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## MOVING IN THE SPIRIT NATIONAL DANCE TOUR PERFORMANCE

**ATLANTA, Georgia – June 1, 2009** – Moving in the Spirit, an award winning dance and youth development program, will kick off it's National Dance Tour in Atlanta, Georgia. The tour, entitled Tour Explosion!, will travel along the East Coast to several cities in North Carolina.

This dynamic event features the company's skilled and celebrated teen dancers, The Apprentice Corporation, and examines uplifting themes of tolerance and social justice. Both energetic and educational, this dance event is fun and appropriate for the whole family.

The Apprentice Corporation teens spend their summer vacation preparing for the tour, rehearsing daily from 10am to 5pm, just as a professional company would. While on tour, the teens will share their powerful dances with new communities and study at some of the nation's top dance programs. Additionally, the teens will perform a body of work that focuses on racial reconciliation and tolerance, participate in educational experiences and collaborations with other youth organizations, engage in leadership opportunities through public speaking and lecture demonstrations, and visit college campuses. The impressive Tour 2009 agenda includes:

- Performances and workshops at the **WEB Dubois Center** in Wake Forest, NC
- Technique classes with the nationally acclaimed **American Dance Festival at Duke University**
- Performances at **The Enrichment Center** in Winston-Salem, NC
- Performances and service projects in community venues, churches and senior centers

The Apprentice Corporation will kick-off its exciting 2009 Tour with a series of community performances on July 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in Moving in the Spirit's home theater, The Beam, located at 750 Glenwood Avenue in Atlanta. Tickets may be purchased for \$8 at the door on the night of the event. Children under the age of three can attend the performance free of charge. For more information, call 404-624-5295, or visit [www.movinginthespirit.org](http://www.movinginthespirit.org)

Founded by Dana Lupton and Leah Mann in 1986, Moving in the Spirit is a nationally recognized youth development program that integrates high quality dance instruction with performance, leadership and mentor opportunities for young people in Atlanta's urban communities. Moving in the Spirit educates, inspires and unites young people through dance, in order to help them become compassionate leaders.

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