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CAUGHT 'BETWEEN WORLDS' AT MOVING IN THE SPIRIT

ATLANTA, Georgia – March 29, 2011 – The Rialto Center for the Arts at Georgia State University will present Moving in the Spirit's *Between Worlds* on May 5, 2011 at 7pm. This urban fairy tale imagines four young people lost on a dying planet, caught in the struggle between chaos and harmony. Thrust together with little in common, these diverse characters must learn to work together and honor each other's gifts, creating connections that bring the world back from the brink of chaos. Conceived by award-winning poet Alice Lovelace, *Between Worlds* features student and professional dancers, artwork by Sal Brownfield, original music by M.U.G.A.B.E.E, and design by The Art Institute of Atlanta.

Moving in the Spirit empowers young people through the art of dance, helping them become compassionate leaders. Celebrating diversity is at the core of this mission. Dana Lupton, Artistic Director, explains, "The world is becoming increasingly complex. Our young people will face challenges distinct to the 21st century within their lifetimes, challenges that will require global solutions. Through *Between Worlds*, our students have learned the importance of reaching out to and appreciating others who are different from themselves, no matter how odd or uncomfortable it may feel at first. Every person has a unique gift to offer that can, when combined with the gifts of others, make the world a better place."

Throughout the creative development of *Between Worlds*, young dancers have engaged fully with its message. The rehearsal process began with students ages 3-18 discussing themes of diversity and tolerance, and relating these themes to issues and experiences in their own lives. Younger students celebrated the unique traits of themselves and their classmates, while older students explored diversity and conflict resolution more concretely. Dancers then addressed these topics through creative movement, developing phrases that shape the choreography of *Between Worlds* and embody their world views.

Between Worlds will be held at 7pm on May 5, 2011 at the Rialto Center for the Arts at Georgia State University, located at 80 Forsyth Street NW Atlanta, GA. Special guest artists include choreographer Susan Eldridge and professional dancers Blake Dalton and Patton White. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under the age of 13, and may be purchased at the door on the night of the event. Children under the age of 3 can attend the performance free of charge. For more information, call 404-624-5295, or visit 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 ages 3-18 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.