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**Hope Stone Dance Company member Brit Wallis, with Jonathan Godfrey,  
Ana Trevino-Godfrey and Jordan Witherspoon of Mercury Baroque**  
*Photography by Simon Gentry*

## **Hope Stone Dance Company presents *la vie à pleines dents* with guest artists Mercury Baroque and Houston Boychoir**

HOUSTON, TEXAS – December 14, 2011 – Hope Stone Dance Company is partnering with Mercury Baroque and the award-winning Houston Boychoir, under the direction of Carole Nelson, to present *la vie à pleines dents*, which means “to bite life with all of one’s teeth,” the second performance in Hope Stone’s 2011-2012 season. The “pop-up” art piece features lighting design by Jeremy Choate and set/stage design by David Graeve and will be presented January 12 – 15, 2012 in downtown Houston at the Houston Pavilions, which will be overhauled to create a theater.

*la vie à pleines dents* will intertwine and grace the space with music from Bach, Pergolesi and Handel. Using research, interviews and insight from people who have experienced near death situations as well as terminally ill patients, the work examines the clichés of how the statement “I could get hit by a bus” has become the catastrophic catchall phrase. The phrase “live each day as if it’s your last” and its visceral meaning will also be explored.

With the use of the warehouse-like theater space at Houston Pavilions, Hope Stone moves beyond the formal proscenium setting to utilize a large, unconventional space playing with distance and depth. The performers moving in and out of view with the audience will further capture the journey of someone playing on the edge of life.

DETAILS: ***la vie à pleines dents with Mercury Baroque***  
**Houston Pavilions (LOCATION UPDATE)**  
1201 Fannin St, 2<sup>nd</sup> Level (above Yao Restaurant & Bar)  
Houston, TX 77002  
January 12-14 @ 8 pm  
**January 15 @ 7 pm (TIME UPDATE)**  
Tickets: \$30  
To purchase, call 713.526.1907 or buy online at [www.hopestoneinc.org](http://www.hopestoneinc.org).

*la vie à pleines dents* is the second of three exciting productions, under the direction of Artistic Director Jane Weiner, that make up Hope Stone's second full season. The 2011 – 2012 lineup includes – *Lemonade Stand* (August 2011), *la vie à pleines dents (to bite life with all of one's teeth)* and the annual Kid's Play premiere performance *Kid's Play: an opera in one act*, which is set for May 2012.

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#### **ABOUT HOPE STONE, INC.**

Hope Stone, Inc. is a non-profit arts organization consisting of (1) the choreographic endeavors of Artistic Director Jane Weiner; (2) Hope Stone Dance Company, a professional modern dance company; (3) Kid's Play, an arts outreach program that reaches underserved children with free arts education annually in Houston and Katy, TX and New Orleans; (4) Hope Center, accommodating adult and children's movement classes taught by the finest Houston artists and master teachers; and (5) HopeWerks, a space residency offered to emerging choreographers and performance artists to assist them in the early stages of their artistic journey. Founded in 1997, Hope Stone strives to unlock the innate creativity of children and adults through the performing arts.

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Hope Stone is located at 1210 W. Clay #26, Houston, TX, 77019. For more information about all Hope Stone events, performances and studio classes, visit [www.hopestoneinc.org](http://www.hopestoneinc.org) or call 713-526-1907.

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