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The Center Launches Black History Performance Tour with *Colours of Courage*

THE CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY DANCE will present its highly-acclaimed arts-education program, *Colours of Courage: A Celebration of Black History in America*, in partnership with venues located in five Central Florida counties, including Seminole, Volusia, Orange, Osceola and Lake. Created for presentation at schools, theatres and organizations celebrating Black History Month, *Colours of Courage* blends contemporary dance, cultural music and historically accurate narratives to trace the triumphs and challenges of the African-American experience from 17th-century Africa to today. The state-wide tour begins on Saturday, January 31, 2009 at The Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center in Sanford, FL and concludes on Sunday, March 1, 2009 at the Osceola Center for the Performing Arts in Kissimmee, FL. Performances throughout February 2009 take place at Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach, Dr. Phillips High School in Orlando and Lake-Sumter Community College in Leesburg. Admission is \$15 with limited free seating for children 17 and under when accompanied by a paying adult (4 free child tickets per paid adult issued on a first-come, first-served basis). Tickets can be purchased by contacting the box office at each presenting venue. To learn more about THE CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY DANCE, including information about *Colours of Courage*, please visit TheCenterForDance.org or call (407) 695-8366.

Made possible by funding from United Arts of Central Florida (www.UnitedArts.cc), Target Stores (www.Target.com) and Dance for Change (www.DanceForChange.org), *Colours of Courage* "is an artistic documentation of African-American history," says Dario J. Moore, Artistic Director for THE CENTER and the show's choreographer. Beginning in 17th-century Africa and moving forward in time through significant events, including the Atlantic slave-trade and the Civil Rights Movement, *Colours of Courage* "has been inspiring and educating audiences of all ages for the past three years," explains Craig W. Johnson, Executive Director for THE CENTER. Performances are followed by an open-forum discussion among audiences, performers and scholars about the impact of African-American history on modern culture. "*Colours of Courage* is a story about all of us," says Moore, "Beyond race, the show is about the responsibility we share in creating the kind of world we'd like see."

For more information, call (407) 695-8366, log on to www.TheCenterForDance.org or visit THE CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY DANCE at 3580 Aloma Ave. #7 in Winter Park.

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Colours of Courage:
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All Tickets: \$15

Limited FREE seating for children 17 and under
(Maximum of 4 free child tickets per paying adult)

Saturday, January 31, 2009 at 2pm & 7pm

The Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center
203 S. Magnolia Avenue
Sanford, FL 32771 (Seminole County)

Tickets: (407) 321-8111 ♦ helenstairstheatre.com

Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at 2pm & 7pm

Mary McLeod Bethune Performing Arts Center
698 W. International Speedway Blvd
Daytona Beach, FL 32114 (Volusia County)

Tickets: (407) 839-3900 ♦ ticketmaster.com

Saturday, February 21, 2009 at 2pm & 7pm

Lake-Sumter Community College
9501 U.S. Highway 441
Leesburg, FL 34788 (Lake County)

Tickets: At the door only ♦ Info: (407) 695-8366

Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 11am & 7pm

Dr. Phillips High School
600 Turkey Lake Road
Orlando, FL 32819 (Orange County)

Tickets: (407) 695-8366 ♦ thecenterfordance.org

Friday, February 27, 2009 at 7pm

Saturday, February 28, 2009 at 2pm & 7pm

Sunday, March 1, 2009 at 2pm

The Osceola Center for the Arts
2411 East Irlo Bronson Highway

Kissimmee, FL 34744 (Osceola County)

Tickets: (407) 695-8366 ♦ thecenterfordance.org

To learn more about this tour:

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