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Animal Allegories Abound in African Tale: The Center's Fifth Annual Holiday Show

THE CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY DANCE will perform its fifth annual holiday show, *MAKULU*, on Saturday, December 6th at 7pm and on Sunday, December 7th at 4pm at The Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center, located at 203 S. Magnolia Avenue, Sanford, FL 32771. An original African tale incorporating animal allegories and set in the Serengeti Desert, *MAKULU* tells the story of a mother wildebeest who must take the journey of a lifetime to discover the legacy that lives within her. Blending cultural music and contemporary African dance, *MAKULU* features an ensemble cast comprised of THE CENTER's professional dance companies and offers audiences of all ages a unique alternative to other holiday dance shows. General admission to *MAKULU* is \$22; admission for college students with ID and guests 55 and over is \$17. Limited free seating for children ages 17 and under when accompanied by a paying adult (maximum of 4 free tickets per adult ticket purchase). Tickets to *MAKULU* may 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.

"*MAKULU*, which means 'strong woman chief' in Zulu, is about family, love and miracles," says Dario J. Moore, Artistic Director for THE CENTER and the show's choreographer. With a cast of more than 15 dancers, *MAKULU* is a family-friendly production based on actual events that occur in the Serengeti wilderness. Each year, during an ecological cycle known as the Great Migration, millions of wildebeest migrate en masse across the Serengeti in order to survive. "*MAKULU* is the name we've given to one of these wildebeest," explains Craig W. Johnson, Executive Director for THE CENTER, "The show follows her uncertain fate after becoming separated from the migrating herd." Emphasizing relationships and family units, "*MAKULU* uses animal allegories to depict the resilience of the human spirit and the value of community," says Moore, "Through *MAKULU*'s journey we discover our own path to greatness."

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.

To learn more about THE CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY DANCE, call (407) 695-8366, log on to TheCenterForDance.org, or visit THE CENTER, located at 3580 Aloma Avenue, #7 in Winter Park, FL 32792.

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