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WHAT: The 9th Annual Metro DC Dance Awards

WHEN: Monday, September 14, 2009,
4:45pm VIP reception and silent auction
6:00pm Millennium Stage – performance and ceremony
7:30pm Terrace Theater – performance and ceremony

WHERE: The Terrace Theater/The Kennedy Center, Washington DC**COST:** \$30 general admission/\$15 tickets available with DancePass**INFO:** (202) 778-1190 or www.dancemetrodcc.org

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VIP Reception and Silent Auction: The Perfect Partner to the 9th Annual Metro DC Dance Awards

Washington, DC – Monday, September 14 – Mix and mingle with DC-Dance icons at the Kick-Off Dance social event of the season, **The 9th Annual Metro DC Dance Awards** presented by Dance/MetroDC and The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. As a precursor to the glamorous evening - filled with performances and awards of distinction to artists in thirteen categories - join us for a special toast in honor of the DC Dance Awards finalists at 600 Restaurant at 600 New Hampshire Avenue, NW (across from the Kennedy Center). The VIP Reception and Silent auction bidding will begin at 4:45pm and continue at the After Party when the Awards ceremony concludes. Winners will be announced at the end of the evening.

Entrée to the reception can be obtained through RSVP's at

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This year's auction items include:

Tickets to the area's premiere theater and dance events including performances at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, The Washington Ballet, The Lincoln Theatre, Ford's Theatre, Rep Stage, Dance Place, the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, Washington Performing Arts Society, Strathmore and CityDance Ensemble;

Classes at Joy of Motion, Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, Maryland Youth Ballet, Capitol Movement, Inc., and Ballet Nova Center for Dance;

Luxurious hotel stays at Hotel Monticello, GWU Inn, Hotel Helix, Washington One Circle, and Virginia Suites;

Dinner and overnight stay at DISH and The River Inn;

Spa services at Hela Spa, Salon Rouge and the Teal Center plus a full makeover package by PR at Partners Salon and Spa;

AND where else can you get a **backstage pass for 2 to sit in on a DC Cowboys rehearsal**, original **Artwork by Joyce Ellen Weinstein**, a weekend rafting trip with **Canada Wilderness Tours**, or a guided tour for 2 with **Bike the Sites** in DC!

For a complete list of items up for bid at the silent auction: www.dancemetrodcc.org.

After the VIP reception: the DC Dance Awards continues with a prelude concert at 6:30 p.m. on the Millennium Stage at the Kennedy Center, with hosts Vincent Thomas of VT Dance and radio personality Nikki Strong, along with performances by Maryland Youth Ballet and Urban Impact. At 7:30 p.m. festivities segue to the Terrace Theater with host, famed Martha Graham impersonator, Richard Move and DJ 2-Tone Jones. Let the DC Cowboys, ARKA Ballet, Furia Flamenca, and choreographic protégé ten-year-old Alexandra Balance move you as they move! Tickets are just \$30, or \$15 with a *DancePass*. See www.dancemetrodcc.org for more details.

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