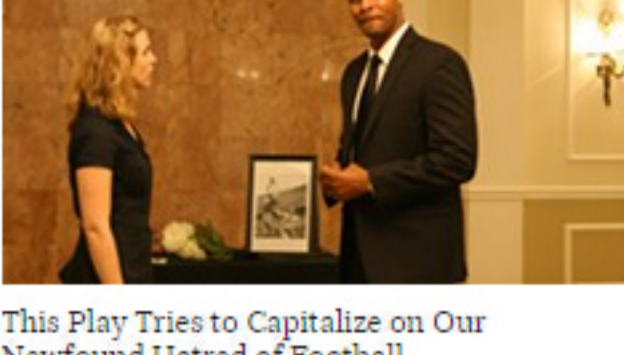


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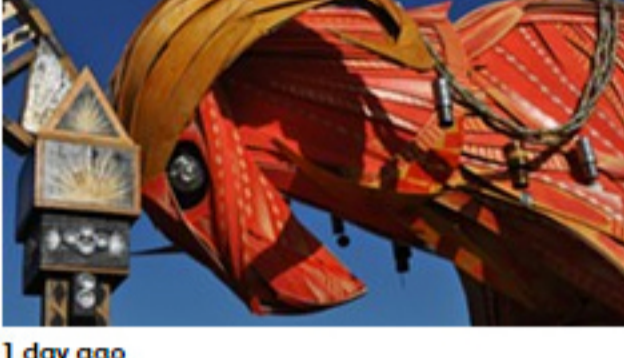
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Entity Contemporary Dance Company in *Braxton vs. Oregon*
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This week's dance events include a celebration of Gene Kelly, a festival showcasing local dance and a dance drama about assisted suicide.

3. Life and death on trial
Courtrooms are frequent settings for theatre, but seldom for dance. An exception is Entity Contemporary Dance Company's *Braxton vs. Oregon*. The 75-minute, intermissionless dance drama examines Annette Braxton who is brought to court after she struggles with how to help a loved one suffering from a terminal illness. Info and tickets at entitycontemporarydance.com. At Hudson Backstage Theatre, 6539 Santa Monica Blvd., Hlywd.; Fri-Sun., Jan. 9-11, 8 p.m., Sat.-Sun., Jan. 10-11, 3 p.m.; \$25. 323-856-4249, HudsonTheatre.com.

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Gene Kelly
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2. All about Gene Kelly for one night only

Patricia Ward Kelly, who started as Gene Kelly's biographer and then became his wife, hosts *Gene Kelly: The Legacy*. This celebration of the late dancer, director and choreographer includes film clips, previously unreleased audio recordings, personal memorabilia, and her insights. More info at GeneKelly.com. Bram Goldsmith Theater, Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, 9390 N. Santa Monica Blvd, Beverly Hills; Sat., Jan. 10, 8:00 p.m.; \$29 - \$49. 310-746-4000, thewallis.org.



Rubans Rouges (Red Ribbons) Dance Company in *Awakenings and Beginnings Dance Festival*
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1. A red ribbon dance festival

Anyone who made a resolution to explore L.A.'s performing arts can jump start the new year with a sampling of what is new with both established and emerging SoCal dance companies as 18 dance companies, mostly contemporary, but some hip hop and ballet, have been assembled for the 3rd annual *Awakenings and Beginnings Dance Festival*. The matinee and evening performances offer different line ups and dances from Axxiom Dance Collective, BE Dance Company, Brockus: RED, C. Eule Dance, Djanbazian Dance Company, For Dance Company, FUSION Dance Theater, Hart Pulse Dance Company, Hill Speak Dance Project, Mattidance Company, Multi Plex Dance, Nancy Evans Dance Theater, No Strings Attached, OdDancity, Orlando Agawin & Dancers, Ptero Dance, San Pedro City Ballet and the host company Rubans Rouges Dance Company. Info and tickets at RubansRougesDance.com. At Diavolo Dance Space, The Brewery, 616 Moulton Ave, Lincoln Heights; Sat., Jan. 10, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.; \$25, \$20 seniors & students. 323-225-4290, diavolo.org.

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