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MOVING IN THE SPIRIT PRESENTS EDUCATION REVOLUTION: SCHOOL HOUSE ROCK STYLE

ATLANTA, Georgia – March 11, 2009 – The Rialto Center for the Arts at Georgia State University will present *Moving in the Spirit's Education Revolution: School House Rock Style* on May 7, 2009 at 7pm.

This vibrant event examines the history of education in America and celebrates the variety of learning styles present in our culture. Set to the beloved tunes of School House Rock, the performance will feature renowned poet Alice Lovelace, visual artist Sal Brownfield, and dancers of all ages.

Moving in the Spirit, a dance-based youth development program serving youth ages 3-18, bases its teaching philosophy on the idea that individual children learn through an array of different avenues. Executive Director Dana Lupton explains, "Many of our students are struggling with school when they initially come to our programs. They are constantly told that they are not smart. At Moving in the Spirit, we let them know that they *are* intelligent. Our teaching artists and staff work hard to uncover each student's individual learning style, and help students apply this information to their work in school and life. Unlocking children's creativity and helping them discover how they learn is critical to developing future leaders. We are thrilled to create a show that celebrates this revolution."

One child who has benefitted from this revolution is 13 year-old Mike Pruden. Mike shares, "Currently, my favorite subject is language arts because it helps me with my spelling and teaches me new words. But when I first came to Moving in the Spirit three years ago, all of my grades were low and I really struggled with math. The teachers and staff worked with me to develop a new point of view on how I approach school. They made a commitment to help me improve my grades...and I did!"

Education Revolution: School House Rock Style will be held at 7pm on May 7, 2009 at the Rialto Center for the Arts at Georgia State University, located at 80 Forsyth Street NW Atlanta, GA. Tickets may be purchased for \$16 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.

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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