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BODY TALK: *Underground Movements* by River North Chicago Dance Company.

Dance Fever!

Two performances will make for some hot Valentine's fun

BY VICKI CRAIN

Need a little inspiration for romance? Chicago has two dance performances that will put you and your sweetie in the mood.

For over ten years, *Duets for My Valentine* has entertained with an eclectic array of twosomes portraying the highs and lows of love. There's tango, tap, ballroom, ballet, some swing, jazz and even a little hip hop, all performed by dancers from Chicago and St. Louis (and produced by Luminous Arts). New this year: Green Mill's Uptown Poetry Slam vet Marc Smith bookends the dancing with his sassy poetic stylings. THE ATHENAEUM THEATRE, 2936 N. SOUTHPORT AVE, FEB 14, 8PM, \$25-\$30, 773.935.6860, DUETSFORMYVALENTINE.ORG

Across town, the critically acclaimed River North Chicago Dance Company presents its annual *Valentine's Weekend Home Engagement* at Millennium Park. It features three world premieres, a duet about a torrid love affair and two group numbers. The globe-trotting troupe also rounds out the performance with two fan favorites (*Underground Movements* and *Train*). All pieces have a distinct hometown element featuring scores, choreography and live vocals by local artists. HARRIS THEATER, 205 E. RANDOLPH DR., FEB 13-14, 8PM, \$30-\$65, 312.334.7777, HARRISTHEATERCHICAGO.ORG ■