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A Time To Dance' Is a Time To Enjoy

Libby Skala Charms Piccolo Spoleto Crowd For 2nd Time

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'A Time To Dance' being performed at Charleston's famed Footlight Players Theatre is both wonderful and entertaining. As part of Piccolo Spoleto, noted performance artist Libby Skala takes patrons on a one hour magical journey as she chronicles the life of her great aunt and Austrian dance pioneer, Elizabeth 'Lisl' Polk. Skala uses satire, comedy, dance, and narration to tell her 20th century ancestral story.

Her great aunt survived a premature birth, a breathtakingly beautiful sister, and yes even Nazi Germany, during the celebration of her life. From factory worker to dance therapist Skala adds skillful character narration and expressive movement to paint a colorful yet poignant montage of Lisl. Whether she's describing the best or the worst of times, Skala almost always finds humor in the journey and leaves the audience wanting to know more.

Playwright and actress, Skala charmed Piccolo Spoleto crowds four years ago with her performance of "Lilia" about her Oscar winning grandmother. She returns to Charleston to tell the tale of Lisl, Lilia's younger sister. Skala discovered her great aunt's story was just as compelling and worthy of sharing with the world. Libby Skala performs regularly in New York and appeared in the motion picture 'Birth' starring Nicole Kidman.

'A Time To Dance' will continue through the weekend at the Footlight Players Theatre 20 Queen Street in downtown Charleston. Show times are Wednesday and Friday at 8pm, Thursday at 6pm and again on Sunday at 3pm. Tickets range from \$15 - \$18. For ticket info call 888-374-2656 or visit piccolospoleto.com