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**CHOREOGRAPHY, MUSIC AND LIVE NARRATION COMBINE IN THE
AWARD-WINNING *SALLY MEETS STU* BY ATE9 DANCECOMPANY**

***The Highly-Lauded Los Angeles-based Company Led by Israeli Artistic Director
Danielle Agami Will Replace Victor Ullate Ballet in the
2013-14 Dance Series at Carpenter Center***

LONG BEACH, Calif. – The Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center on the campus of Cal State Long Beach is announcing the addition of Ate9 dANCEcOMPANY to the theatre’s 2013-14 Season on Feb. 8, 2014 at 8pm. Ate9 dANCEcOMPANY is a contemporary dance ensemble led by Israeli Artistic Director Danielle Agami and was founded in Seattle, WA.

The evening will feature the Long Beach debut of Ate9 dANCEcOMPANY’s *Sally Meets Stu* choreographed by Agami and Nadav Heyman. Described by the LA Times as “*amped-up, balletic folk dance, different styles bolted together with a hypnotic rhythmic expertise,*” the piece follows five different potential trajectories in the same lifelong relationship, and all the alternative routes that romantic relationships might take over a lifetime.

Originally born in Israel in 1984, Agami studied at the Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance High School and was a member of the Batsheva Dance Company from 2002-10. From 2007-09, Agami served as the artistic director of Batsheva Dancers Create and functioned as the company’s rehearsal director between 2008-10—during which she received the Yair Shapira Prize for Excellence in Dance in 2009.

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Conceived in 2012, the company is composed of 12 dancers. After Ate9 dANCEcOMPANY 's debut of *Sally Meets Stu* in Seattle, the company sought new venues for Agami's work and found a great potential in Los Angeles. In search of a new location, Agami finds it important for the company to stay mobile and sensitive to the dynamic of the dance communities around it to maximize its experience.

Ate9 dANCEcOMPANY replaces the previously announced Victor Ullate Ballet on the same date and time. Originally purchased tickets to Victor Ullate Ballet will still be honored on the evening of the performance for Ate9 dANCEcOMPANY.

Tickets for Ate9 dANCEcOMPANY are now on sale. For group rates, special seating requests, or seniors and students discounts, please contact the Carpenter Center Ticket Office at (562) 985-7000 or visit www.CarpenterArts.org. This presentation is made possible in part by Season Media Partner KPCC 89.3FM.

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What: **Ate9 dANCEcOMPANY**

When: **Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014 at 8pm**

Where: **Carpenter Performing Arts Center**
6200 Atherton St.
Long Beach, CA 90815

Tickets: **\$30**

Ticket Office: **(562) 985-7000, www.CarpenterArts.org**
Box Office Hours are Monday-Friday, 11am-6pm
Saturdays are closed except on season performance days from Noon – 4pm.

In Brief: **“Serious and committed, Ate9 demanded to be watched.” – *LA Times***

Ate9 dANCEcOMPANY is a Los Angeles contemporary modern group led by Israeli choreographer Danielle Agami. Born and raised in Jerusalem, Agami spent eight years with the world-renowned Batsheva Dance Company before she moved to the U.S. two years ago. She has assembled a cast of 12 distinct individuals who each possess a virtuosic magnetism in the unique full-evening piece, *Sally Meets Stu*. The combination between live narration, a tasteful sound track and the original vocabulary by Agami, completes a rich entertaining experience for the audience.

Additional information and tickets available at the Carpenter Center’s website: www.CarpenterArts.org