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The Center for Contemporary Dance Welcomes *Patelworks Dance Theater*

THE CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY DANCE announces the addition of *Patelworks Dance Theater* to the growing number of contemporary dance companies operating out of THE CENTER. Adding a new voice to THE CENTER, *Patelworks* showcases classical Indian dance (Bharatnatyam and Kuchipudi), post-modern/contemporary dance and a fusion of the styles. Founded in New York in 2006 by Artistic Director Smruti Patel, *Patelworks* recently relocated to Central Florida as THE CENTER's newest artist-in-residence, making them one of four professional dance companies rehearsing and producing work out of THE CENTER. *Patelworks* joins THE CENTER's other performance companies: *U-Turn Dance Company* and *UTD²*, both founded by THE CENTER's Artistic Director, Dario J. Moore, and *DRIP paint in motion*, THE CENTER's other artist-in-residence founded by Art Director and choreographer Jessica Mariko. To learn more about upcoming events by THE CENTER's dance companies, including *Patelworks Dance Theater*, please visit TheCenterForDance.org.

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Mission

To broaden access to the arts through life-changing programs and performances that contribute to the rich artistic legacy of contemporary dance and enrich the creative potential of our artists, audiences and community.

- Four Professional Dance Companies
- Non-recital Dance Education Center
- Art Gallery and Visual Arts Workshops
- Performances and Community Outreach

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Founded in 2001 by Moore and Creative Director Craig W. Johnson, THE CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY DANCE, INC. is a nonprofit arts organization dedicated to fostering the traditions of contemporary dance through public performances, dance education, community outreach and creative partnerships, including those with other contemporary dance artists, such as *Patelworks Dance Theater*. Patel says of her company's residency at THE CENTER, "We're delighted to join THE CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY DANCE in their mission to advance contemporary and cultural dance in the area. THE CENTER's mission directly aligns with *Patelworks*' artistic philosophies. We're looking forward to a wonderful partnership." *Patelworks* will perform collaboratively with THE CENTER's other ensembles in *Voices of Women*, a benefit concert for Planned Parenthood of Greater Orlando, Inc. (PPGO), taking place November 3, 2007 at 2pm and 7pm at The Plaza Theatre in Orlando. Tickets to *Voices of Women* are \$60 and should be purchased through PPGO by calling (407) 872-6838.

In addition to producing professional stage productions, community programs by THE CENTER have reached women's shelters, the homeless, children's organizations, the culturally disadvantaged, the disabled and our public schools. "The vision," says Johnson "is to extend contemporary dance into the culture of Central Florida. Partnerships with like-minded dance artists like *Patelworks* add momentum to THE CENTER's goals." Patel has already achieved recognition through performances in New York and abroad that honor *Patelworks*' two-fold mission to reach underprivileged communities with dance and raise funds for charitable organizations. The company is currently looking to expand through THE CENTER and is actively seeking dancers to join the ensemble. "*Patelworks* produces inspiring works that compel audiences to reflect and feel. We're delighted to have them join THE CENTER and look forward to supporting them in their growth," says Johnson.

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 in Winter Park, FL 32792.