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The Center's 'Dance for Change' Essay Contest Inspires Students to Imagine New World

THE CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY DANCE is accepting entries from Central Florida students in grades K-12 for its 'Dance for Change' Essay Contest, intended to inspire imaginative thinking about new approaches to positively impacting the world. Students enter the contest by writing an essay of 200 words or less in response to the question: *How can dance change the world?* Younger students in grades K-2 may submit shorter statements and artwork in response to the question, rather than a full essay. Three winners will be selected by a panel of 7 judges, including educators, executives and professional artists. Each winner receives a \$100 cash prize and will be featured, along with their essay or artwork, in promotional campaigns for THE CENTER'S 'Dance for Change' initiative, which uses the arts to foster social change through outreach programs that meet the creative and expressive needs of underserved communities, including the elderly, disabled and minority youth. Entries may be submitted by post to THE CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY DANCE, located at 3580 Aloma Avenue #7, Winter Park, FL 32792. Submissions may also be e-mailed to Events@TheCenterForDance.org. Submissions must be postmarked or e-mailed by Wednesday, October 1, 2008 and winners will be announced on Saturday, October 25, 2008. For complete contest rules and to learn more about THE CENTER'S 'Dance for Change' initiative, please visit DanceForChange.org or call (407) 695-8366.

About THE CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY DANCE

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is home to six professional dance companies and an institute for dance education, THE CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY DANCE is a leader in the evolution of contemporary dance and a catalyst for creative efforts in social justice. For the past 7 years, THE CENTER has been initiating social change through meaningful productions, innovative programs and outreach endeavors that demonstrate the value of the arts in building community consciousness. In addition to producing professional stage productions, THE CENTER'S programs have reached women's shelters, the homeless, child welfare organizations, the culturally disadvantaged, the disabled and our public schools. To learn more, please call (407) 695-8366 or visit TheCenterForDance.org.

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'DANCE FOR CHANGE' ESSAY CONTEST RULES

Eligibility: Open to all students in grades K-12.

Contest Rules: Essays must creatively and thoughtfully answer the question: **How can dance change the world?** Essays should be 200 words or less and must be neatly hand-written or typed on a single sheet of paper (front and back may be used). Younger students in grades K-2 may submit shorter statements and artwork in response to the question, rather than a full essay. Submitted materials must be original and written/created by the entrant. In the upper left hand corner of the essay or artwork, entrants must include the following information formatted accordingly:

Line 1: Full name, age and grade level

Line 2: Complete school name and county

Line 3: Contact phone number or e-mail address

**Submissions must be postmarked or e-mailed by
Wednesday, October 1, 2008**

**Winners will be notified by phone or e-mail on
Saturday, October 25, 2008**

Winners: Three winners will be selected by a panel of 7 judges, including educators, executives and professional artists. Winners shall: (1) receive a \$100 cash prize, (2) be photographed and featured along with their essay or artwork in future "Dance for Change" promotional campaigns and (3) receive 4 VIP tickets to THE CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY DANCE'S holiday shows (*MAKULU* and *Alice Takes Wonderland*) with special acknowledgement at performances and in media releases. Visit TheCenterForDance.org to learn about holiday show dates, times and locations.

Submit Entries by Post:

THE CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY DANCE
Dance for Change Essay Contest
3580 Aloma Avenue #7
Winter Park, FL 32792

Submit Entries by E-mail:

Send Word documents or JPEG files of scanned artwork to Events@TheCenterForDance.org

To learn more about DANCE FOR CHANGE, please visit:

www.DanceForChange.org