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Nao Dance's *Alice Takes Wonderland* Encourages Children to Celebrate Being Different

Nao Dance, one of four resident dance companies operating out of THE CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY DANCE, will perform an original contemporary dance production, *Alice Takes Wonderland*, at The Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center, located at 203 S. Magnolia Avenue in Sanford, FL, on Saturday, December 6th at 4:30pm and Sunday, December 7th at 1:30pm. Featuring live accompaniment and a cast of ten dancers, *Alice Takes Wonderland* puts a contemporary twist on Lewis Carroll's classic *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* with an updated storyline that uses improvisational dance to explore the fragility of childhood and its related journeys in self-discovery and acceptance. General admission to *Alice Takes Wonderland* is \$22; admission for college students with a valid ID and guests 55 and over is \$17. Admission is free to public school children ages 17 and under when accompanied by a paying adult (maximum of 4 free tickets per adult ticket purchase). Tickets can be purchased online at TheCenterForDance.org, by calling (407) 695-8366 or by visiting the box office at THE CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY DANCE, located at 3580 Aloma Avenue #7 in Winter Park, FL 32792.

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A resident dance company at THE CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY DANCE since 2008, "*Nao Dance* uses improvisational dance and performances like *Alice Takes Wonderland* to inspire, enlighten and entertain," says Linda Eve Elchak, Artistic Director for the company and the show's choreographer. Elchak, whose ten-year-old son was born with special needs, wanted to create a show that brings attention to the emotional complexities that come with growing up feeling different. "*Alice Takes Wonderland* is dedicated to every child who has ever dealt with the confusion of not fitting in," says Elchak, "It's a fairy tale for all ages that encourages us to define our unique place in the world by exploring what lives beyond the looking glass." *Alice Takes Wonderland* also includes an English tea party intermission, during which parents and children may mingle and dialogue. "*Alice* reminds us that we can create communities that love and accept us—exactly as we are," says Elchak.

About THE CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY DANCE:

Founded in 2001, THE CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY DANCE, INC. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization dedicated to fostering the traditions of contemporary dance through public performances, dance education, community outreach and creative collaborations. Home to six professional dance companies, including founding companies *U-Turn Dance Company* and *UTD²*, and resident dance companies *Patelworks Dance Theater*, *Nao Dance*, *Emotions Dance Company* and *DRIP*, THE CENTER is the recipient of numerous awards and a recognized leader in arts education and contemporary dance performance. In addition to producing professional stage productions, community programs by THE CENTER have reached women's shelters, the homeless, child welfare organizations, the culturally disadvantaged, the disabled and our public schools.

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