day? How about doing something out of the ordinary, out of doors and very L.A.? Trip Dance Theater suggests packing some of Mom's favorite comestibles and heading to Topanga Beach for a picnic. Not so unusual, you say? Wait, there's more! On arrival, look for the area where you can make mom a flower garland for a ceremony preceding a special Mother's Day dance performance. *May Mother Sea* celebrates women everywhere, especially mothers and Mother Earth. The sound of the ocean waves will be part of a music collage of drum rhythms, singing and looping guitar accompanying the dancers. The choreography reflects input from TDT artistic director Monica Favand and troupe members Jill Jacobson-Bennett, Rebecca Butala and Kara Masters, as well as from a series of city of L.A.-sponsored community dance and music workshops. This is the second of four events TDT has scheduled throughout this year in non-traditional venues under the umbrella title "Sacred Spaces Project." The initial outing in a downtown industrial-loft space involved a candle-lit sanctuary. This second installment celebrates a season of blossoming flowers, feminine energy and color. And what mom wouldn't enjoy being formally acknowledged as a goddess? Audience members are invited to wear colorful clothing and bring flowers of offering for the ocean. Mom probably would also suggest sun block, a hat and sensible shoes. At the north side of the Chart House Restaurant, Topanga State Beach, Pacific Coast Hwy.; Sat.-Sun., May 13-14, 3:30 p.m. (garland-making), 5 p.m. (performance); \$10 donation requested. (323) 468-9938.

—Ann Haskins

