



## Santa Fe Art Institute

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# Burning Drought, Flowering Bones

**What:** Choreographer and Dancer Rulan Tangen Solo Dance Performance

**When:** Wednesday, August 6th 6pm

**Where:** Santa Fe Art Institute

**How Much:** FREE!

The Santa Art Institute (SFAI) is proud to welcome back dancer and choreographer Rulan Tangen for a special solo performance, co-presented by ArtWorks. The performance is part of SFAI's 2008 curated lecture season "Outsider: Tourism, Migration and Exile," which explores the different movements of people, culture and ideas and what role art can and should play.

Ms. Tangen investigates this year's "Outsider" theme relative to peoples of Native ancestry who are disempowered on their own lands due to arbitrary geographic boundaries, blood quantum laws, and the disappearance of natural resources that were once integrated into tribal identities. As a cancer survivor, Ms. Tangen interweaves her personal experience of the vantage point at the edge of life with related traditional tribal philosophies and mythic universal magical realism. This evocative movement ritual will explore the metaphor of fire as radiation for drought ridden lands, through a pathway led by sun-bleached bones towards the symbolism of water as source of life's flowering.

Rulan Tangen is the artistic director of Dancing Earth Indigenous Contemporary Dance Creations. She was named "One of the Top 25 to Watch" by Dance Magazine in 2007. Her work as dancer, teacher and choreographer has spanned the United States, Canada, Europe, Mexico and South America. Ms. Tangen has worked in films, television, innovative operas and theater productions as well as dances in reservation gymnasiums, canyons and riverbeds, music and dance festivals, amphitheaters, universities, public schools and powwows.

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