

THE ARTS

SATURDAY

'Alchemy' performance of dance, word, song

Goose Route Arts Collaborative will present "Alchemy," bringing together an Appalachian storyteller, a contemporary dance choreographer and two singers of ancient chants in a full-length performance on Saturday.

"Alchemy" integrates dance, story and song to evoke a sense of the passage of time and of our connection to place. With an emphasis on natural cycles and ancient archetypes that define what it is to be human, "Alchemy" illuminates our shared rituals in a rich and textured tapestry. The dances include the evocatively beautiful "Because I Promised" to music by Rachmaninoff; a homage to nature in "Rock/Wood/Water"; the physically demanding "Trace"; a starkly simple and emotional duet depicting facets of womanhood; and several dances performed to Medieval songs performed live by Moonstruck. Award-winning storyteller Adam Booth weaves the performance together with evocations of place through original narrative that touches upon archetypal ideas from the Medieval

era. Video projection adds to the creation of an archetypal world.

Performers are Amy Hatzis, a Pilates instructor at Ananda Shala and a dance instructor at Mid Maryland Performing Arts Center, both in Frederick; Mariel Procter, formerly of Frederick and a graduate of Mid Maryland Performing Arts Center, and now a Washington-based dance artist; Andrea Kilmer, a dancer and educator based in Jefferson

County, W.Va.; Laura First, of Washington County, a singer with the Washington Chorus and several other musical groups in addition to Moonstruck; Andrea Hines, Jefferson County, W.Va., a singer-songwriter, in addition to being a member of Moonstruck; Adam Booth, an award-winning young Appalachian storyteller with three first place finishes at the West Virginia Liars' Contest; and artistic director Kitty Clark, who has been recognized



Amy Hatzis

Photo by Kitty Clark

for her innovative approach to dance-making and producing, as well as teaching at Ananda Shala and Mid Maryland Performing Arts Center.

The event is at 8 p.m. Saturday at the JB Kussmaul Theater, Frederick Community College, 7932 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick. Tickets purchased online are \$12 general admission and \$8 for children and students. Tickets purchased at the door are \$14 general and \$10 for children/students.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.gooseroute.org or call 301-693-5303.