Wentworth Football captain to dance on stage

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This year the Mildura Wentworth Arts Festival is bridging the gap between art and sport with a production called 'Untrained' on Friday March 4 at the Mercy Theatre.

Created by renowned Melbourne based dance company Lucy Guerin Inc, Untrained is a humorous theatrical exploration that offers its performers and its audience a very different dance experience.

Four men take to the stage - two of these men are highly skilled, professional dancers and two are ordinary guys with no dance training whatsoever.

"I've always wanted to involve and attract the sporting community in the Festival," Festival Director Helen Healy says..

"Untrained is a fabulous production and we are really looking forward to people who don't usually engage with the arts coming along and having a great time."

Local footballer Austin Rigby has agreed to take the plunge and get out of his comfort zone in front of a live audience.

Austin is no stranger to the Festival and many people in Mildura may recognise him as the cover model for the 2010 Festival program.

The Festival is also looking for a second young man to take part in the performance.

"We had another footballer organised, but he is injured and can't take part," Ms Healy said.

"If anyone is interested in having a go please give the Festival Office a call."

"You will need to be available 10am – 6pm from Monday February 28 to Thursday March 3 and the performance will be on Friday March 4."

"Performers will be paid for their time."

For more details and tickets visit www.artsmildura.com.au or call at the Mildura Visitor Information Centre or Mildura Arts Centre.